

Brunswick County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council
January 15, 2015

Call to Order: Melinda Johnson

Members Present: 17 voting members present at the meeting. Quorum present. Members excused from the January meeting: Nicole Smithers and Zachary Taylor.

Everyone went around the room with introductions.

I. Public Comment:

Melinda asked for any Public Comments. There were no public comments. Melinda introduced Kayla Caughlin to speak about her program and tell us what she does. Kayla stated that she is from Alexander Youth Network that has just come into the area offering services to Brunswick, Pender, and New Hanover counties. They offer multi-systemic therapy that targets delinquent and anti-social behaviors. Kayla offered information in the front for anyone who would like more information.

II. Program Reports

Program Reports were not presented at this meeting due to time restraints for presenting Community Needs Assessment.

III. Minutes

Approval of November Minutes: Amy Horgan made a motion to accept the November minutes. Tiffany Rogers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report – Tiffany Rogers stated that we have spent \$2,649.71 and have a balance of \$3,587.29.

Membership Committee – Erin Hagen stated that we are still looking for a Member of the Faith Community. She thought the Chief of Police from Sunset Beach was going to be here, but apparently not. Erin stated that we also have a new Non-Profit Member, Kay Wolf, from W.A.V.E.S for Kids who should begin coming.

Monitoring – In the absence of Nicole Smithers, Debbie read the Monitoring Report. Everyone was provided a copy of this report with the Agenda for the day. Ronald questioned whether the financial expenditures were on target. Tiffany stated that the only one was Restitution, but they are moving some money around to a different line item. Ronald asked if clients served on target according to their Program Agreement. Tiffany stated that Strengthening Families was a little low on numbers but they always are at this time of year. Their next class will be larger. Tiffany asked Ronald about moving some money from actual salaries to mileage for the workers for Restitution. Ronald stated that we should sit down and have a discussion about this issue. Lance Britt makes a motion to accept the Monitoring Recommendations. Maxine Elliott seconds the motion. The motion is carried unanimously.

Community Needs Assessment – Ronald goes over the highlights for the Risk & Needs Data. (See attached data sheets.) Ronald stated that the majority of the youth assessed are 12 years old or older. Lance Britt stated that he is seeing a number of younger aged youth coming into the system. Amy Horgan asks if there is a way to get the specific data on the youth under 12 years old as to what they have done. Ronald stated that he would like to work on getting that data to have. Ronald stated that we need to remember that this information is self reported so the numbers could actually be higher, depending on the honesty of the reporting. Ronald stated that the numbers are high for the youth that go to DJJ having some prior family criminal history. Possibly the JCPC might look in the future as to how to break these generational repeats of family criminality. Ronald stated that he

had sent the Proposed 2015 RFP to everyone. The categories for funding will remain the same as 2014 RFP (see attached) with the addition of Psychological Assessments. Ronald provided information on what is required for each category. The advertised amount for Brunswick County is \$176,737.00 for the 2015-16 fiscal year. The Match Rate is still 20%. The funding amount comes from a state formula. Chuck Signore asked if these figures are just the number of youth that have encountered the system, not the percentage of youth in the county. Amy Horgan stated that she would like to get that information. She felt that the information was available previously. Amy stated that if we could see the overall numbers then we could have a better concept of how many youth in Brunswick County overall enter the DJJ system. Amy stated that the number of DSS cases are 0-5 years. The drop-out rate has decreased for the schools from 145% to 108%. The recommendations for the RFP will stay the same with the addition of Psychological Assessment. Amy again stated that we need to address the Family Criminality issue again. Ronald stated that it is identified in the family domain section. Ronald recommends that we attach the Program Description with the RFP. Fred Michael made a motion that we accept the proposed RFP for the upcoming 2015-16 fiscal year. Motion seconded by Lance Britt. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. The decision was made that the RFP would go in the papers on January 21st, the Brunswick Beacon and the State Port Pilot. That would make the Deadline for Applications on February 23, 2015. The Applications would once again go to Tiffany's office. Debbie will email everyone a copy of the RFP so that members could email the information to people they feel would be interested. Melinda stated that she will try to get the RFP on our Website, and with ATMC and Timewarner.

Funding - There is discussion as to when the Funding Committee needs to meet to go over the Program Applications. Funding Committee: Tiffany Rogers, Lance Britt, Melinda Johnson, Amy Horgan, Maxine Elliott. The Funding Committee decided on Wednesday, February 25th at 10:00am in the small conference room in the David Sandifer Building.

Public Relations- Melinda Johnson stated that she has updated the website with September and October minutes and will also add November's since they are approved. She also wanted to thank some of the program people who helped with a video on the ATMC channel about JCPC.

By-Laws – There was no report for By-Laws.

Comments from Nicole:

Nicole was absent.

Comments from Ronald:

Ronald did not have any further comments.

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

Next JCPC meeting is February 19, 2015 at 1:00 pm in the David Sandifer Building second floor conference room.