



Gary Ander, Co-Chairman

Alexa Jordan, Co-Chairman

Juvenile Crime Prevention Council / Alamance Community Collaborative

March 17, 2009

12:00 Noon

The Alamance County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council / Community Collaborative met on Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at twelve o'clock noon at the Human Services Center 319 N. Graham-Hopedale Road in Burlington, NC.

ROLL CALL:

JCPC Voting Body Present:

Judge Brad Allen - Chief District Court Judge, Designee
Gary Ander - Member at Large
John Cox - Juvenile Defense Attorney
Bret Currie - Member at Large
Steve Fishel - Member at Large
Jamie Hamlett - DSS Director Designee
Dwayne Harden - Member at Large
Alexa Jordan - Member at Large
Eric Nickens for Kelly Kimrey - Health Director Designee
Jordan Morris - United Way Non-Profit
Susan Roberts - County Manager Designee
Granville Simmons - Member at Large
Commissioner Tim Sutton - County Commissioners
Algene Tarpley - Substance Abuse Representative
Steve VanPelt - Member at Large

Cindy Holmes, DJJDP Regional Consultant

JCPC Absent With Prior Notification

Joy Capps - Member at Large
Jennie Matkins - Parks & Recreation

Absent:

Edward Grady - Chief Court Counselor
Lynn Inman - LME Director Designee
Katherine Patterson - Youth Under 21
Tyra Ross - ABSS Superintendent Designee
Crystal Sharpe - Member at Large
Paul Soderberg - District Attorney Designee

CC Present:

Linda Jones
Fran Harvey
Joy Holland
Amanda Marvin

CC Absent

Edward Grady
Nicky Melton
Nikki Ratliff

CC Absent with Prior Notice

Lucy Kernodle

Other Attendees

Eugene Jones, Phoenix Bridge
Brandon Jones, Phoenix Bridge
Lisa Dodson, DS & YS
Chad Laws, Burlington Police Department
Connie Windham, DSS
Ann Hancock, LME
Janice Stone, ACE
Karen Webb, PUD Coordinator
Sherri Henderson, Boys & Girls Club
Bonnie Silvers, Easter Seals
Suzanne Bellian, DMH/DD/SAS
Jodi Martin, Professional Parenting

Call to Order

Gary Ander called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. and extended a welcome to all attendees.

ACE Update - Janice Stone

ACE receives funding from non-UCF funds. Janice Stone provided a brief up date of the program activities noting there are 110 volunteers in schools who assist with tutoring. Referrals to the program are identified by teachers through a request to the school office. Parents can also request tutoring. ACE also sponsors lunch buddies, a fun time for adults to share during the school day with kids. ACE offers no weekend or summer programs.

Approval of Minutes From the Last Meeting:

Motion to approve the minutes from the February Full Board meeting was made, seconded and carried unanimously.

The Board was informed by the following Committee reports:

Executive Committee:

The Executive Committee met March 9, 2009 to discuss topics and prepare the agenda for the Full Board meeting.

Funding Committee JCPC/Non-UCR: Algene Tarpley/Susan Roberts/Lynn Inman

Algene Tarpley noted the Funding Committee met just prior to the Full Board meeting this date. Psychological Services had \$735 from their budget returned for reallocation in that it will not be used this fiscal year. Lisa Dodson, Dispute Settlement and Youth Services had prepared a request that this amount be placed in the restitution bank. *Action: The Funding Committee requests that this amount be placed in the restitution bank and made the motion to do so. Motion was seconded with no discussion and motion carried.*

Susan Roberts shared the Funding Committee would also like to make the motion that in instances where organizations had remaining funds that will revert the remainder of this fiscal year, and where no formal requests are made for the funds, those funds revert to the restitution bank also. This would be minimal amounts not to exceed \$1,000. *Action: Susan Roberts made the motion to accept this recommendation, motion was seconded.* Discussion ensued around the importance of programs requesting the remaining portions of their budget and then moving the funds within the county to prevent funds going into discretionary money. Cindy Holmes noted Third Quarter Reports were given to her this date with programs pretty much on target with 2/3 of funds being spent. Steve VanPelt asked if this was funds coming from another program, reverting back, and are we requesting that all monies stay in the county? The Funding

Committee noted currently funded programs would get notification that funding is available. If no requests are received and the amount is less than \$1,000, it will be placed in the restitution bank. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Algene Tarpley noted the Funding Committee will meet April 24, 2009 at 8:30 a.m., place to be determined, to review all proposals for funding the next fiscal year (2009-2010). All proposals are due to close by the end of the business day tomorrow.

