



Alamance County JCPC / Alamance Community Collaborative  
Full Board Meeting

**December 16, 2008**

The Alamance County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council / Alamance Community Collaborative met for their Full Board meeting on Tuesday, December 16, 2008 at twelve o'clock noon at the Child Support Enforcement Building in downtown Graham, North Carolina.

**ROLL CALL:**

**JCPC**

Kelley Kimrey, Health Director Designee  
Alexa Jordan, Member at Large  
Katherine Patterson, Youth Under 21  
Jordan Morris, United Way (Non-Profit)  
Dwayne Harden, Member at Large  
Algene Tarpley, Substance Abuse Professional  
Steve Fishel, Member at Large  
John Cox, Juvenile Defense Attorney  
Paul Soderberg, DA Designee  
Commissioner Tim Sutton  
Jennie Matkins, Alamance County Parks & Recreation  
Susan Roberts, County Manager Designee  
The Honorable Brad Allen, Chief District Court Judge Designee  
Gary Ander, Member at Large  
Jamie Hamlett, DSS Director Designee  
Cindy Holmes, DJJDP Regional Consultant

**Community Collaborative**

Amanda Marvin, ACHD  
Gary Ander, DSS  
Lucy Kernodle, ABSS  
Fran Harvey, LME

**Other Attendees**

Connie Windham, DSS  
Bonnie Silvers, Easter Seals  
Sherri Henderson, Boys & Girls Club  
Charise Felipa, Easter Seals  
Janet Riley-Wright, ADS  
Christopher Stone, Faith Based Initiative  
Stephanie Coble, Mosaic Center  
Ann Hancock, LME  
Eric Nickens, Jr.- ACHD

## **WELCOME:**

Chairman Gary Ander called the meeting to order and extended a warm welcome to all present.

## **APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER BOARD MINUTES:**

Minutes from the November 2008 JCPC/ACC Full Board meeting were distributed by email for review prior to the meeting. *Action: Steve Fishel made the motion to approve the minutes as submitted; motion was seconded. There was no discussion and motion carried unanimously.*

## **The Board was informed by the following committee reports:**

### **FUNDING COMMITTEE:**

#### **JCPC:**

The Program Agreement for "Father Figures" the faith-based program through "People That Care" has been completed and submitted.

The DS & YS program agreement will need to be completed prior to the end of the calendar year to incorporate restitution bank funds.

#### **Non-UCR:**

Connie Windham noted she is no longer employed with the LME; however before leaving the position six flex fund requests were review: 4 approved and 2 denied. Individuals working with Child & Family Teams with a mental health provider involved can access those funds if the request is supported in the person-centered plan. Interim contact for Flex Funds is Victor Armstrong, Alamance-Caswell-Rockingham LME at 513-4200 or by email at [VArmstrong@acmhdds.org](mailto:VArmstrong@acmhdds.org).

### **FAITH-BASED INITIATIVE:**

Chris Stoned noted this committee has completed the Resources database and are in the process of entering information from churches and organizations in the community that wish to be a part of this effort. Brochures will be available at the January 2009 Full Board meeting. This database can be accessed through People That Care at [www.peopletc.org](http://www.peopletc.org).

The newly funded "Father Figures" program will begin January 1, 2009.

### **MONITORING:**

Committee Chair Connie Windham noted monitoring teams have almost completed all program monitoring. The Executive Committee asked that the leader of each monitoring team to provide a brief update. The teams looked at program agreements, documentation of services against what the agreement specified they would do; target population served, referral source, screening/admission/termination documents, the most recent finance and revenue report and court counselor comments in addition to client charts and pre and post outcome measures. Full reports are available for circulation.

#### **Psychological Services - Connie Windham**

This program is in compliance. Strengths include organization and coordination. Court counselors are pleased with the quality of services and access. Services are well documented

### ABSS – Jamie Hamlet

Program is well organized and records are in order. Outcomes of kids show positive results. Concern noted is that the program did not meet the projected number of 100 noted in the program agreement, rather served 50 children. (Numbers were projected before Elon University chose to not participate in this year's program). Another concern is the contact of 30 hours weekly noted in the program agreement, turned out to be 15 hours. A program revision is needed to reflect this change. Action: Recommend monitoring at the next level take place. Cindy Holmes noted a program revision would need to be submitted to reduce the number of children served in the narrative and reflect a reduction in the revenue; otherwise at the end of the year, the program would owe back a tremendous amount of funds. This should have been submitted much earlier.

*Action: Meet with program managers at their January 09 meeting to determine if they are utilizing funds so that another program could utilize any excess funds. Merideth Miller will be on maternity leave at that time. Susan Isley will be invited to attend as alternate for ABSS.*

### Found in Him – Alexa Jordan

Ms. Jordan noted this program provides services to Latino boys who are involved with gangs. The program is well organized, and is serving in excess of the number noted in the program agreement. Seven youth have been referred to DJJDP, 3 by other sources including a pastor, school and a parent.

