

Putnam County Juvenile Justice Council

Tuesday, November 13, 2012 - 2:00 PM

Juvenile Crime Prevention Office

113 Putnam County Boulevard, East Palatka, FL 32131

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Chris Glymph (PCADC); Sherry Russell (PCHD); Michelle Garner (PCSO/JCPO); Vicky Buckles (SMA); David Kerr (DJJ); Carl Coalson (SEDNET); Brad Skelton (PCSD); Cindy Starling (CDS); Jamila Theobald (PCSD T.O.T.S.); Trish Ditto (JCPO); Matthew Carter (JCPO); Diane Weller (DJJ); Dietrich Champagnie (PCSD); Roger Lewis (Public Defender's Office); Rick Casey (Volusia County Schools); Leah Emberton (Lee Conlee); Clyde Witherspoon (DJJ); Sharon Miller (WorkSource)

1. Meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. by Chair, Chris Glymph.
2. Welcome & Introductions were made by Chair, Chris Glymph.
3. Minutes of the October 9, 2012 meeting approved with changes. Motion was made by Michelle Garner to approve the minutes and seconded by Dietrich Champagnie. All approved.
4. Council Business
 - **Circuit 7 Update** – David Kerr
 - Discussed the Georgetown University Project. The Georgetown University Project services cross-over youth. A lot of these cross-over kids are DJJ kids who are in foster care. The spin off for the rest of the circuit will take place over time, as there are only two counties in our circuit participating. As to date, this has not been implemented in Putnam County.
 - Introduced the Roadmap to Systems Excellence. This is a new approach which focuses on prevention and diversion, instead of commitment. This new approach lets DJJ do what we do best: make the most appropriate and least restrictive plan for youth. Focus will be on using their resources effectively, efficiently and strategically, while keeping the youth in his/her community. This will roll out at the same time in Putnam County as our other counties. Our circuit makes recommendations to avoid commitment and to keep kids from the deeper end of DJJ services. The department is moving funding away from residential and more to community based resources. This outcome based treatment and services will strengthen the youth's chance for success. It mirrors the Georgetown Project and is a shift in philosophy. In our circuit more than 50% of cases were misdemeanors. It would be easy for this to snowball to a punitive system, if every one of those were sent to commitment.
 - The Juvenile Justice System Improvement Plan (JJSIP). With assistance from the Georgetown University's Center for Juvenile Justice reform, DJJ will implement the JJSIP statewide. This system provides a framework for implementing best practices throughout the system and will help DJJ focus on the youth's needs.
 - There will be implementation training for Putnam and St. Johns on December 6th and 7th. We are the second circuit statewide to volunteer for this project. They hope to prove to the legislature that this approach works. It is the road map to excellence and ties directly into the philosophy of the approach of the DJJ secretary and the department.

- St. John's County Juvenile Justice Meeting will be held on December 7th at 10:30 at 44 Lewis Speedway in St. Augustine. There will be a presentation from Headquarters staff on the JJIP project. We will learn more about this project after the units and supervisors and other partners attend training.

- **Committee Reports**

- Faith Community Network Initiative & Steering Committee – Chris Glymph
 - They currently have no community projects as they are busy with Thanksgiving and Christmas. The main outreach for November is community Thanksgiving with December focusing on Christmas. Most of the churches are holding a Thanksgiving dinner the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. In west Putnam the Methodist Church will hold their dinner at 6:00 pm. Central Putnam is also at 6:00 pm, that location to be announced.

- **Other Business**

- Putnam County Substance Abuse Committee – Chris Glymph
 - Our goal this last meeting was to map out gold standards which will eventually be provided to Lutheran Services to go under their advisement. Working on Putnam first and then we will do the same for our circuit. They are compiling a “Christmas wish list” for mental health services for children and adults. One quarter of the project is done and they are looking forward to getting more done.
Chris stated that there are a lot of gaps in our services and it impacts our students. After this is completed, we will have a theoretical process from birth to 18 years old.
--Carl asked Chris if he would like to do a presentation at the Circuit Board Meeting on 11/20 on the process to make the “gold standard” for our circuit that will go to Lutheran Services. Lutheran Services has replaced Ron Graham with Shirley Holland. She is the contact person – Shirley Holland (904) 472 – 3095 and Christy Gillis with Value Options. Shirley's role with Lutheran Services will be staffing which is something that DCF has historically done.
- Putnam County Quarterly Council Highlight Report – Sherry Russell
 - Sherry passed out a copy of the report she has already started. She was asking the council to submit any additions or corrections they want with regard to the report, no later than Friday at noon. Further discussion ensued regarding the report.

