



DJJ/SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION COUNCIL

Minutes May 23, 2013
Marianna Beef O'Brady's

Attending: Kala Dean, Bonnie Wertenberger, Lydia Breaux-Davis, Paul Hill, April Cannon, Kathy Parrish, Edward Nell, Bree Thaxton, April Lewis, Antonio Johnson, Kathy Donofron, and Christian Wertenberger

Meeting called to order at 11:00 am.

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Minutes:

Antonio Johnson moved and Lydia Breaux-Davis seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the April 25, 2013 meeting.

Calendar and Announcements:

May 31 - No Tobacco Day
June 1 – Canoeing for Cancer, 9 am at Spring Creek, \$20 per person.
May 29 – 31 – DCF Conference By the Bay

Reports:

DJJ Prevention – Lydia Breaux-Davis

June 30 due date for the Annual Report. As of October it will no longer be mandated by statute for each county to have a council. It will transition to an advisory council.

DJJ Probation – April Cannon, JPDS

April Cannon reported caseloads are 33 and 31 for Jackson County. The contact Juvenile Probation Officers in Jackson County are Clint Schweers and Derrick Henderson. As part of the DJJ Roadmap to System Excellence Initiative, Probation staff in Jackson County will conduct contacts with youth and their families after hours and on the weekends. Community stakeholders at the meeting were encouraged to contact JPOS Cannon if they have any after-hours or weekend events that they would like representation from DJJ. Staff at DJJ also continue to identify and utilize available community resources in Jackson County to prevent youths from entering the DJJ system or providing appropriate intervention to those youths currently involved in the DJJ system.

Circuit 14 Coordinator Bree Thaxton reported there is a Juvenile Probation Officer position being advertised at this time. She further reported the start date for the new JAC has changed to August 1, 2013.

DJJ Residential – April Lewis

Commitment is being reserved for the worse offenders.

Tobacco Prevention – Antonio Johnson

Antonio Johnson stated that he is eager to partner and collaborate with the DJJ/SAPC in doing an effective job as the county's Tobacco Prevention Specialist. His focus is to work towards educating the youth, college age students, and adults in being tobacco-free. The Department of Health focus is to provide information concerning the effects of tobacco use through education, training with SWAT, offering smoking cessation training, and reducing second hand smoke.

Office of State Attorney – Edward Bell

Edward bell stated the focus of the SA at this time is:

- Juvenile and Adult Level Re-entry
- Bay Workforce and Employment
- New Bethel Baptist and Family of god Baptist Youth Groups welcome prevention programs for youth.
- Facebook and teen violence
- Health Department’s primary care services, anybody qualify.

Panhandle Area Educational Consortium – Sexual Violence Prevention Program – Bonnie Wertenberger

PAEC is wrapping up the school year. Posters have been hung, surveys have been given. It was reported that they had gotten work that the grant was going to be refunded at it is original budget. There are plans now to purchase student planners for the 2013-14 school year for those schools wishing to participate. All five high schools in Jackson County plan to participate this year.

Next Meeting: June 27, 2013 at 11:00 am regular meeting at Marianna Beef O’Brady’s

Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.