

September 20th, 2018 Minutes
35 Woodfin Street, Asheville NC

Welcome and Introductions – Celeste Ordiway, JCPC Chair, Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC). Celeste opened the meeting with welcome and introductions.

Attendees:

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

Agencies: Kim Castano, MC Ellis (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), Steve White (Barium Springs Home Based Services for Juvenile Sex Offenders), Anderson Davis, Tamara Blair (Partners Unlimited)

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

Program End of Year Updates:

Kids at Work – MC Ellis

Improvements the programs is making is more training and hiring more staff.

All of the measurable objectives for the program except one were met at 100%. The objective that clients will successfully or satisfactorily complete services as intended by the program design/service plan was met at 92.31%.

Buncombe County Teen Court

The staff has continued in trainings this year.

The staff work with each individual child to meet specific needs. An example was a child that was homeless and due to her home situation Teen Court was not going to be a good fit for her. The program communicates well with court counselors and was able to change the plan for the youth and move her into Earn and Learn (still under the Buncombe Alternatives program) and she was very successful. The program also assists in transportation which helped in the success of this particular youth.

All measurable objectives are exceeding there goals.

Earn and Learn

All of the measurable objectives were greatly exceeded this year as they do every year. The highest score can from the objective that clients will have no new adjudications for a complaint with an offense date after the admission date, the score was 95.65%.

Home Based Services for Juvenile Sex Offenders

The program is now serving 37 counties and it all began in Buncombe County.

Parental involvement is a key component to the success of the youth and the program works extensively with the family to insure success for the child.

In 10 years the program only knows of 2 youth that have reoffended.

There is gap in the community for youth who do not have Medicaid or private insurance. Private insurance does not cover this type of treatment.

There have been around 20 youth in a 9 month period served.

Six measurable objectives have been met at 100%.

Trinity Place

There were 152 youth served last year. 6 children at a time can stay at the home. They are between the ages of 7-17 years old.

117 served were from Buncombe County, 39 were referred from court counselors, 42 law enforcement.

Currently they have served 31 youth so far this fiscal year. 8 are court counselor referrals.

Public defenders and probation also make referrals.

They have started a new initiative around education that started in June. Trinity Place has partnered with the schools to provide each child that has dropped out with a tablet. The child receives one on one tutoring and credit recovery. With the help of a grant they hope to continue this initiative.

All youth actively participate in counseling.

Crisis intervention strategies are used with the TCI evidence based model in which staff became instructors.

Juvenile Court Services Update

Sylvia Clement

An additional court room and additional judge will be needed when raise the age is implemented.

There is a new detention center for the western area. More information to come at a later date.

They are considering using the jail portion of the Madison county sheriff's department to utilize 14 beds for juvenile justice.

There is a projected increase of 500 youth when raise the age is implemented.

There will be 5 new court counselor positions, a field staff and office assistant.

There have been 20 new referrals.

NCDPS/Division of Juvenile Justice Update

Linda Graney

Raise the age goes into effect on December 1st 2019. There will be a new youth development center and new court counselors.

The legislatures need help understanding the great need. The council may need discuss there role in helping educate the legislature.

There has been 3.8 million more funds requested this year for JCPC's.

DPS data is ready to review for the planning committee.

We may get additional funds. It may be a good idea for the planning committee to go ahead and decide what the priorities are for those extra funds that will come in. Two separate priority lists.

The National Partnership for Juvenile Services symposium is in mid-October. All programs can ask for scholarships to attend the conference in Greensboro Oct 22nd – 25th.

No more discussion, meeting adjourned.