

Putnam County Juvenile Justice Council

Tuesday, February 14, 2012 - 3:30 PM

Juvenile Crime Prevention Office

113 Putnam County Boulevard, East Palatka, FL 32131

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Sherry Russell (PCHD); Sharon Miller, (WorkSource); David Kerr (DJJ); Cindy Starling (CDS); Trish Ditto (JCPO); Alice Beutien (JCPO); Chris Glymph (PCADC); Dietrich Champagnie (PCSD); Diane Weller (DJJ); Leroy Miles (DJJ); Jamila Theobald (PCSD); Brad Skelton (PCSD); Vicky Buckles (SMA); Carl Coalson (SEDNET); Michelle Garner (PCSO/JCPO)

1. Meeting was called to order at 3:33 p.m. by Chair, Sherry Russell.
2. Welcome & Introductions were made by Chair, Sherry Russell.
3. Minutes of the December 13, 2011 meeting approved with corrections. Motion was made by Dietrich Champagnie to approve the minutes with corrections and seconded by Trish Ditto. All approved.
4. Council Business
 - **Circuit 7 Update** – David Kerr
 - Civil Citation RFI effort with the Putnam County Sheriff's Office is not going to take place. The money will likely be put out for a different RFI on the DMS listing. Other contractual relationships will be a rate agreement. The Flagler county RFI just closed. St. Johns entered their RFI with Epic. Volusia and Putnam are the only two left.
 - Re-entry services and contractual services to support kids in after care will be re-visited legislatively. No change so far since last meeting. Legislators still in session and just getting into committee work. Many issues still up in the air.
--Alice Beutien added that the current legislative session ends Friday, March 9, 2012.
 - Many issues still undecided, such as privatization of prisons and the money left as a result possibly going to CINS/FINS. No other major changes, hardly any staff changes.
 - **PCDJJ** - Diane Weller
 - Unit is stable, receiving an average of two to two and a half referrals a day.
 - Youth Success Week quickly approaching. Scheduled for the first week of April. Volunteers were named for the committee as follows: Chair Diane Weller, Sherry Russell, Cindy Starling, Dietrich Champagnie, Sharon Miller, Michelle Garner and the local DJJ staff. Committee Chair Diane Weller will notify the committee via email in the next two weeks for planning events.
--David Kerr stated that each county was given the option of celebrating Youth Success Week in January or in April as in years past. Flagler and Volusia both chose to celebrate in January. He also suggested we use the same or similar theme as Volusia and Flagler Counties: "Turn Around Kids". They provided gifts and rewarded certificates. David further explained their process and described the various activities Volusia and Flagler employed.

- **Committee Reports**

- Faith Community Network Initiative & Steering Committee – Chris Glymph
 - Chris is working with three different groups. The Greater Palatka Ministerial Association, who meets one time per month. He met with them today. They are working on Easter Sunrise Services and the National Day of prayer scheduled for May 3, 2012. The additional organizations are the Fruitland Ministerial Group and the South Putnam Christian Service Center and the ICCI in Interlachen, who elected Chris as their Secretary during their last meeting. He will invite them to participate in Youth Success Week.
 - Dietrich added that the Putnam County Anti-Drug Coalition supports each of these three organizations and stated that the coalition is committed to working with DJJ's re-entry youth and bringing the faith community together. The coalition is poised to help DJJ through faith collaboration.

- **Other Business**

- Quarterly Report – Sherry Russell
 - Chair Sherry Russell submitted our last Quarterly Report on Friday, while attending the Circuit 7 Juvenile Justice Council Board meeting. She further enlisted the council to submit items they feel are important and want included in the report.
 - Sharon Miller, Vicky Buckles and Jamila Theobold were welcomed to the meeting. Chair Sherry Russell made a motion to accept these three to the council and seconded by Brad Skelton. All approved.

5. Circuit 7 Juvenile Justice Council Board Meeting Update

- **Next Circuit 7 Board Meeting:** Flagler County Government Service Building, May 11, 2012; 3rd Floor; Superintendent's Conference Room at 2:00 pm
 - Trish Ditto, Cindy Starling and Sherry Russell to attend.
- **Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC)**
 - Dietrich Champagnie wanted to be involved in the leadership team for this county, as well as Pastor Oxendine. The Superintendent asked Dietrich to represent the Putnam County School District.
 - Established a local DMC leadership team. Sherry Russell nominated Dietrich Champagnie to chair the local leadership team for Putnam County. The nomination was seconded by Cindy Starling. Dietrich will be seeking committee volunteers.
- **Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Meeting:** Flagler County Government Service Building, May 11, 2012; 3rd Floor; Superintendent's Conference Room at 12:00 pm
 - Trish Ditto and Sherry Russell to attend.
- **Circuit 7 Board Members:** Chair Sherry Russell, Trish Ditto and Cindy Starling. Harry Hutchens, III as alternate.

