

Brunswick County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

March 17, 2016 Meeting Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order by Melinda Johnson. There were 15 voting members present at the meeting. Quorum was present. Members excused from the March meeting: Meredith Lloyd

II. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Melinda Johnson asked for any public comments. There were no public comments.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mary Beth Mount made a motion to approve the minutes for January and February 2016. Lance Britt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. FUNDING COMMITTEE REPORT:

Melinda Johnson asked if everyone had a copy of the recommendations of the Funding Committee and if anyone had any questions. Becky Smith made a motion to approve the recommendations of the Funding Committee and Maxine Elliott seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. SPEP PROGRAM REPORTS:

Ronald gave a presentation on the SPEP Program and the Enhancement Plans using the attached Power Point information.

1. Teen Court:

Bonnie Jordan presented the evaluation information. Teen Court is a structured program and did not receive a SPEP score. There were two enhancement opportunities identified – staff training and staff evaluation. Staff will be provided with a minimum of 10 hours of professional development training annually. All staff will be evaluated mid-point as well as annually.

2. Providence Home:

Warren Mortley presented the evaluation information. Providence Home's SPEP score was 59. They have an enhancement opportunity to decrease turnover of direct care staff by reviewing the compensation package to insure Providence Home can attract and retain qualified staff. Improvement of team building skills among direct care employees can also be enhanced.

3. Restitution:

Monica Bender presented the evaluation information. Restitution received a SPEP score of 36 out of 80 which gave a POP score of 45%. Since that time, a number of changes have been made. Staff will be required to complete a minimum of 10 hours of training per staff member. They have joined the state Restitution community service organization in order to attend quarterly meetings which include training. The protocol book has been improved and folders/forms updated to meet the requirements to give the most information available. Staff evaluations have been improved by doing evaluations every 6 months instead of annually. Some of the other things are not within their control.

4. Strengthening Families:

Erin Ditta presented the evaluation information. Strengthening Families received a SPEP score of 55 out of 85 which gave a POP score of 65%. They were lacking in the duration/contact hours. Since this is an evidence based program, they meet 7 weeks for 2.5 hours per week which is 17.5 hours. SPEP requires meeting 16 weeks, 24 targeted hours. Erin Ditta is working with Ronald Tillman to allow these hours being this is an evidence based program. Also, they are low on the risk level of youth. Being a prevention program, they generally serve a lower risk youth which causes the SPEP score to be lower.

5. Coastal ART:

Ryan Estes presented the evaluation information. Coastal ART received a SPEP score of 39 out of 85 which gave a POP score of 46%. Coastal ART is an evidence based program with a duration of 30 hours so it didn't fall into the predicted. Ryan Estes is working with Ronald Tillman to have that adjusted so that will increase their score. Another low scored area is the risk level. Coastal ART is delivered into the middle schools so they are not typically dealing with high end offenders. There are opportunities to partner with the court counselors to make sure they are aware as to when the program is being offered so appropriate juveniles are being referred.

VI: COMMENTS FROM CHAIR:

Melinda Johnson stated that a new computer has been ordered for the coordinator. There are additional funds in the food line item that needs to be spent. Last year a lunch was provided for the JCPC board in June. If the Board chooses, they would like to do that again. The Board agreed to provide a catered lunch in June. Mary Beth Mount may be approaching some of the Board members regarding their interest in staying on a committee and chairing or moving to a committee and chairing. We also need a new chair and a new vice. This will need to be reviewed next month and making some decisions about next year.

VII. ADJOURN:

Motion was made by Lance Britt to adjourn and seconded by Mary Beth Mount. Motion passed unanimously.

Next JCPC meeting is April 21, 2016 at 1:00pm. The meeting will be in the David Sandifer Building second floor conference room.