Monitoring: Connie Windham

Ms. Windham noted the last two monitoring reports will be shared this date:

Street Smart:

John Cox noted he visited Street Smart twice; Crystal Sharpe went the second visit. Everything appeared to be in order; however, the program began late, in December 2008, and once it begins it is difficult to add youth as the program builds upon itself utilizing four different modules; thus if a youth is not able to enter at the start, they are out until the next year. Pre/posts tests are given and should provide outcomes data, Mr. Cox noted there were lots of kids very motivated with activities. Mr. Cox noted this is our only gang prevention program.

Lengthy discussion ensued around the importance of gang intervention programs in Alamance. Commissioner Tim Sutton noted a DEA agent gave a presentation to the County Commissioners last night on how far infiltration of drugs have come into Alamance County, noting it is not in the next county, it's here in Alamance. Commissioner Sutton encouraged all to view the presentation at the County's website. It was noted that Charlotte has a multitude of Street Smart programs taught by trained police officers who go into the school during the school day to teach the curriculum, a captive audience. Additional funds need to be sought through grants or through the county to supplement teaching Street Smart. Discussion needs to occur with ABSS Superintendent, Dr. Randy Bridges, regarding class time. DARE is still getting class time, perhaps the next step is Street Smart as it is evidenced based. John Cox noted the schools let all kinds of programs in, there just needs to be a voice that will be heard. The JCPC/ACC needs a liaison with the school system that can let them know this program is effective with gangs; this can happen, we just need the right person. ABSS has prevention specialists that might be able to be trained to work with middle school as another avenue. ***Action: Steve VanPelt, a member of the ABSS School Board and JCPC agreed to take this issue to the School Board.*** Commissioner Sutton told the story of Len Bias's mother coming to high schools many years back and the impact of her presentation. Sherri Henderson noted she still speaks to groups.

Discussion ensued as to what are we doing on the front end about gang involvement? Granville Simmons noted the Gang Grant from the Governor's Crime Commission focuses on prevention and intervention. Alamance has a multi-jurisdictional unit that focuses on suppression but there were no resources integrated with the suppression. Street Smart is at Eastbrooke and is part of the prevention/intervention being offered. Street Smart curriculum is geared to middle school, but at that site, what they observed were kids who are subjected to that problem. Allen Blue is working directly with kids - based on suggestions of the police and is reaching about 10-15 kids that are "identified" as opposed to the prevention. Another part is a mentorship effort that has not progressed at this juncture. This would give officers a chance to work with youth and provide funds to defray some of the costs they might incur if they choose to act as a mentor with kids. The Gang Grant just completed three gang awareness programs at the Paramount Theatre. These are small scale efforts; we need to make a larger impact. If individuals could be trained to do Street Smart in the schools, it would make a tremendous impact. Bret Currier noted basketball teams the past few years touched some of this population; but have no identified gang members on the team this year: this is still an intervention piece as it impacts friends and relatives in gangs. Perhaps efforts could tie into the Junior Police Academy that reaches 40 kids a summer. ***Action: Put programs together to develop continuums. Action: Ask Allen Blue to speak about his work to the JCPC/CC.***

Dispute Settlement & Youth Services:

Judge Brad Allen expressed thanks to Jordan Morris and Kelley Kimrey for their help with monitoring the four programs operated through Dispute Settlement and Youth Services. This monitoring occurred November 3, 2008 with all four

programs receiving positive commentary:

Family Conflict Resolution/Mediation

- At review time the program had served 76 out of 100 noted in the program agreement. The program received a compliance rating of 5, the highest allowed on both compliance and financial accountability. This program allows families to participate in treatment process and brings community resources to the same table. Written summaries were the only identified problem area, which has hence been corrected.

Resolve

- At the time of review the program had served 9 of the projected 35 consumers. Compliance was rated as a 5 on compliance and financial accountability. Strengths noted are that the program has changed from 2 to 4 sessions per year and provides transportation for families that need it. No weaknesses were identified.

Teen Court

- At the time of the review 53 youth have been served with program numbers well above what is projected for the year. The program is in compliance. Strengths are positive peer enforcement. No weaknesses were noted.

