



Gary Ander, Co-Chairman

Alexa Jordan, Co-Chairman

Alamance County
Juvenile Crime Prevention Council / Community Collaborative
February 19, 2008
12:00 Noon

The Alamance County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council / Community Collaborative met on Tuesday, February 19, 2008 at twelve o'clock noon at the Child Support Enforcement Building, 201 West Elm Street in Graham, North Carolina.

ROLL CALL:

JCPC Present:

Dwayne Harden, Member at Large
Gary Ander, Member at Large
Connie Windham, LME Designee
John Cox, Juvenile Defense Attorney
Bret Currie, Member At Large
Parker Cole, Member Under 21
Steve VanPelt, Member at Large
Edward Grady, Chief Court Counselor
Steve Fishel, Member at Large
Joyce Graves-Hinton, County Manager Designee
Algene Tarpley, SA Representative
Joy Capps, Member at Large
Alexa Jordan, Member at Large
Jamie Hamlett, DSS Designee
Judge Brad Allen, Chief Court Designee
Tyra Ross, ABSS Superintendent Designee

JCPC Absent With Prior Notification

Crystal Sharpe, Member at Large
Kelley Kimrey, Health Director Designee
Jennie Matkins, Parks & Recreation
Ruth Pruitt, United Way

Absent:

Terry Johnson, Sheriff
Chris Kappert, Faith Community
Jeff Prichard, Graham Police Chief
Brad Buchanan, DA Representative
Granville Simmons, Member at Large
Josh Cox, Member Under 21
Commissioner Tim Sutton

Other Attendees

Robby Burnette, Salvation Army
Caroline Page, Volunteer Families
Eric Thompson, Found In Him
Tammy Minnis, DS & YS
Stephanie Carpenter
Cindy Holmes, Regional DJJDP

CC Present:

Gary Ander, Chairman
Connie Windham, Staff to the Committee
Lucy Kernodle, ABSS
Nikki Triplett, Burlington Housing
Sherry Loman, Family Advocate
Amanda Marvin, ACHD
Joy Holland, DSS
Rose Carpenter, Parent Representative
Edward Grady, Chief Court Counselor
Amanda Farris, DJJDP
Debbi Kennerson-Webb, CFN
Chad Laws, Burlington Police Department
Kevin Daniels, Christian Adventurers
Emily Millikan, Triumph
Ann Hancock, Parents Who Care
Suzan Evans, DS & YS
Brian Matlock, Eckerd Wilderness

Other Attendees

Peter Tyler

Call To Order:

Co-Chairman Ander called meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. and extended a welcome to all present. Round robin introductions followed. Co-Chairman Ander noted this to be the first joint meeting of the JCPC and Community Collaborative. Bodies have combined through sub-committee work since the fall 2007 System of Care Symposium. Co-Chairman Ander noted the work is done in sub-committees and encouraged individuals who are not involved with a committee to volunteer. The voting structure for bodies will remain the same.

The Board was informed by the following reports:

Executive Committee:

Co-Chairman Alexa Jordan noted the Executive Committee met last week; reports will be shared by committees this date.

JCPC Funding Committee: Joyce Graves-Hinton and Algene Tarpley

The Funding Committee met with program managers, with the exception of Street Smart and ABSS to review program budgets so that any unexpended funds might be identified for reallocation. Psychological Services submitted a program revision returning \$1,466 of their allocation for reallocation. Street Smart has \$1,889 funds to be reallocated, pending submission of their revision, which was incorrect. The Funding Committee recommendation is to award \$605 to Teen Outreach Program and the remaining funds split between Teen Achievers (assistance with mileage, gas) and Dispute Settlement & Youth Services (assistance with increased health insurance). An Administrative Funds revision has also been submitted; however this did not reduce allocation, rather moved funding between existing line items. Programs cannot receive reallocations until the Street Smart revision is completed. **Action: Motion to accept the proposal as submitted was made, seconded and carried.**

Algene Tarpley noted the importance of a program manager's attendance at required meetings. The JCPC is responsible for funding and participation will be looked at when awarding allocations. The body of the JCPC consists of volunteers who must take time away from their jobs to provide this service to our community. **Action: A motion was made to set a timetable for submission of the program revision for Street Smart. Motion was made requesting the Street Smart revision be submitted to Dwayne Harden by Wednesday, February 27, 2008, 5:00 p.m. Should this not occur, Amy Weaver, Alamance County finance, will be asked to withhold payments to Street Smart pending this revision. Steve Fishel seconded the motion and motion carried.**

The deadline for submission of Requests for Proposals for the fiscal year 2008-2007 was Friday, February 15, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. Eleven proposals were submitted totaling \$506,669. The Funding Committee will hear presentations March 5, 2008 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

CC Non-UCR Funding

Connie Windham noted the LME received approval from the Division of MH/DD/SA in December 2007 that up to 10% of non-UCR funds have been allocated to help fill gaps in the community. One service funded through this allocation is crisis respite for kids with mental health issues and is contracted through the LME with Easter Seals Volunteer Families for Children. This service helps avoid hospitalization. Ms. Windham distributed a general information/contact sheet for this service.

