

Putnam County Juvenile Justice Council

Tuesday, February 12, 2013 - 3:00 PM

Juvenile Crime Prevention Office

113 Putnam County Boulevard, East Palatka, FL 32131

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Chris Glymph (PCADC); Vicky Buckles (SMA); Cindy Starling (CDS); Trish Ditto (JCPO); Leah Emberton (Lee Conlee); Juanita Houston (CPC); Lori Milam (JCPO); Lois Moltane (DJJ); Diane Pearson (DJJ) Brad Skelton (PCSD); Sherry Russell (Health Dept); Cathy Egly (DJJ C7); David Kerr (DJJ); Jamila Theobald (T.O.T.S.); Michelle Garner (JCPO)

1. Meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by Chair, Chris Glymph.
2. Welcome & Introductions were made by Chair, Chris Glymph.
3. Minutes of the January 8, 2013 meeting approved with corrections. Motion was made by Sherry Russell to approve the minutes and seconded by Brad Skelton. All approved.
4. Council Business
 - **Circuit 7 Update** – David Kerr
 - David reports they are moving forward with the Juvenile Justice System Improvement Project (JJSIP) with direction from Headquarters. On March 7th, St. Johns County will be presenting to Headquarters staff and Georgetown staff.
 - DJJ Secretary, Wansley Waters will hold a Town Hall Meeting on 2/27/13 at 6:00 PM at the Florida State College. All are invited to come hear the Secretary and the direction of the Department. Dana Platus (Chair of Volusia Council) has offered to host any C7 participants who would like to arrive early (approximately 3:00 PM) and network as well as enjoy hors d'oeuvres.
 - Lois Moltane reported that at the Town Hall Meeting in Orlando, the Secretary entertained questions that were submitted online. She encouraged the council to go online and submit questions ahead of time.
 - David stated that the budget is out. CINS/FINS looks good but Residential services took a big cut. Overall DJJ did not take a pounding. We are told this will be a revenue positive year.
 - **PCDJJ Update** – Diane Pearson
 - They now have a full staff. They are also working with a new juvenile judge, DuPont. Adjustments will need to be made to make the relationship work. The DJJ staff would like to prepare Pre-Disposition Reports (PDR) including all the partners' reports. Judge DuPont is sentencing without those reports. This could be a barrier for doing the "right thing" for the youth. The department uses the PDR to have court ordered services for the youth such as substance abuse treatment, psychological evaluation, etc. to identify services the youth needs. Without the PDR to court order the youth to receive, she believes this may increase youth recidivism. The Public Defender is not a big proponent of PDR. Not having PDR's is also a safety issue for the JPO's as those reports highlight issues in the home and family. Michelle Garner asked what the council could do to help. Diane stated that the JCPO would be included

in any upcoming meetings. Diane wanted the council to understand and support verbally the need for PDR's should the subject come up.

▪ **Committee Reports**

◦ Faith Community Network Initiative & Steering Committee – Chris Glymph

- ◻ Fruitland – They have lost focus on the process of Shaping Healthy Youth Group. They want to start a program and being mentoring. Diane stated that DJJ will pay for background screenings if they will sign up as volunteers. She needs male mentors. Putnam Ministerial Alliance has changed their name to Central Putnam Ministerial Association. They are focusing on Easter services and The National Day of Prayer, which is May 2, 2013. They will be gathering at the courthouse from 12:00 to 1:00 PM. Interfaith Council of Interlachen will probably do some type of after school program to include mentoring. This will be for next school year.

5. Circuit 7 Juvenile Justice Council Board Meeting Update

- **Next Circuit 7 Board Meeting:** Flagler County Government Service Building, May 10, 2013; 3rd Floor; Superintendent's Conference Room at 2:00 pm.
- **Circuit Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Meeting:** Flagler County Government Service Building, Bunnell, Friday, May 10, 2013; 3rd Floor; Superintendent's Conference Room @12:00 noon.
- **Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Committee – Bryant Oxendine**
 - ◻ No report today. However Trish Ditto was at the Circuit DMC Meeting on Friday and they discussed the environment that youth were returning to once leaving their program.
- **Circuit 7 Board Members:** Chair Chris Glymph, Trish Ditto and Cindy Starling. Alternate: Sherry Russell

6. Agency Sharing

JCPO – Michelle Garner

For the last 22 years, the Putnam County Sherriff's Office and the Putnam County School District have maintained a unique collaboration to provide the Juvenile Crime Prevention Office and the services they provide. They have both agreed to continue to be extremely involved in providing the prevention and diversion programs. Both entities have agreed to continue to support all the current prevention and diversion programs next school year.