Restitution Program

- At the time of the review 126 of the projected 175 youth are being served. One weakness is placement for younger children, ages 8-10, on occasion.

Membership: Lisa Dodson

Lisa Dodson announced the following recommendations from the Membership Committee for leadership for the fiscal year 2009-2010 beginning July 1, 2009 and thanked these individuals who are willing to serve:

JCPC: Steve Van Pelt, Chair; Jordan Morris, Co-Chair
CC: Linda Jones, Chair; Karen Webb, Co-Chair

ACTION: Ms. Dodson noted the Membership Committee makes the motion to approve these officers, motion was seconded by John Cox, and there was no discussion and motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Ander thanked the Membership Committee and noted Committee chairs would be voted next month.

FAMILY INVOLVEMENT:

Chairman Ander noted the Alamance Partnership for Children has hired a family coordinator under the SAMHSA grant who will begin April 1, 2009.¹ Claudia Kerney has vast experiences in multiple child serving systems as well as children in child-serving systems. Ms. Kerney will chair the Family Involvement Committee. It is anticipated that Ann Hancock will remain a part of this committee also.

Needs Assessment:

Dwayne Harden noted the Request for Proposals has been published and responses are due by tomorrow. Thus far, only two programs have submitted a proposal for the FY 09-10.

¹ Claudia Kearney was made an offer of employment for the Family Coordinator position, contingent upon background and reference checks. The official acceptance will not occur until those have been completed.

Publicity/Special Events/Training:

Linda Jones shared upcoming training events:

March 23-24, 2009 – Child & Family Team Facilitation Training is set with vast number of individuals representing a wide variety of child-serving agencies in Alamance County.

DSS sponsors CFT Facilitator training in High Point also net week with 5-6 individuals from Alamance committed to attend. These two training raises our numbers of trained facilitators in Alamance County.

System of Care Modules I and II training is set for March 18, 2009 for attorneys and judges with twelve individuals signed up to attend. Gary Ander, Connie Windham and Linda Jones will serve as facilitators for this event.

On March 19, 2009 Linda Jones and Lynn Inman will share a System of Care update with providers at their Provider Forum encouraging them to look at options to keeping Alamance County youth at home.

The Job Link, System of Care Resource Fair is scheduled April 23, 2009 at 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the National Guard Armory. This event is open to all. Flyers are available for distribution to agencies/consumers.

What's Up Breakfast Networking will be April 3, 2009 from 8:00 – 10:30 a.m. at the Ray Street Center in Graham. A flyer is forthcoming. The presentation will be on MST Multi Systemic Therapy. The event will also feature six child serving agencies: Alamance Partnership for Children; Allen Blue, Gang Coordinator; Family Justice Center; Domestic Violence; Crossroads and Teen Court. What's Up will look a little different this time as the main presenter will speak for 45 minutes, then individuals will be able to visit stations set up around the room – moving about to hear mini presentations of interest to them. This format will encourage contacting with specific agencies and networking.

Bylaws: John Cox

No report

Ad Hoc School/Community Liaison: Tyra Ross

No report

School Based CFST: Lucy Kernodle

No report

Faith Based Initiative: Chris Stone

The Faith Based Initiative met Monday, March 16, 2009. Individuals attending this meeting are encouraged to complete forms regarding their church ministries that can be included on the Faith Based website at: <http://ptc.org>

Program Reporting:

None

Old Business

None

New Business:

The Alamance County Multipurpose Group Home that is paid for with state DJJDP funds will be closed, partly because of lack of utilization and budget cuts. Chairman Ander noted he would like to pursue getting a portion of those funds back into the community to help support specialized therapeutic foster care. Support from Alamance County legislators and

County Commissioners will also be sought.

Regional Consultant Report:

Cindy Holmes noted there is no official word on budget cuts at this point but urged providers to look at their budgets and be prepared. A 7% cut is anticipated, but is not official. Ms. Holmes noted Third Quarter Reporting was submitted to her this date.

Half-day training will be held March 31, 2009 for new providers. Chris Stone, Sherri Henderson and Eric Thompson will attend the event at the Butner Training Center.

Announcements:

Next Meeting:

April 21, 2009 at the Child Support Enforcement Building in Graham, NC

Adjournment:

There being no additional business the meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Ward, SOC Logistics