

**Brunswick County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council**  
**March 20, 2014**

**Call to Order: Amy Horgan**

**Members Present: 13 voting members present at the meeting. Quorum present. Members excused from the March meeting: Melinda Johnson – she will send a representative, Tommy Taylor, Fred Michael – he will send a representative, Joyce Beatty – she will send a representative.**

Everyone went around the room with introductions.

**I. Public Comment:**

There was no public comment.

**II. Program Reports**

**1. Teen Court.**

Erin Hagen stated that Teen Court had a beginning count of 18, with 4 admissions, and 4 successful completions, 1 termination for reoffending, for an ending count of 17. YTD they have served 56. The dates for Teen Court have been moved around a lot over the past few months due to the weather. The next Teen Court will be Tuesday from 6:00 – 8:00 and Conflict Resolution with me Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>.

**2. Providence Home**

Warren Mortley stated that Providence Home had a beginning count of 2, with 3 admissions; a 15 year old female from Southport due to run away behavior; a 16 year old boy from Supply from Juvenile Court; and a 14 year old boy from Columbus County from Juvenile Court. 0 successful completions; with an ending count of 5 .

**3. Restitution.**

Anita Handler stated that Restitution had a beginning count of 12, with 4 admissions, and 3 satisfactory completions, with an ending count for the month February of 10. Restitution has served 69 YTD.

**4. Strengthening Families.**

Erin Ditta stated that Strengthening Families had a beginning count of 12 students, three students were terminated. One the mother didn't think her child needed the program, but the school decided they did and is referring the family again. One was from DSS with parental control issues. One needed additional services. Currently have 6 referrals with possibly 2 more for the next session. This session is starting April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Second round of SF is completed.

**5. G.R.E.A.T.**

Brian Sanders reported for GREAT. He stated that he just spoke with Jason Fennell and the current enrollment is 21, which meets the years goal of 25 total. Camp is scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of June, and the SRO's will be monitoring the students through the end of April.

**6. Coastal ART.**

Kristina Clemmons stated that A.R.T. started with a beginning count of 8 at Cedar Grove. ART will start at BCA next week with 13 youth.

**7. A.M.I.**

Lindsay was absent from the meeting so there was no report.

**8. D.J.J.**

Lance stated that he had no updates for DJJ.

**III. Minutes**

**Approval of February Minutes:** Motion made by Lance Britt to accept the minutes for February, seconded by Kate Gomes. February minutes are approved by unanimous vote.

**IV. Committee Reports:**

**Treasurer's Report** – Tiffany Rogers stated that we have \$ 2,414.00 available to spend.

**Membership Committee** – Erin Hagen stated that Membership Committee met last month after the regular meeting. They talked about the vacancies that are on the board and dividing up the responsibilities to replace the open positions on the board. Erin stated that we had someone resign from the committee, Deanna Eddinger, she was a Commissioner Appointee. She resigned due to job conflict. Amy stated that these are the positions that are empty: Juvenile Defense Attorney, we need the Chief District Judge to attend but there is a position that we can not do anything about, Member of Business Community, Member of Faith Community, a Chief of Police, 2 County Commissioner Appointees, and 1 Youth. Amy stated that if you know of someone that would be good to fill a slot, send them to the website for the application.

**Community Needs Assessment** – Deanna's part is done with Community Needs and Assessment, so there is no report.

**Funding** - Amy stated that she wants this to start as a discussion first, not a motion and then a discussion, and then a change of the motion, etc. Let's have the entire discussion first. Lance Britt reported for the Funding Committee. Lance stated that this was his first year on this JCPC and he has learned from this JCPC is that Monitoring and Funding have the most responsibility. He would like to commend the funding committee and those who attended, and the Program representatives for coming. He felt like it was a good thorough discussion. There was no preconceived thought before the meeting and everything was truly thought out. He thanked the Funding Committee and those who sat in for making thorough well thought decisions. Lance presented the following recommendations from the Funding Committee: Administration - \$ 6,337.00, Providence Home - \$15,000.00 with an original request of \$30,000.00; Community Service & Restitution - \$ 55,000.00 with an original request of \$ 55,785.00; Teen Court/Conflict Resolution - \$ 49,500.00 with an original request of \$ 50,090.00; Strengthening Families - \$ 22,000.00 with an original request of \$ 24,216.00; ART program – \$ 29,000.00 with an original request of \$ 34,190.00; the recommendation for the GREAT program – there was not a recommendation for funding for this year, with an original request of \$ 35,870.00.

(At this point, a lengthy and extensive discussion ensued regarding the funding recommendation. The discussion was recorded. The recording is available for review.)

A motion was made to bring the funding recommendation back to the table to discuss it again with the added information that was given to funding that there would be no GREAT program. Jennifer Ordonez, representing Joyce Beatty made the motion. Karla Squire seconded the motion. Bert Reaves, Kate Gomes, Erin Hagen, and Bonnie Jordan abstained from the motion due to a conflict of interest. The motion was approved.

**Monitoring** - No report.

**Public Relations**- No report for Public Relations.

**By-Laws** – There is no report for By-Laws.

**Comments from Amy:**

Amy had no additional comments.

**Comments from Ronald:**

Ronald stated that NC for the first time will be hosting the National Juvenile Justice Conference in Greensboro, October 20-23, 2014. NC is very excited about this opportunity. Topics being discussed disproportionate minority contact, Prison rape elimination act, keeping juvenile facilities, many other workshops and topics. They are expecting 500 to 600 attendees. This conference is not just for DPS and the JCPC Committees, so any one can attend this Conference. Ronald stated that once 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter accounting is completed, there will be the chance for programs to apply for Discretionary Funds. The programs can apply for these funds for transportation needs – a van; equipment needs, etc. This

does not require a local match. Ronald stated that Level 2 stated contracts will be going out soon. Once the RFP goes out, this can not be discussed. At the next JCPC meeting, Ronald stated that he would like to do a presentation of the SPEP presentation as an overview. SPEP is moving JCPC to evidence based programs, or get the programs that are not in line with requirements.

**Meeting adjourned.** Motion to adjourn made by Lance Britt, seconded by Tiffany Rogers.

**Next JCPC meeting is April 17, 2014 at 1:00 pm at the David Sandifer Building, Second Floor Conference Room.**