One concern of the review team is that no police officers are making referrals, given the Gang Task Force this could be a great referral source. Positive comments are noted by court counselors. This is the only program serving Latino youth. One suggestion is to expand the program to include a parent program. Parent surveys are currently utilized. Reviewers noted the program to be well structured. This is the program that has only spent \$3,000 out of \$12,000 allocation thus far.

Remaining programs will report out next month.

### **CFT/CARE REVIEW:**

Janis Baumbarger has served as chair of this committee and has worked tirelessly. Tyra Ross has agreed to assume this role January 2009. Two Care Review Teams will begin February 1, 2009 and will offer an additional two review dates each month, bringing the total to four review dates monthly. Minor changes to make the process more users friendly have been made: i.e., tent cards, agenda of what to expect.

### **MEMBERSHIP:**

Committee Chair Lisa Dodson is out with influenza. The Executive Committee met last week and had a lengthy discussion about leadership for the coming year. Since combining the JCPC and Community Collaborative, two chairs have served, one from each body. To assist with transition in the future, Chairs (one from each body) and Chair Elects (one from each body) are recommended. The first year will serve as a mentoring period for the Chair-Elects. Recommendations for consideration are:

*JCPC: Chair: Steve Fishel & Chair-Elect: Susan Roberts*

*Community Collaborative: Chair: Karen Webb & Chair Elect: Jordan Morris*

These names will be submitted for vote at the January meeting. Should a nominee choose not to serve, they are asked to speak with Gary Ander before the January meeting.

Larry Brown, Assistant District Attorney has been contacted to serve as the Faith Based representative to the JCPC. Griffin McClure will be contacted by Lisa Dodson to determine his interest in serving as the representative from the Business Community.

The Needs Assessment subcommittee chair seat is also vacant.

## **FAMILY INVOLVEMENT:**

This committee is currently on hold pending hiring of staff through the SAMHSA grant. The Alamance Partnership for Children is working to fill the Family Coordinator position which will facilitate this process.

The Exchange Club Family Center is offering parenting classes, beginning January 2009

## **NEEDS ASSESSMENT:**

Dwayne Harden noted this Committee will meet January 7, 2009 to cover Phase III and Phase IV planning. The JCPC Board and Collaborative members are invited to attend. The meeting will take place in the courtroom adjacent to DJJDP offices.

## **PUBLICITY/SPECIAL EVENTS:**

January 12, SOC Module I: SOC Overview and Module II: CFT/Care Review/Family Involvement will be held in the first floor training rooms from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. Contact Sue Ward at [sward@acmhdds.org](mailto:sward@acmhdds.org) to register for this event.

Nicky Melton has scheduled System of Care Training for attorneys and judiciary in January 2009

The next System of Care "What's Up Breakfast" is slated for February 6, 2009. The agenda is still in the planning stage, but the Alamance Partnership for Children will speak about their services and linkage for children and families.

## **BYLAWS**

No report.

## **School/Community Liaison:**

No report

## **School Based CFST:**

Lucy Kernodle noted facilitator training has been postponed until after the holidays. Melinda Willingham is organizing this training.

## **School Based MH Committee:**

Lucy Kernodle noted this group has broken into subgroups and is visiting other clinic sites, i.e., Rockingham County Reidsville High School). They offer a mental health wellness clinic in all four of their high schools. This concept was started by an Eden physician who was concerned about the teen pregnancy rate. The challenge is to keep funding for this endeavor. They treat general health issues and have contracted with a school psychologist to provide counseling in their clinics.

The work of this committee is in the beginning stages as to how services might look for Alamance County. Possibilities include a day treatment program on campus, outpatient mental health, outpatient substance abuse services and physiological health care need.

## **BRIEF PROGRAM UPDATES:**

Janice Stone, ACE, was unable to attend today, but will present January 2009.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

As a result of the Needs Assessment, the committee is looking at the Juvenile Justice Treatment Continuum as an alternative for how court counselors work and provide mental health/substance abuse services to kids in the community.

The Committee is exploring one private provider of services that offers a heavy case management component. The Committee heard presentations from Meridian Health Care who shared their model. The Needs Assessment will continue to look at how this might work in Alamance County.

**REGIONAL CONSULTANT REPORT: CINDY HOLMES**

No one has been named Secretary for the Department as yet.

Back in 2002-2003 the Department was told by the Legislature that they needed to evaluate JCPC programs, but allocated no additional funds to do so. They began with a 7 county pilot programming standardized evaluation tool (SPEP) that was designed to evaluate programs based on their recidivism rate and get them bring itself in line with the template. The tool was started, but no funding to complete.

A tightening of program agreements to include contract language is underway. This will provide language that would mean the program must adhere to state policy because they are receiving legislated funding.

Chairman Ander noted pre, during and post data relative to grade point average, attendance records, suspension records from schools for kids participating in JCPC programs would provide good outcomes data across the board.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Algene Tarpley made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Steve Fishel and motion carried unanimously.

**NEXT MEETING:**

January 20, 2009 at the Child Support Enforcement Building Conference Room

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Ward, SOC Logistics