

Pasco County Juvenile Justice Council
11/15/12
Youth and Family Alternatives
7524 Plathe Road
New Port Richey, FL

In Attendance:

NAME	AGENCY		NAME	AGENCY	
Bob Langford	Citizen-Chair	R V	Dave Chamberlin	Pasco Co. Schools	R V
Hugh Townsend	Community Member	R V	Brittany Fairfield	YFA	R
Darcy Menter	Pasco Co Schools	R V	Eileen Copple	YFA-RAP House	R
Scott Larson	Pasco Co Schools: Secretary	R V	Arleen Spenceley	YFA-RAP House	
Paul McClintock	Community Member	R V	Lt. Taylor	PCSO	
Melissa Fuller	DJJ	R	Pamela Thomas	Victorious Life Church	R V
Jennifer Libby	Big Brothers-Big Sisters		Cindy Clair	Victorious Life Church	R V
			Jenna Hart	YFA-YES	

“R” indicates this person is a registered member of the Pasco County JJC
“V” indicates this person is a voting member of the Pasco County JJC

Meeting called to order: 1:35 PM by Bob Langford **Quorum call:** A quorum was established at meeting start

Motion to approve minutes: Paul McClintock; 2nd Melissa Fuller Approved by unanimous vote

Juvenile Assessment Center (JAC):

Short-Term Committees: No updates at this time

Old Business:

- Recognized Sen. Fassano’s donation of \$5K to AMI Kids, Pasco.
- Membership and member attendance “Needs of the youth in our Community”

New Business:

Gail Armstrong:

Community Service Council’s Thanksgiving meals: serving almost 2000 families this year, meeting our quota for this year. The group is coordinating delivery for the meals, five families per deliverer. Miscommunication as to the duration of the planning meeting may have led to poor volunteer turnout. An 11 yr old female community member raised funds to pay for almost 1000 meals

Gail has an open Social Work position and PACE

Lt. Taylor

Initiative to create Circuit advisory boards to assume the responsibility of informing state and community systems in effective allocation of resources for youth in need. The goal is to get input to assist in improving the effectiveness of local JJ Councils. Members were referred to the DJJ website for details on meeting locations and times.

DJJ: Melissa Fuller

Reviewed the initiatives to facilitate improved juvenile offender prevention and intervention programs. Goals include prevention efforts, appropriate sanctions for offenders, and effective follow-up supports for youth exiting the system. There is an anticipation of cuts to back-side services due to a shift of funding to prevention. Recent discussions related to funding focused on targeting proven programs (PACE, Big Brothers-Big Sisters).

Circuit 6 Board Update: Hugh Townsend

Acknowledged services of Paul McClintock and voted to cancel the December meeting due to proximity to Christmas holiday. They will identify a date in January.

Public Comments/Sharing: (Limited to 3 minutes per person) No community members in attendance

Christmas Appreciation Breakfast on 12//12 at the Trinity Country Club. The event includes local and state officials who are available for community members to share concerns and discuss issues.

DSBPC:

Darcy Menter:

Former student (1983) filmed a movie at Hudson High named “Pharm Boy” which relates his experience growing up as the child of a drug-involved parent. Will be premiering at Regal Cinema on 12/3. Additional info will be shared via internet.

Scott Larson:

Shared transition to the new superintendent and the anticipation of changes within the school district. Discussed significant concerns with the mental health needs of our youth and the complete lack of intensive mental health and residential services for these students. Issues include lack of appropriate placements, disparity in eligibility criteria, and challenges of transition into and out of different programs.

David Chamberlin:

Community Alliance is expanding efforts to work with families and agencies to assist in preventing and responding to families in crisis, including Child Protection cases. Recent data reviews indicated high numbers of removals from neighborhoods that would not be considered high risk.

Faith-Based Programs

Victorious Life Church:

Shared info regarding community needs in the Wesley Chapel area. Looking to partner with other agencies to provide supports for the needs of community youth. The group recognized Cindy as a former Pasco graduate now giving back to the community.

The group discussed past and current Faith-Based involvement and continued efforts to invite and involve local agencies.

YFA: Jenna

Still taking referrals for counseling services. Discussed annual Turn-Around celebration to promote involvement in planning & coordination of the upcoming event, spring of 2013.

RAP House still hosting their "Cook for Kids" program.

Big Brothers-Big Sisters:

Clays for Kids fundraiser sponsored by the PCSO and other fundraising efforts are being arranged. Also seeking referrals for females between ages 5 and 15 years old.

AMI, Kids: Bob Langford

Transitioning staff into and out of their program. Program is running well and has good population at this time. New relationship with the County to allow access to the Parks and Aquatic Center for outdoor activities. Also have developed opportunities to do some community service activities. The students enjoy the opportunity to get outside. AMI, Kids won recognition from the corporate parent for their continued service to and support of Pasco youth. Continue to lobby state officials to garner support for their programs.

Motion to adjourn: **McClintock** **Seconded: Menter** **Meeting adjourned:** **2:40 pm**

Announcements: Next meeting: 1:30 PM on 1/17/13 at YFA 7524 Plathe Rd. New Port Richey