

Brunswick County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council
November 20, 2014

Call to Order: Nicole Smithers

Members Present: 15 voting members present at the meeting. Quorum present. Members excused from the November meeting: Kate Gomes and Bonnie Jordan.

Everyone went around the room with introductions.

I. Public Comment:

Nicole asked for any Public Comments. There were no public comments.

II. Program Reports

1. Teen Court.

Erin Hagen stated that Teen Court for the month of October had a beginning count of 12, with 5 admissions, and 8 successful completions, with an ending count of 9. In October we caught up the back log from the summer. September was sort of a down month; however, there are already 6 for December and 2 for January. We had our first Conflict Resolution in November. The next Teen Court will be Tuesday, December 16th, 6:00 to 8:00 at the Courthouse.

2. Providence Home

Warren Mortley stated that yesterday marked the 17th Anniversary of Providence Home. Providence Home had a beginning count of 1, with 4 admissions. We discharged 2 and had an ending count of 3. The admissions were a 16 year old female and a 14 year old male who were siblings and referred from DSS. The next admission was a 15 year old female who was repeat business and had problems with truancy. Finally, a 14 year old boy who was referred from DJJ and came directly from Detention. The 2 siblings were the ones discharged. Warren stated that this seems to be an interesting period with children who seem not to be receptive to the prevention that is being offered.

3. Restitution.

Anita Handler stated that for October Restitution had a beginning count of 9, with 9 admissions, and 6 successful completions; with an ending count for the month of 12. Our offsite program had one program for October but looking for more in the month of November.

4. Strengthening Families.

Erin Ditta stated that Strengthening Families started the month with a beginning count of 8 and still had those same 8. Some kids have been referred but not coming to the interview. Looking to start up a program in January, but currently need referrals.

5. Coastal ART.

Kristina Clemmons stated that ART had a beginning count 12 and had 13 admissions in October. They have started at Shallotte Middle, Cedar Grove, and Waccamaw. They will wrap up the last week in December. Everyone is doing good and not getting in any more trouble.

6. A.M.I.

Lindsay Hanes is not present, so there is no report.

7. D.J.J.

Greg Worthington is sitting in for Lance Britt. Greg stated that DJJ is cooking. He really does not have any thing to report. He is here for Lance who is in a Central Area meeting.

III. Minutes

Approval of September and October Minutes: Maxine stated that there was a discrepancy in the Attendance sheet that marked Nicole absent. She came in late. It will be corrected. Debbie will resend. Erin Rutowski stated that there was something in the October minutes that said that Amy stated something, but Amy wasn't there. Debbie will research that and make corrections. Ronald recommends that we move forward with a motion to accept the minutes with the corrections to be made. Pat Sykes made the motion to accept the September and October minutes with corrections. Amy Horgan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Committee Reports:

Membership Committee – Erin Hagen stated that we now have a Chief of Police who will be from Sunset Beach. We are still looking for a Member of the Faith Community. Erin emailed Tommy Taylor, and he stated that if we have any one to step into his place that would be great because his schedule makes it difficult to attend meetings. Nicole recommends that we talk with someone from W.A.V.E.S for Kids. Erin stated that we will be getting a new Judge so that may change the situation with our Judge appointment.

Community Needs Assessment – Nicole stated that Community Needs had a meeting prior to this JCPC meeting. Amy Horgan stated that the committee met to start looking over the data to see what areas need to be projected for the annual RFP and will present in January.

Funding - No report

Monitoring – Nicole stated that Lora Moree has not been available for the meetings, therefore, she will take back over the Monitoring chair. There will be a Monitoring Committee meeting on Monday, December 8th at 10:00am hopefully in this room. Look for an email with the exact location. January dates for Monitoring already set: January 6th, 13th, and 20th is the plan. Monitoring will start at 8:30am and run all day. Ronald stated that he will email us the Monitoring tool. It would be good if we could go ahead and get the Court Counselor Review forms to the Monitoring Committee. The monitoring tool for the Court Counselors has been simplified.

Public Relations- Melinda Johnson stated that she will get the minutes updated as soon as they are revised. Melinda has the first press release. Melinda spoke to ATMC and they stated it was fine to have the exposure on TV but wants to know what direction we want to go with that. It is an option for us. During Monitoring she would like to get some pictures of the programs: the artwork or whatever you are doing. Still working on the Program Brochures. Ronald stated that once the Assessment committee gets all of the data compiled, we can put it on our website so that people can go there to get the information, especially a Program that is going to respond to the RFP.

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

Treasurer's Report – Tiffany Rogers stated that we have a balance of \$4,441.00.

Comments from Nicole:

Nicole stated that we will not be having a December meeting. We will be meeting in January and focusing specifically on the information from the Community Needs Committee. For that reason, we will not be presenting Program Reports. The Programs are still welcome to attend the meeting, just no reports given. January meeting will probably be a little longer meeting. Melinda stated that she would put it on our website that there is no JCPC meeting in December.

Comments from Ronald:

Ronald stated that he will go over some of the Assessment data in the January meeting along with the Committee. He stated that he doesn't have anything else.

Amy Horgan wanted to mention that the consolidation with Coastal Care is only going to be with ECBH only. They will have a new name, a new all kinds of stuff. She will keep us updated on all of the changes that are going on in Mental Health. Plus there will probably be another change in July 2016.

Meeting adjourned. Motion to adjourn made by Melinda Johnson, seconded by Greg Worthington.

There will NOT be a meeting in December. Next JCPC meeting is January 15, 2014 at 1:00 pm in the David Sandifer Building second floor conference room.