

ESCAMBLIA JUVENILE JUSTICE COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
February 13, 2013

Florida Department of Juvenile Justice Mission: *To increase public safety by reducing juvenile delinquency through effective prevention, intervention and treatment services that strengthen families and turn around the lives of troubled youth.*

Members Present: Carmella Bechtel, Lydia Breaux Davis, Randy Fleming, Mary Zaledonis, Sara Latshaw, Robin King, Theda Roberts, Gerald Wingate, Susan Hughes, Beth Deck, Natasha O'Connell, Vanessa Watson, Tarrah Holton, Lauren Strong, Rick Branch, Paul Wallis, Lorri Sawyer, Jamie Cochran, Tom Leonard, Vivian Faircloth, Tonya Davis, Tina Durost, Angelo Tucker, Denise Manassa, Ken Myers.

1. Call to Order/Welcome: Meeting called to order by Ken Myers at 8:33 a.m.
2. Special Program: Theda Roberts, Statewide Civil Citation Coordinator for DJJ, overviewed progress of program. She has met monthly with stakeholders. There is a 6% recidivism rate with civil citation and 26% if arrested 1st. Theda stated this is a community collaborative and is going good in Escambia County.
3. Approval of Minutes: A motion was provided and carried. Minutes were approved.
4. Updates:
 - a. Department of Juvenile Justice: Paul Wallis reported the Governors budget was released yesterday. The Departments overall budget is reduced but an increase in CINS/FINS, intervention and probation. There appears to be an attempt to reorganize within the budget.
 - b. Escambia Regional Detention Center: Paul Wallis gave a brief history and current overview of our local detention facility to new guests.
 - c. Grants/Funding Opportunities: Lydia Breaux-Davis reported the Governors budget includes an additional 7 positions and 1.5 million dollars in prevention. SAG (State Advisory Group) met in Orlando this month. They visited several programs, including detention. Lydia is working with current *Invest in Children* grant recipients. She has also forwarded 2 grant announcements since last meeting.
 - d. Education Programs:
 - AMI Kids: Ken Myers overviewed the program for new guests.
 - Escambia Detention Center: see above
 - PACE Center: PACE Center reported Secretary Walters visited their program yesterday. PACE is full at 55 and currently have 8 on a waiting list. The girls participated in volunteer hours and activities within the community and 12 had perfect attendance this month. 60-70% of their population is on probation.
5. Old Business:
6. Youth Success Week: The week is to recognize kids and providers of DJJ. Recognition will be extended to kids who have overcome difficult obstacles and meet the criteria guidelines.
7. New Business: Members discussed the DJJ "Roadmap" town meeting from the prior night. The meeting was very well attended and extended past the allotted time. "Roadmap to System Excellence" fact sheets were distributed to members. Members expressed concerns on how councils and boards will fit together.
8. Announcements:
 - Members from Escambia Youth Justice Coalition were present. They will forward the council information to keep us updated on their meetings and activities/events.
 - Department of Children & Families is looking at doing PI all differently. Look for the changes in July.
9. Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.
10. Next Meeting: Friday, March 1, 2013 at 8:30am. Meeting will be held in the Hall Center.