

November 15th, 2018 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: Celeste Ordiway, Suzanne Avett, Jeanne McGowan, Natasha Adwaters, Cynthia Clark, Cindy Hamilton, Martin Moore, Melisa Enclade, Shaketria Lindsey, Susan Dotson-Smith, Jasmine Beach-Ferrara, Eric Robinson, Mark Halstead, LC Ray, Joe Hanlon

Coordinator and NCDPS Representative and Others: Linda Graney (Area Consultant), Melissa Moses (Coordinator)

Agencies: Lori Gerber (Aspire Youth and Family/Kids at Work), Amy Hobson (Eckerd Kids/Caring for Children/Trinity Place), Karen Peerson (Buncombe Alternatives/Teen Court and Earn and Learn), Talia Agudyo (Horse Sense of the Carolinas Inc.), Sallie Graves (Academic Enhancement, Partners Unlimited)

The minutes from the September board meeting were distributed via email and a hard copy was given to the board for review. Mark motioned to accept the September board minutes, Cindy seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Planning Committee Update

Cynthia Barcklow

The Planning Committee proposed the Risk and Needs Assessment Summary and the Continuum of Services. The documents are attached.

The committee compared the services needed to address the elevated juvenile risk factors and juvenile needs with services currently available in the community. Services which are currently available in the community and sufficient to meet the needs of court involved youth or those youth most at risk for court involvement are not considered as a priority for JCPC funding.

The priorities were determined, in part, based on ranking dispositional alternatives as top priorities, then diversion programs, and finally other needed services.

The planning committee proposes that the following services be approved as the funding priorities for fiscal year 2019-2020.

- Priority 1: Restitution/Community Service**
- Priority 2: Sex Offender Treatment**
- Priority 3: Teen Court**
- Priority 4: Interpersonal Skills**
- Priority 5: Runaway Shelter**
- Priority 6: Structured Day**
- Priority 7: Mentoring**
- Priority 8: Tutoring**
- Priority 9: Experiential Skills**

The planning committee proposes that the following services be approved as the funding priorities for FY 2019-2020 if Buncombe County JCPC is awarded additional funding due to Raise the Age.

- Priority 1: Restitution/Community Service**
- Priority 2: Sex Offender Treatment**
- Priority 3: Teen Court**
- Priority 4: Vocational Skills**
- Priority 5: Interpersonal Skills**
- Priority 6: Runaway Shelter**
- Priority 7: Structured Day**
- Priority 8: Mentoring**
- Priority 9: Tutoring**
- Priority 10: Experiential Skills**

The committee reviewed both documents. LC Ray motioned to accept the Risk and Needs Assessment Summary with the funding priorities for FY 2019-20 and the Continuum of Services. Jasmine seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried.

Program Update

Trinity Place/Amy Hobson

Trinity Place is an emergency Asheville homeless shelter for youth and runaway's. The program provides a short term (21 days or less), co-ed emergency shelter for up to six youth's ages 7 to 17 whom are homeless, have run away from home or are at risk of running. Trinity Place provides a safe, non-secure residential care for runaway and homeless youth as well as youth in need of respite. The program provides assistance aimed at reuniting the family or arranging appropriate long-term placement. Trinity Place staff helps parents develop plans and family connectedness. While a youth is in care at Trinity Place, program staff attempt to help youth and families arrange for the long-term services that will help them work through on-going problems.

There have been 152 referrals FY2018.

Program Update

Partners Unlimited/Sallie Graves

Academic Enhancement provides alternative placement for adjudicate youth that are long or short term suspended, expelled, and/or have dropped out of school. The program offers a structured day with academics, character development, alcohol and substance abuse prevention, gang awareness, career assessment and conflict resolution from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., using a licensed clinical social worker to facilitate parent support group meetings, providing open discussions on child management skills and communication skills, specifically during conflict situations between youth and parent; recognizing gang involvement within their community; addressing issues of drug abuse. The program offers free services to the community such as computer lab usage for GED preparation, on-line job investigation and placement, FAX service, etc. There are credit recovery opportunities for high school students who have failed one or more classes during the school year using our on-line learning software.

The program currently has 3 youth enrolled in the program.

Juvenile Court Services Update

Shaketria Lindsey

Referrals are starting to pick up.
There is a new director of court services.
The school justice partnership is moving forward.

Public Comment

Buncombe Alternatives and several other programs attended the 24th National Symposium on Juvenile Services. Programs and court staff thought it was extremely informative and helpful in many areas.

At the January board meeting Linda Graney will give the board an overview of the SPEP scores and the programs will present their PEP plan.

No more discussion, meeting adjourned.