



Alamance County JCPC
Alamance Community Collaborative
October 21, 2008
ABSS Ray Street Facility – Graham, NC
12:00 noon

ROLL CALL:

Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC)

JCPC Present:

- The Honorable Bradley Allen, Chief Judge Designee
- Gary Ander, Member at Large
- Joy Capps, Member at Large
- John Cox, Juvenile Defense Attorney
- Steve Fishel, Member at Large
- Dwayne Harden, Member at Large
- Edward Grady, Chief Court Counselor
- Alexa Jordan, Member at Large
- Jennie Matkins, Parks & Recreation
- Jordan Morris, United Way, Non-Profit
- Katherine Patterson, Youth Under 21
- Susan Roberts, Alamance County Manager Designee
- Granville Simmons, Member at Large
- Paul Soderberg, District Attorney Designee
- Commissioner Tim Sutton, Alamance County Commissioners
- Algene Tarpley, Substance Abuse Representative
- Steve VanPelt, Member at Large
- Connie Windham, LME Director Designee

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- Jamie Hamlett, DSS Director Designee
- Kelley Kimrey, Health Director Designee
- Crystal Sharpe, Member at Large

JCPC Absent:

- Bret Currie, Member at Large
- Joe Minnis, Faith Community
- Tyra Ross, ABSS Superintendent Designee

Alamance Community Collaborative (ACC):

Present:

- Edward Grady, Chief Court Counselor
- Gary Ander, DSS
- Fran Harvey, LME

- Lucy Kernodle, ABSS
- Amanda Marvin, ACHD

Prior Notice of Absence:

- Joy Holland – Maternity Leave

Absent:

- Sherry Loman, Parent Representative
- Rose Carpenter, Parent Representative
- Nicky Melton, Family Court
- Nikki Ratliff, Burlington Housing Authority

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Lisa Dodson, Dispute Settlement & Youth Services
 Merideth Miller, ABSS Summer Literacy Program
 Marrius Pettiford, ABSS
 Ann Meletzke, Alamance Partnership for Children
 Ann R. Hancock, LME
 Stephanie Coble, Mosaic Center
 Cindy Holmes, Regional DJJDP Consultant
 Allen Blue, Gang Grant
 Amanda Farris, DJJDP / Psychological Services
 Latasha Watlington, Positive Attitude Youth Center
 Sherri Henderson, Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club
 Kevin Daniels, Christian Adventurers
 Jill Honeycutt, Easter Seals Volunteer Families
 Mollissa Peterson, Alamance Academy
 Karen Webb, Healthy Alamance Substance Abuse Task Force
 Chad Laws, Burlington PD

WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER:

Co-chair Gary Ander called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance. Round robin introductions followed. A special welcome is noted to new JCPC members Katherine Patterson, representing youth under 21 and Susan Roberts, representing the Alamance County manager.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING:

The minutes from the August 2008 Full Board meeting were distributed via email. Steve Fishel made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Motion was seconded by Algene Tarpley. There was no discussion and motion carried unanimously.

The Board was informed by the following committee reports:

FUNDING COMMITTEE

JCPC Funds:

Algene Tarpley reported that the Funding Committee met just prior to this meeting to determine how to best utilize the additional \$11,000 funding allocation from the State. The Committee proposes

unanimously to allocate \$5,000 of this amount for a restitution bank that would operate under Dispute Settlement & Youth Services. Motion was made by Funding Co-Chair Algene Tarpley to approve this request. Discussion ensued as to how this could be accomplished and what guidelines would be in place. Cindy Holmes, Regional DJJDP Consultant agreed to work with Dispute Settlement & Youth Services to make this happen. John Cox seconded the motion and motion carried unanimously.

The Funding Committee requests that a Request for Proposal for the remaining \$6,000 go out as soon as possible to address a mentoring programs for youth and education for parents of adolescents. Dwayne Harden will prepare the RFP with a deadline for submission of November 14, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. Any interested parties should submit a program agreement. In the event there are no responses, existing programs will be asked to submit requests for any needs they have that are not being met. Many programs did not receive their full funding request due to limited funds.

Non-UCR Funds:

Connie Windham reminded the group of the availability of about \$6,000 of FLEX funds to address child specific needs that Child & Family Teams might identify for kids with mental health issues. These funds are available for a one-time need. The person-centered mental health plan must address that need. Ms. Windham encouraged all to review guidelines with their staff, looking at child specific needs. Inquiries have been made, but no applications to date. Contact Connie Windham at cwindham@acmhdds.org for additional information.