5. Circuit 7 Juvenile Justice Council Board Meeting Update

- **Next Circuit 7 Board Meeting:** Flagler County Government Service Building, November 16, 2012; 3rd Floor; Superintendent's Conference Room at 2:00 pm. Sherry needs items for the quarterly report before noon on Friday.
- **Circuit Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Meeting:** Flagler County Government Service Building, Bunnell, Friday, November 16, 2012; 3rd Floor; Superintendent's Conference Room @12:00 noon.
- **Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Committee – Dietrich Champagnie**
 - She is excited about the process and how it has evolved. Partners the coalition and our school, which is in the best interest of our students. Brian Oxendine and 5 others are heading up the steering committee. She is seeing the process work and function, as well as seeing the partnerships and collaborations evolve.
-The Workshop Faith Symposium: With the full support of the district we sent staff to attend.

- --Boys to Men going strong in West Putnam and has been meeting regularly for the last 3 months. It is getting African American males excited about being involved.
 - Formed a Youth Task Force of youth who will focus on surveys and youth substance abuse.
 - Chris was to add Cathy with the Alnon Project to the agenda for next meeting. She will be the lead for bringing an Alteen to our county. David expressed concern for juveniles who participate with AA or AN along with adult participants who have no background screening. We should guide Cathy in the direction to screen those adults providing services to youth.
- **Circuit 7 Board Members:** Chair Chris Glymph, Trish Ditto and Cindy Starling. Alternate: Sherry Russell

6. Agency Sharing

PCADC – Chris Glymph

The coalition provided Leadership Training for 65 middle and high school students on October 26th. The National Guard provided the training and a rock climbing wall and each youth got a medal for trying. The students were very engaged and had a good time. It was held at St. Johns River State College, who is one of our community partners. Prosperity Bank provided all the food at no cost to the coalition.

-- Participated in Red Ribbon Week event at the John Theobald Sports Complex.

SMA – Vicky Buckles

They officially have a license to do SAMS assessments and provide outpatient services at the Solutions Center.

--They do not have a permanent psychiatrist yet but Dr. Barnett the local tenums will be there through March.

--They are still struggling to find a Board Certified Psychiatrist.

--They have received zero intervention referrals from the Interlachen area. They are hiring another intervention specialist.

Health Department – Sherry Russell

The Health Department is still looking for a therapist.

--Becky Slobodian (a great asset and volunteer of the year) left the Health Department to take the position of Volunteer Coordinator for Haven Hospice. The position of Facilities Manager will be advertised this week.

--There will not be a sexual assault team meeting in November or December.

--CPI examinations will now be in Jacksonville instead of Daytona.

--Relocated the Healthy Families Program in Clay County.

--There is a Department of Health Administrative position available in Clay County, with another coming open in Putnam County soon.

Lee Conlee House –Leah Emberton

She has been the Prevention Coordinator since July. She works with DJJ and is doing a Safe Dates program for those youth referred by DJJ. Safe Dates is a nine session program teaching communication and teaching youth to recognize the signs of violence while dating. She will be working with CDS and Interface doing group nights. She is new to prevention and will be attending a training in St. Petersburg for prevention.

CDS– Cindy Starling

Provided information on the 911 Good Samaritan Act. The act became effective on October 1, 2012 and allows Floridians who see or experience a drug overdose to call for medical assistance

without risking criminal prosecution. The act states that a person acting in good faith who seeks medical assistance for an individual experiencing or observing a drug related overdose may not be “charged, prosecuted or penalized” for possession of a controlled substance if the evidence was obtained as a result of a call for medical assistance. She states that she is very happy with this act and is positive this will save a lot of lives. Further discussion ensued regarding the new act.