Monitoring Committee: Connie Windham

Monitoring has been completed for programs. One on-site visit took place last week to Street Smart and a review date is set for that program on February 27, 2008.

Membership Committee: Lisa Dodson

No further steps have been taken in terms of membership. It is noteworthy there is no designee from the Sheriff's Department present this date.

Needs Assessment: Dwayne Harden

The Executive Committee is working to complete new forms for the annual plan. Forms should be submitted to Dwayne Harden by May 15, 2008 for submission to the State by May 30, 2008.

Publicity/Special Events/Training: Amanda Farris & Connie Windham

A meeting has been set for March 25, 2008 at 3:30 p.m. at the Human Services Center.

Upcoming System of Care Trainings include:

- Community Agency Protocols - April 25, 2008 8:30 - noon at the Ray Street Complex
- Community Resource Fair - May 22, 2008 3:00 - 6:30 p.m. at the National Guard Armory

Co-Chairman Ander and Connie Windham are working with the committee planning the Resource Fair. Last year 70 plus agencies were represented with 350-500 people attending. This event is co-sponsored with JobLink.

BYLAWS: John Cox

Mr. Cox noted no updates. The last revision changed the number of on-site monitoring visits to programs from 2 to one, unless specified by the Committee. Mr. Cox noted Durham JCPC requires their members to participate in an on-site monitoring in order to serve on the JCPC Board. Discussion ensued around the pros of this requirement. *Action: Executive Committee will consider.*

(Ad Hoc) School/Community Liaison - Tyra Ross

Tyra Ross noted Dr. Monroe, ABSS, was to speak with the Sheriff Department regarding SRO referrals to school social workers / diversion programs. ABSS has submitted proposal to receive funding a position school-court liaison social worker that could assist with this piece as well as with court referrals, compulsory attendance issues and be trained in CFT facilitation. Truancy court may be a recommendation. Judge Allen noted very few cases come to court. Most are adult violations in District Court. Earlier intervention would be helpful.

Per Jamie Hamlett, DSS just received 2 year grant funding for a facilitator to help administrate changing to a family court in Alamance County. The grant offered several options and after talking with DJJDP, DSS pursued the Juvenile Court approach. The current grant is about 1/2 year into and possibly DSS could apply next time for a DJJDP/DSS court grant addressing truancy.

School-Based CFST: Lucy Kernodle

The ABSS School Based CFST Initiative is fully staffed. In the seven identified schools things are progressing on schedule as each location has one full time nurse and one full time social worker. In other schools; however, social workers and nurses are serving multiple sites. Child & Family Team meetings are ongoing. Collection of data for outcomes has been overwhelming but efforts are underway to hopefully gather information in conjunction.

Southern Middle School entered into agreement with State, offering a special CFT training/program through that zone for the middle school. This has required more staff from middle school to be involved than principal has available.

Co-Chairman Ander noted that at subcommittee levels we would look at how we continue to integrate CFTs and have facilitators in place.

Faith-Based Initiative: Chris Stone

Suzan Evans reported in the absence of Chris Stone. This committee met this week and is developing a brochure targeting the clergy. The brochure is in the final stages. A System of Care faith based training is set for May 12, 2008 at lunch. This endeavor will be coordinated with the Training Committee. The Faith-Based Committee meets the third Monday monthly.

JCPC Funded Programs Six month Reports:

Volunteer Families for Children: Caroline Page

Caroline Page reviewed the goals and objectives highlighting the following:

- Temporary foster care will reduce runaways 100%: Goal met
- Reduce incidence of violence and family disruption: Goal met
- Have utilized all funds received thus far
- Program Agreement specified serving 15 children: as of February 1, 2008, 11 children had been served.

Dispute Settlement & Youth Services:

CFT Component: Suzan Evans

- Program Agreement specified serving 50 children: as of December 31, 2007 the program had served 96 children.
- 75% of mediations/CFT facilitations resulted in written agreement: Goal met and exceeded.
- 75% will cooperate / goal met and exceeded.
- 70% juveniles will have no new court petitions or suspensions/expulsions: At this date goal met and exceeded. 22% recidivism

The program is spending money responsibly. Dispute Settlement and Youth Services has submitted a request for additional funding to help offset an increase in employee health insurance.

