



Department of Juvenile Justice

JUVENILE JUSTICE COUNCIL: MARION COUNTY

Monday: June 11, 2012

2:30pm – 3:30pm

Ocala Police Department

COUNCIL MINUTES

Council member attendees: Cheri Brandies, Ann Busby, Brian Greene, Jennifer Jackson, Catherine Trammell, and Ralph Warner.

Council member absentees: Ire Bethea, Jim Bullock, Robert Campbell, Betty Hackmyer, April Nichols, Peggy Recarrone, and Jann Reis.

DJJ staff and guests attendees: Jim Donnan, Becky Linn, Aleida Martinez, Adrian Mathena, Carol Savage, Jeff Shealy, Alina Stootnoff, and Christi Stua.

I. Call to Order

- Brian Greene, council chair, called the meeting to order at: 2:30pm.

II. Welcome and Introductions

- Mr. Greene welcomed members, where self-introductions followed.

III. Reports

A. Department of Juvenile Justice Updates:

i. Probation and Community Intervention-

- Jim Donnan provided updates and reported numbers are up from last year.
- Adrian Mathena reported last month 77 youth were served and stated we are at a 5-year high.
- Jeff Fairchild reported that 43 youth were served last month. He noted no trends or concerns.

ii. Detention Services-

- Christi Stua reported that occupancy is averaging 20-30 overall. Also, they have had a great deal of Trauma Informed Care tours. In addition, Devereaux provided training on capacity building. The community garden is moving forward and will be ready to kick-off shortly. Partners include probation, prevention, and several community agencies. HQ was able to secure the center a "salad bar" that will be very useful once crops are harvested. It arrived today.

iii. Residential, Diversion, and/or Prevention & Victim Services

- White Foundation- Jennifer Jackson reported they are expanding to Hernando County. Marion County is holding steady, however, Lake County is the primary problem area.
- Teen Court- Ralph Warner reported that they received 20 referrals last month and at present have 85 open cases.

- WILA- Nothing reported, though probation staff continues to regularly volunteer with this program.
- PACE- Carol Savage reported that the capacity of the program is 54 female students, and they are currently serving 52. A total of 5 students graduated last week and 4 students transitioned back to their regular schools. Several recent fundraisers and activities were also discussed.

B. Guests

- Brian Greene asked if any guests were present and wanted to share any reports related to at-risk juveniles

IV. **Business Old and New**

A. 2012-2013 Membership (**HANDOUT**)

- Mr. Greene encouraged members to complete the member profile form/application for 2012-2013. Mr. Greene is looking for membership representative of the requirements in statute. Mr. Greene announced if members know any representatives who would be good to have on the council, to please provide them a membership form, or pass their name to him.

B. 2012-2013 Focus

- i. Meeting Schedule- 4 of the 5 questions on the survey relate to meeting frequency, time and location. (**SURVEY HANDOUT**) Based on council suggestions in the survey Mr. Greene will adjust the meeting schedule, as necessary. Next meeting will be in August to start the 2012-2013 year...date, time and location are forthcoming.
- ii. Refocusing per FS 985.664 (**HANDOUT**)- Mr. Greene expressed the need for the councils focus on those parameters established in statute. Mr. Greene gave examples of possible focuses for the next fiscal year, to include:
 - Looking at needs based on area (such as zip code), referral numbers throughout the county and most at-risk communities, looking at juvenile justice programming (data, etc.) for improvements and policy changes, as needed, and for the council to be able to make recommendations for better utilization of existing community resources, as well as advocating for improved and/or more community resources in dealing with at-risk juveniles.
 - Working with DJJ in evaluating and awarding prevention/early intervention grants if DJJ receives such during the 12-13 year.
 - Applying for public or private grants to administer to a community partner if such grants are available to help meet the needs of our community and addressing at-risk juveniles.

V. **Voting**

A. May Minutes

- Cheri Brandies made a motion to approve the minutes, the motion was seconded by Jennifer Jackson.

B. Annual County Council Report- Mr. Greene stated that he was in the process of completing the annual report by June 30th. Mr. Greene asked the members to review and submit their approval once completed via outlook voting.

VI. Announcements/Other Business/Updates

- Cathy Trammel provided an update on the proposed Mill vote scheduled for August 14th. She provided an overview of how this will help the school system.
- Mr. Greene noted that future meetings the council will explore data. He wants attendees to leave the meeting with something they didn't arrive with.

VII. Regular Council Meeting Adjourned

VIII. Committee Meetings (as needed)

- The Transition Committee met and discussed several residential youth returning to Marion County from their commitment programs. Transition needs and services were discussed on each returning youth.

Complied by: Becky Linn, Prevention Specialist

Reviewed by: Brian Greene, Council Chair