

January 16th, 2020 Minutes
200 College Street, Asheville NC

Welcome and Introductions – Celeste Ordiway, JCPC Chair, Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC).

Celeste opened the meeting with welcome and introductions.

Attendees:

Members: Sylvia Clement, Celeste Ordiway, Tim Henderson, Suzanne Avett, Susan Dotson-Smith, Natasha Adwaters, David Dennings, Diana Sierra, Jasmine Beach-Ferrara, Stoney Blevins, Mikkel Patterson, Cindy Hamilton

Coordinator and NCDPS Representative and Others: Regina Arrowood (Area Consultant), Melissa Moses (Coordinator)

Agencies: Amy Hobson and Rob Clarke (Trinity Place), Rachelle Ramsey and Chris Tucker (Horse Sense of the Carolinas), Lori Gerber, Autumn and Sam (Kids at Work), Sharon Flynn (VAYA Health), Sarah Dickerson (Eliada Homes)

The minutes from the November 21st board meeting were distributed via email and a hard copy was given to the board for review. Judge Dotson-Smith stated that under Kids at Work PEP updates that the statement that “the quality of service is the same in all counties” was not a statement she made. Melissa will remove that statement from the minutes. Celeste motioned to accept the November board minutes, Diana seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Juvenile Court Services Update

Sylvia Clement

Raise the Age has begun and is progressing well. Court services have not seen an influx of 16 and 17 year olds however they are receiving numerous inquiries and questions in which they are able to assist with.

A recent success story in juvenile services: Two juveniles escaped from a juvenile detention center and ended up hurting two different people. One of the victims did not want to press charges but did want to come in and have a conversation and with the child. 20 years prior the victim had issues himself with drugs and his life has since gotten back on track. He wanted to talk to the youth and try to help guide him and encourage him to not travel the path he was on. It was a great encouragement to all involved.

Court services is hiring three new staff, two certified transportation drivers and one court counselor. They are just waiting on salary approval.

Court services is continuing to utilize the Madison county detention center and it is working really well for staff not have to travel very far.

NCDPS Community Programs Update

Regina Arrowood

Regina passed around the monthly reports that show the programs that are currently funded and how many youth they have agreed to serve and how many they have served as of January 15th.

Also distributed were the Measurable Objectives for July 1st, 2019 – December 31st, 2019 which shows the number of youth served and also show the measurable objectives met and percentages. Some objectives are standard by the state such as recidivism rates and other objectives are individualized by the program. All programs are looking good at this time. Some programs do not have measureable objectives yet and that is because the percentages are based on terminations and some programs do not have terminations yet. Measurable Objectives are measured every 6 months.

Regina is working with Horse Power, which is a new program, on inputting their information into NC Allies. Love Notes has not had any terminations to date however they have a class gathered and are ready to start their program.

Thompson Children's Home, Therapeutic Foster Care for level II youth is a partnership between Gaston and Buncombe County and estimated to serve 40 youth. Currently reports show they have not served any thus far but it was stated that they have served some it is just not showing up in NC Allies. The 40 to be served is 40 between Gaston and Buncombe County.

Eliada is a newly funded program, with the expansion funds, and they are now getting up and running that is why their numbers served is 0. Their number served should be changing in the next few weeks.

There will be a conference April 27th - 29th for the Western and Piedmont areas available for JCPC funded programs, JCPC members and court services. The training will take place in Hickory. There will be scholarships available for programs that might need assistance paying for lodging and meals. More information will be coming out through email at a later date.

Raise the Age Memo and Addendum

Celeste Ordiway

In response to legislation which raises the age limit of clients served and School Justice Partnerships to promote diversion from Juvenile Justice the attached memorandum is to provide guidance to Community Programs, staff and programs funded through the Community Programs section funding streams and to authorize certain program operations based on legislation tied to Raise the Age. Further, the memorandum details allowable exceptions to certain JCPC policies related to client age parameters.

Please see the attached memorandum to see the memo in its entirety.

Kids at Work Update

Kids at Work serve at risk youth ages 12 and up. The risk factors are often school behavior problems, negative peer associations, mental health issues, past traumas/abuse, substance use issues, low parental availability and teen pregnancy.

The goals are to provide technical skills, build interpersonal skills, create successful experiences, build self-esteem/self-efficacy, develop job expectations and provide emotional support.

The youth participate for 20 weeks in the evidence-based Say It Straight Program.

Transportation is provided if needed. Class meets for 3 hours one day a week. There are up to 10 in a class, with rolling admissions.

The youth develop interpersonal skills such as the ability to express feelings appropriately, responding versus reacting to a situation, asking for help, and learning to cooperate with others to create a meal.

Every month parents receive education on several ways they can support their youth, as well as learning how to communicate and set up personal boundaries.

The culinary arts curriculum is designed to teach skills needed to be hired in the culinary field, learn how to operate commercial equipment and become accustomed to food and kitchen safety practices.

The youth have an opportunity to become Servsafe certified which will enable them to earn a \$1 more an hour and that could help them in their future. All restaurants are required to have a Servsafe certified employee on site at all times.

Numbers to be served FY 2018-2019: 48 youth

Recidivism: 4 youth

Number served to date: 30

Promised to serve: 35

Updates and Public Comment

The Monitoring Committee has met and are moving forward setting up their site visits. The monitoring chair will report the findings at the next board meeting on Thursday, March, 19th.

Allocations Committee – The allocations process and calendar were reviewed. Please see attached for the allocations calendar.

The Allocations Committee met and the Raise the Age expansion funding was allocated in the amount of \$83,963.00 to be used January 1st, 2020– June 30th, 2020. Please see the attached revised funding plan which includes the expansion funds. The expansion dollars do not require a match. Tim recommended to approve the funding plan including the expansion funds, Diana seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried.

The Angels Watch program that serves as emergency placement for 0 - 13 year olds did not receive funding so it is no longer available.

Judge Dotson-Smith gave an update on the School Justice Partnership. A draft of memorandum of understanding is going around and is being received positively.

Meeting adjourned