FAITH BASED COMMITTEE

Allen Blue reported for Pastor Chris Stone that this committee is in the process of putting together a database that would share information on programs available for at-risk kids. The committee hopes to have the database operational by January 2009.

MONITORING COMMITTEE

Connie Windham reported the Monitoring Committee lead monitors were trained by Cindy Holmes on how to monitor. Lead monitors will set up reviews with their respective programs with a goal of completion of all monitoring by the end of November, 2008. Ms. Holmes reviewed the new monitoring tool with program managers just prior to today's meeting. A handout of monitoring assignments was distributed this date.

Co-Chair Ander noted the State did a special monitoring of Positive Attitude several weeks ago and the monitoring went well.

CFT/DATA COLLECTION/CARE REVIEW:

Lucy Kernodle reported in the absence of Janis Baumbarger that a second care review team will be implemented soon. Co-chair Ander noted Care Review is a support for Child & Family Teams and is mandated when the Child & Family Team is requesting/recommending an out of home placement for a child; when a youth is returning back to the community following a placement longer than 30 days, or when the Child & Family Team is stuck and is requesting assistance.

Alexa Jordan noted the committee is also working on a family-friendly Care Review brochure explaining what Care Review can do for them as well as a brochure for providers.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

Lisa Dodson noted the following applicants will be submitted to the commissioners for approval: Katherine Patterson as JCPC representative under age 21 and Susan Roberts replacing Joyce Graves-Hinton as the Alamance County Manager designee. Motion to present these names was made and seconded. There was no discussion and motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Dodson noted there have been no volunteers to serve in executive roles for the upcoming fiscal year. The Executive Committee determined if there are no nominations, appointments will be made. The JCPC / ACC needs vice co-chairs, one from the JCPC and one from the Collaborative who will train to step into the role of Co-Chairs July 1, 2009. Sub-Committee chair spots are open as well. Co-Chairman Ander noted the work is done in the various committees and the executive roles are coordination.

The Membership Committee and Family Involvement Committees have separated in that two different energies are noted.

FAMILY INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

Ann Hancock noted there is no report; this committee is currently on "hold" however lots of work is going into this arena. Co-Chairman Ander noted DSS has received a Federal seven million dollar SAMHSA grant to develop service capacity to serve children who have mental illness between the ages of 0-5. This comes out of some of the work of the Car Review in recognizing earlier intervention efforts are necessary to make an impact. The grant will support a full-time family coordinator and full time youth coordinator.

NEEDS ASSESSMENT:

Dwayne Harden shared three handouts and reported this committee met October 8, 2008. (Refer to handouts for details). At the Fall Planning a resource assessment was conducted and results have been entered into a spreadsheet. Mr. Harden will be meeting with Cindy Holmes to plug this data into the template utilized by the State DJJDP. Highlighted are: services to Spanish speaking community; family services; academic/school failure; gangs.

Based on this information the committee feels there is a need for: family preservation type programs, MST; skill building programs (Hispanic community).

Mr. Harden noted there has been a reduction in Juvenile Crime from last year: 2006-2007 - 1,069 complaints to the current year, 861 complaints with an interesting point that the petitions from the school system increased.

The task locally is to target disproportional race in detention.

Discussion ensued as to whether looking at overall data, can we tell where significant impacts have been made? Granville Simmons noted the high percentage of kids who indicated they have friends who are delinquent. Is this occurring in specific communities which indicates a need for more outreach? Would mapping corroborate this statistic?

The Needs Assessment Committee next will begin work on Phase III, outcomes and funding problems.

Ed Grady noted he will be addressing the issue of the disproportionate number of minority kids in the system and will be involving the JCPC and CC in this. On a positive note, Mr. Grady reported one great improvement: of 19 kids released over the last 12-15 months, 13 had an educational plan in place and

started school within 30 days; two kids received their GED, and one youth who did not get in school within 30 days, entered within 60. Only three of the total did not get into school at all. A protocol was set with ABSS last spring wherein an ABSS representative will attend the last CFT prior to the youth being released to ensure an educational plan is in place when the child returns to the community has worked extremely well.