--The Interface Shelter is status quo and they only have a few beds available.

PCSD – Dietrich Champagnie

Putnam County will have a new Superintendent. The last superintendent supported the work we are doing and she hopes to have the same relationship with the new superintendent. The school district fully supports the DMC initiative.

--Attended the Drop Out Prevention Conference where she learned about the Genesis Program. Genesis would serve as a way to move money from the school district to FBO’s and CBO’s.

--The Boys to Men group is self- motivated and moving forward.

--The Oasis group may start their own organization.

SEDNET– Carl Coalson

SEDNET provided a grant to the Putnam County Sheriff’s Office Police Athletic League, which will support all their current participants in the boxing program for a full year.

--Will be providing all day training for the Juvenile Crime Prevention Office as well as the School District office of School Safety and Security on Tuesday, January 18th. Anyone interested in attending should contact Michelle Garner.

--Will be providing an afternoon of training for all the school resource officers on February 13th at the Juvenile Crime Prevention Office.

WorkSource– Sharon Miller

Has restructured her classes at the Youth Academy. Described in great detail that she has changed to a four step approach with a greater focus on occupations.

1. Lists of occupations they are interested in and she researches them, which gives them hope.
2. Florida Marketplace System – lets them navigate that system and do their resumes on line
3. Teaches Soft Skill Career Development which includes body language.
4. What to expect when returning home and going back into same community situation without sliding back to their previous behavior.

She takes them on a tour of the work centers to show them they are customer friendly so they will feel better about going in. She has the center’s staff refer to the youth by their name. This is a restorative vs punitive approach. She provides packets for them, sets up interviews with employers and has employees talk to kids.

PCSD T.O.T.S –Jamila Theobold

They are officially in their second year and currently have 151 referrals. This year they developed their logic model, which she supplied a copy. They have enhanced Mental Health services for students. As a former guidance counselor, she wants to bridge understanding of mental health language and language of guidance counselors. She will provide us a list of all the guidance counselors. Is looking at the big picture: students in need of early recognition of their mental health needs.

--Has six people in her office. Two of which are therapeutic and go into schools, family case managers and targeted case managers.

JCPO – Matthew Carter

His training and work with the JCPO is going great. He attended the College Career fair at St. Johns River State College with Michelle and Lori. He also participated in the Red Ribbon Week event at the John Theobold Sports Complex with Michelle and Lori.

JCPO – Michelle Garner

Explained the JCPO is both a part of the Putnam County School District and the Putnam County Sheriff's Office. As such allows us to collect data from both entities. Provided the JCPO annual information booklet complete with year-end statistics.

--Will begin Prevention Services teaching CLFC at Beasley Middle School in November. Normally have about 100 students attend. Looking to provide services to the entire 6th grade.

--Announced that we received 100% overall on our DCF License Review with a score of 100 in all categories.

--Co-hosted the annual Red Ribbon Week event with our partner the Putnam County Sheriff's Office (PCSO) and provided games focused on alternatives to substance use. The event hosted over 200 youth according to the PCSO, which allowed us to provide outreach to those youth and their families.

--The College Career Day allowed us to provide information on prevention and prevention services to over 150 college aged students.

DJJ – Diane Weller

Juvenile Court is being moved to Tuesdays, which may be a problem with regard to attending the council meetings. Court will be at least three Tuesdays per month.

--Announced that delinquent arrests have dropped.

--Working with Leah and the Safe Dates Program that she uses as a diversion program. It was already in existence, but was looking for an audience. She found the program while looking for alternatives when Bucky was unsure of the funding for the JCPO. She also uses the diversion programs at the Juvenile Crime Prevention Office, which is now ok for funding.

--Roadmap to System Excellence is on the DJJ website.

7. **Next Council Meeting:** Tuesday, December 11, 2012 at 3:00pm at the Juvenile Crime Prevention Office.
8. **Motion to Adjourn:** Made by Michelle Garner and seconded by Carl Coalson. Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Milam, Secretary