Met with Superintendent Criswell who agreed all youth in the 6th grade receive the CLFC Program Training. She would also like to include the 5th grade as well. She is dedicated to supporting the efforts of the JCPO and asked Michelle to attend the upcoming Principal's Meeting. The services the JCPO offers were presented at both the elementary and secondary principal's meetings, as per the superintendent's request. Also explained that the programs offered at the JCPO are part of their RTI process as well as listed in the Student Code of Conduct. Services could be offered in lieu of suspension or expulsion.

Currently has about 100 youth attending the CLFC Program at Beasley Middle School, 20 at Jenkins Middle School and will be starting the Solutions Center at the end of the month.

Hosted Ms. Theda Roberts, the Civil Citation Coordinator for the state and discussed the programs the JCPO offers and the county's Juvenile Civil Citation process. She was very gracious and complimentary of the JCPO and the unique collaboration in Putnam County.

Carl Coalson did a one day training for Trauma Informed Care for the staff and will be training tomorrow for the Palatka PD.

We now have a new PAL room as Barry's program is expanding. He is increasing and adding

more mentors. This month, a youth from PAL attended the National Silver Gloves tournament in Kansas City, Missouri. PAL and Sheriff Jeff Hardy is having a Golf Tournament Fundraiser on February 16th at the Live Oak Golf Course and the date for the second annual Battle of the Badges is April 20th.

CDS – Cindy Starling

Drug Awareness classes are continuing at JCPO. CDS had their annual meeting on 1/25 and that went well. Leah brought a grant opportunity to her attention that is due 3/19 with the Department of Labor. The Shelter is full.

T.O.T.S – Jamila Theobald

They are staying busy with a current caseload of 220 students and families. They continue with the collaborative effort to link students and families to services. They are partnering with SMA to plan a Children's Mental Health Resource Fair on May 22, 2013. The targeted audience is teachers, school guidance, and other School District employees. The emphasis is to build a strong partnership between the teachers and service providers should T.O.T.S. go away. This mental health fair will extend to all of Circuit 7.

DJJ C-7 – Cathy Heagley

She spoke with Theda Roberts who conveyed that she enjoyed her visit with the Juvenile Crime Prevention Office and was impressed with their programs and services.

DJJ – David Kerr

Juvenile Justice week is April 7th – 12th. Michelle Garner asked if we needed to do anything or begin planning. Diane Pearson stated that with all the other events happening, she didn't think we needed to do anything special. Cindy Starling stated that they were working on a Stay Safe and Sober Prom initiative that would tentatively be Juvenile Justice week.

SMA– Vicky Buckles

SMA now has a permanent psychiatrist. Dr. Mota-Castillo from Orlando will begin April 21st. They also have a new ARNP, Kelly Hinson so they are looking for some stability in their Med Clinic. The Drug Court Counselor has been hired but they are still looking for an Adult Substance Abuse Counselor. They have had an issue with their assessment counselor who has been out approximately 2 weeks. All referrals are still being contacted by emergency services.

Health Department –Jane Ingram

Robin Wright has resigned from the Health Department. Kenneth Foster is the Interim. They will be at the Heart of Putnam's Celebration of Collaboration. The event is from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM for service agencies and 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM for the public. Healthy Families is fully staffed. Carl Coalson will be doing a Trauma Informed Care Training for the HS Staff on March 7th from 9:00 AM – 4:00PM at the South Annex.

Lee Conlee House –Leah Emberton

Still working with Interface and DJJ. This Saturday there will be the annual Jan Dunn Keller walk to raise awareness for Domestic Violence. The walk will take place at the fairgrounds with registration starting at 9:00 AM.

PCSD – Brad Skelton

He remains very busy in his program.

PCADC – Chris Glymph

The Anti-Drug Coalition is currently working on a partnership on the Safe and Sober Prom initiative. This will include a fashion show at the high schools with a \$2.00 charge to attend. This will be a fund raising effort for the coalition as well. They are also continuing their work with the Behavioral Health Consortium. They have currently mapped out everything but Substance Abuse Prevention.

Michelle Garner asked if anyone had heard of the Tax Watch Group. They are soliciting information from the service agencies in Putnam County. Neither David Kerr nor Diane Pearson had heard of them.

7. **Next Council Meeting:** Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at 3:00pm at the Juvenile Crime Prevention Office.
8. **Motion to Adjourn:** Made by Brad Skelton and seconded by Sherry Russell. Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Milam, Secretary