Resolve: Suzan Evans

- The program agreement specifies 16 children will be served: as of December 31, 2007, 13 of this number have been served. A second session of resolve begins soon.

- Handle conflict appropriately: goal has been met.
- Reduce recidivism rate: goal met. Current recidivism rate is 25%
- Help improve behavior at home 75%: Goal exceeded with 95% of participants reporting improvement at home.
- Reduce suspensions/expulsions: goal met with 100%

Teen Court: Tammy Minnis

- Program agreement specified serving 150 children: 114 children to date. The program will have no problem meeting the program agreement.
- Program goal 75% of participants will successfully complete program/sanctions: Goal met with 92% of participants completing.
- 75 % of successful teen court will not reoffend within 3 months: Goal met with 95% of participants who have not reoffended.
- Average 10 diversion cases monthly to help with the workload of DJJDP. As of December 31, 2007, the program held 72 hearings involving juveniles, an average of 12 monthly.

Teen Court actively recruits new volunteers and keeps old ones (both teen and adult). Two trainings have been held.

Restitution and Community Services: Marsha Kmiec

Tammy Minnis reported on this program noting the program agreement specified 160 children: 195 have already been served through this program.

- 75% clients admitted would complete work schedule and class schedule: 93% have completed.
- 75% clients will complete work schedule within frame allowed: 95% have completed.
- 75% clients will have no further court involvement: 97% have had no involvement.
- Program will recruit 5 new work sites during the fiscal year. Marsha Kmiec, Program Coordinator, has already recruited 5 the first half of the fiscal year. Restitution and Community Services is always looking for new sites. Marsha Kmiec was lucky enough to add the Red Cross as a work site.

Algene Tarpley inquired as to where Teen Court gets their referrals. Ms. Minnis stated 85-90% from Juvenile Court although the program is receiving more truancy referrals from school social workers. Referrals for Child & Family Teams as well as truancy come through school social workers. Burlington and Graham law enforcement continue to send petitions directly to Teen Court. The Sheriff Department sends referrals through Juvenile Court.

Found In Him - Eric Thompson

The program has served 8 adjudicated Hispanic youth and 5 youth not adjudicated. The program focuses on interpersonal skills and martial arts with a spiritual based curriculum. Highlights included:

- No participants have received adjudications within the 6 months period.
- Participants are meeting goal of positive peer relationships / adult relationships
- Kids are obeying parents better at home.

- A difficult goal is to improve grades and stay in school without absences. The 50% objective for grades was exceeded with 100%; however attendance remains a problem. Goal 50% will not have more than 5 unexcused absences: not met; work continues.
- The program is spending funds responsibly and has under spent in capital outlay; however, a one-time expense for repairs on game tables, purchase of karate equipment is forthcoming.
- To date, 13 kids have been served, 8 adjudicated of which 5-6 were gang related and remaining with family problems

Tyra Ross, ABSS, noted if social workers are made aware of attendance they could assist with this.

Psychological Services: Amanda Farris

This is a testing program contracted with Dr. Bruce Thomson, a local psychologist, and is available to court-referred youth. 100% of juveniles are involved with DJJDP. The program helps expedite out of home placements and provides recommendations to judges.

- At the end of the first 6 months, 8 youth were served.
- Objective - evaluation and results will be completed within 14 days met with the exception of 2, attributed to computer problems.
- 75% of these youth were not committed to the Youth Development Center.
- 2 Juveniles were placed, 3 referred for other reasons, 2 tested with results not back at the time of the report.

This program had not used half of the allocated slots by the end of the first six months; thus a program revision was completed with \$1,466 returned for reallocation by the JCPC.

As of February 2008, 13 of 22 youth have been tested.

Street Smart: Robbie Burnett for Sherri Henderson

Mr. Burnette reported for Sherri Henderson, Program Director, who is attending training in Atlanta.

- All participants in Street Smart have met educational goals. Mr. Burnette checks with the school regularly to ensure participants are turning in homework.
- Goal: 80% will improve grade point average: Met, kids are on tasks and reportedly more attentive in classroom.
- Pre/Post Tests on gang awareness: All participants have passed the first two modules of the four-module program.

This is a 12-week program that could work better in a longer time frame. Most referrals are from the school; 1-2 has been referred through DJJDP.