PUBLICITY/SPECIAL EVENTS/TRAINING:

Connie Windham noted this group has been busy. SOC Modules I and II overviews were attended by 30 new individuals last week. Ms. Windham encouraged new staff to attend. A flyer that announces What's Up Breakfast Networking November 14, 2008 is included in handouts. (Refer to handout for details). This event will be held quarterly and is a networking for agency staffs that work directly with families. The event will feature special topics/speakers each time with the first being Crossroads and a private practitioner who works with sex offenders. There is a time to make announcements included in this event. Agencies are encouraged to bring brochures to share also

BYLAWS

No report needed.

SCHOOL LIAISON COMMITTEE

Committee has not met.

ABSS CFST:

Lucy Kernodle reported ABSS currently has 27 social workers and 23 school nurses employed. Their bi-annual site visit is set December 10, 2008.

END OF YEAR PROGRAM REPORTS:

The following programs presented end of the year program reports. (Refer to handouts for details)

- Volunteer Families for Children – Jill Honeycutt
 - Exceeded the number of cases projected (15 set/29 served) for a total of 203 days.
 - Two were DJJDP referred cases
 - All allocated funds were expended
- Dispute Settlement & Youth Services – Lisa Dodson
 - All programs were on target
 - All funds were expended
 - The agency celebrated 25 years of service with a banquet. Seven scholarships were awarded to Teen Court seniors (donated by anonymous funds).
 - Ms. Dodson has been inducted as a member of the NC Juvenile Services Board.

Discussion ensued as to whether referrals to teen court are coming directly from schools. The School Liaison Committee has been working on this topic. Attendance at meetings by SRO heads, Bret Currie, BPD and Chris Lafferty, ACSO would be most beneficial.

- Found In Him – Eric Thompson
 - 12 youth were specified/ 19 were served; 12 youth referred by DJJDP.
 - Mostly Hispanic youth; one black, one multi-racial
 - Continue struggles with keeping kids in school, not absent or skipping

- Working on respect for adults/authority figures without violence
- Spiritual discussion
- Some funding returned to the State

Mr. Thompson shared a recent definition of gang by a referral to be: “Gang is 'kinda' like a family because when you’re down, they go and help you and when you fight with other gangs they are there for you and you feel protected”.

Mr. Thompson noted there are lots of gaps in the Hispanic community; Found In Him is just one small program.

- Street Smart – Sherri Henderson
 - Met all objectives for the year
 - Extending the program over a longer period of time would be more effective
 - Kids are invited to attend other nights at no extra cost. Transportation is not provided on all days; however.
 - Elon University students proved to be a great asset to this program in engaging students.
 - Staff will participate in national training for Street Smart next week.

Co-Chairman Ander encouraged Edward Grady and Allen Blue and Judge Allen to help with referrals to this program which will be beginning soon.

- ABSS Summer Achievement – Meredith Miller
 - Positive feedback received
 - Parents noted kids enjoyed school and learning, some for the first time
 - Pre and Post assessment reflected good progress
 - Program is funded in part with JCPC and non-ucr funds

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

DJJDP REGIONAL CONSULTANT REPORT:

Cindy Holmes noted Secretary Sweat has submitted his resignation, effective December 31, 2008; and that this customary when there is a new administration.

Continue to lobby for additional JCPC funding. Extra funding allocated divided by the population equals 71 cents per unit. What can be done with this amount?

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Judge Brad Allen requested the team reviewing Dispute Settlement and Youth Services meet following this meeting.

John Cox who is serving on the Legislative Study Commission, reported two public hearings have been held; one in Vance County and one in Buncombe County. This Commission will meet tomorrow at the Legislative Building in Raleigh and will continue to meet every other Wednesday through the end of November. Meetings are open to the public, but not public comment. Dwayne Harden noted it would be helpful to network with other JCPCs on issues, i.e., Day Reporting Centers as example. Mr. Cox agreed to provide updates at JCPC/ACC Full Board Meeting.

Lisa Dodson noted NC Community Alternatives for Youth (NC CAY) is hosting regional meetings again this year. She will send the email notice to Sue Ward for distribution to this Board. This body was instrumental in helping to get community support for restored JCPC funding and will hold a series of meetings to help formulate legislative strategies for this year.

ADJOURNMENT:

There be no additional business, motion to adjourn was made, seconded and carried.

NEXT MEETING:

November 18, 2008 at the Child Support Enforcement Building Conference Room in Graham, NC.

Respectfully submitted:

Sue Ward, SOC Logistics