Algene Tarpley asked about the pre/post tests given. Connie Windham, Monitoring Committee, noted Street Smart is an evidenced-based 4-module program with each module having a pre and post test. The participants are about halfway through the program at this point, which started late as they were waiting on DJJDP referrals.

Referrals came through SRO monitoring and internal referrals from the Salvation Army for kids who are identified "at risk" for potential gang involvement.

Old Business:

JCPC Lobbying Effort:

Gary Ander reminded everyone to submit letters of support for continuation of JCPC funding by the end of the week.

Gang Grant:

A callback from the Governor's Crime Committee has been received relative to the gang grant application submitted at the end of 2007. Co-Chairman Ander expressed concerns that we may not receive funding as the grant indicated Alamance County did not have organizations to provide intervention services and programs for potential gang and active gang members. The grant specified generic funds. Burlington Housing Authority is the administrative agent for this grant. Some of the programs available in the housing authority areas might extrapolate and expand; however, if other programs do not come to the table with resources, how can we receive funding without building capacity to do that kind of work. Co-Chairman Ander asked each organization represented to consider if they have the capacity and want to work with potential or active gang members. A grant also asked for \$60,000 for another gang officer/suppression officer. The community needs to work on intervention/prevention programs. Mentoring/tutoring programs are a big piece of this. **Action: Contact Gary Ander with any insight.**

Discussion ensued:

- Kevin Daniels, Christian Adventurers noted he knows of at least seven programs which are faith-based organizations that would be a part of intervention/prevention yet shy away because of mandates to remove biblical approaches from programs. Suzan Evans noted this to be an area of discussion: research based versus faith based in that there is not ONE program that will address this problem: the need is for lots of programming on many levels.
- Are programs available in elementary school to talk with kids about how to stay away from gangs: does DARE address gangs? Chad Laws, Burlington Police noted this is different program that does not coincide with DARE. Only a couple of schools are teaching the GREAT Program and these programs are not a substitute for each other as they focus on different age groups. Burlington Police have officers who are going through GREAT training. The core is middle school. Discussion ensued around the importance of providing intervention to very young children: this is the age group you begin with to make an impact.
- Eric Thompson noted March 13, 2008 a program would be held at Broadview for Hispanic parents and children: parents are the best prevention against gangs. Three rotating speakers will speak for 20 minutes covering prevention/intervention/suppression. Burlington Police will present the prevention piece however they are there to intervene and suppress also. Discussion ensued as to why this could not be offered during regular school curriculum? The argument is this is instructional time; however peer pressure within gangs is incredible. Gangs are a community problem. Elementary self-esteem workshops were suggested.
- Edward Grady, Chief DJJDP Court Counselor noted another underlying problem relative to gangs and training schools. Kids here illegally cannot go to Wilderness Camp. Another issue involves deportation, which is ripping families apart and causing problems we have not begun to deal with as a system. Kids are deported and come back to live with family members yet aren't attending school. No legal guardian is present.

- Co-Chairman Alexa Jordan suggested making a request to Alamance Citizens for Education (ACE) for what we would like to see available on gang prevention in schools.

Action: Form a small Gang Task Force to again address these issues and determine how to pull community organizations in to address this piece.

New Business:

Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting:

The JCPC January 2008 Full Board Minutes were distributed electronically for review by the Board. *Action: Steve Fishel made the motion to approve the minutes as written; motion was seconded and carried.*

Announcements:

Amanda Marvin announced that the Youth Advocacy Council (YAC) will hold an underage drinking briefing on March 6, 2008 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. at May Memorial Library. All are welcome.

JCPC Regional Consultant Report: Cindy Holmes

JCPC Programs should be aware that third quarter accounting is close at hand. The form will be sent from the Area Office to programs with a quick return requested. 67% of funding should be expended. If this has not occurred, you will need to attach some explanation as to how you intend to spend the remaining portion.

Program Providers received notice of availability of discretionary funds. These are funds that may become available at 3rd quarter accounting and/or funds that open with DJJDP which may be used by programs for capital needs, program expansion needs or to assist programs in jeopardy of going out of business. Ms Holmes encouraged programs to apply if they have needs, being mindful that a cash match in the formula (30%) is required for discretionary funds. Requests are due by the end of March 2008.

The DJJDP response to JCPC continuation is available on the DJJDP website. Representative Alice Bordsen spoke favorably on how active the community and community officials have been in making a cry to legislators about loss of these funds.

Adjournment

There being no additional business, the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Next Meeting:

The JCPC/CC will meet on Tuesday, March 18, 2008 at 12:00 noon at the Child Support Enforcement Building Conference Room in Graham, North Carolina.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Ward, SOC Logistics