6. Agency Sharing

CDS Family an Behavioral Health Services, Inc. - Cindy Starling

Attended the Circuit 7 Board Meeting. Referrals for the shelter are steady. They currently have some beds available at the shelter. She begins a three year CARF accreditation tomorrow. She and

the staff have all been busy but are fully prepared.

--David Kerr stated that QI is a lot less than QA and no longer takes three days as there is less paperwork. He also stated a change in the reporting system, which will either be Satisfactory or Not Satisfactory.

Cindy stated that Stewart Marchman Act (SMA) started services in Putnam County on February 1, 2012. From the circuit board meeting, she invited Mr. Miley of SMA to attend the Juvenile Justice Council meetings and he agreed to attend. He informed her today that he had a prior engagement, but would send a representative instead: Dr. Vicky Buckles.

Stuart Marchman Act (SMA) – Dr. Vicky Buckles

Informed the council that Patrick Miley is the interim Vice President, but she will soon be responsible for the Palatka office, with Sandy Jackson being responsible for the St. Augustine office. The transition from Putnam-St. Johns Behavioral Healthcare (PSBHC) to SMA has been “fun”. PSBHC was notified the second week of January that SMA would begin on February 1, 2012. She informed the council that things are staying the same and that they were keeping the same services but expected to expand to further meet the needs of the community. Referrals, intervention services, Drug Awareness Program, etc. would continue as always. They do have a new Psychiatrist, Dr. Koch for prescribing medications. She informed the council that she could be a point of contact for anyone needing information. Her number is 386-385-1240, extension 2241.

WorkSource Career Services – Sharon Miller

Is working in six counties. WorkSource now has youth advisors. They will be working with the circuit courts and with those youth in after-care. Their goal is to have someone in the WorkSource office for youth to connect with after they come home from commitment, for resources and jobs. They are hosting classes at St. Johns Academy and have resumed classes in Hastings.

--Michelle Garner asked if they did away with the Youth Champions that were providing a range of services to youth and/or the Unified Youth Services Group to whom they used to pay a stipend if the youth attended classes for GED. Ms. Miller stated that they no longer had those services.

SEDNET – Carl Coalson

No current changes with SEDNET. Still doing incredible amount of training, especially in Trauma Informed Care, mostly in Volusia. Presented DMC Training and Power Point presentation. Power Point presentation attached.

TOTS – Jamila Theobald

Formerly a Guidance Counselor with PCS. Started in the TOTS Program 51 days ago. TOTS is for at risk students before they show any major mental health concerns. Most of their referrals go back to Trauma Informed Care. Traditionally in Putnam County, there has been a call to react when a child reaches a certain age. In TOTS they hope to get to them before. She is working on wrap around services, since previous collaborations have been intermittent. Blessed to meet the members of the council and hear of the services we provide. Providing Services to youth K – 6th grade, as well as their families. TOTS currently has 122 kids. There was no previous model for what the TOTS Program is doing. Their services are greatly needed since we have 5,888 Elementary Students in 15 Elementary Schools with only one Guidance Counselor per school. They hope to build coping skills and increase protective factors; as well as a mental health model for all school students.

Putnam County Anti-Drug Coalition – Chris Glymph

Attended the National Leadership Institute with CADCA in Washington, DC. Currently writing the continuation grant for the coalition. Will be starting a Synthetic Drug Task Force next month and hopes to restart the Prescription Drug Task Force in March or April. These task forces will conduct a full county assessment and then present a plan.

JCPO/Drug Awareness – Trish Ditto

Program is running great. A new Drug Awareness class starts tonight.

JCPO – Alice Beutien, Programs Director

Announced that Michelle Garner completed her CLFC Master Trainer training and that the PCSO PAL received a small grant. Coach Gordon Roberts was hired as the coordinator of this grant that is dedicated to mentoring. Has received a MOU from Chet Bell of SMA to continue the Drug Awareness program through June. Stated that they wanted to continue the collaboration with SMA for the Drug Awareness Program and feel the parent participation is the key to their success with the program. Posted a temporary position with the PCSD to work through June. Unsure if that will be filled. Looking forward to strengthening the JCPO's collaboration with SMA.

--Dr. Buckles stated that their number one goal is intervention and they hope to go into the school district in middle and high schools. The program they have, CYT, will not be replacing Drug Awareness. SMA is a large organization that covers most of our circuit. Their managing entity is Lutheran Services, which is under a court appeal led by Chet Bell.

--Cindy stated that DCF has a new rating system, which has been scrutinized by Senator Negron. The Senator wants a strict evaluation process and ranking system. He has ranked each agency in adult services. That report has now been published.

JCPO/PCSO/Creating Lasting Family Connections/S.W.E.A.T. – Michelle Garner

CLFC Master Trainer training is complete. Established a new collaboration with WorkSource mobile unit. Their mobile job search and assistance team will be here on the days the district conducts the GED testing as an additional resource for those who will be entering the work force. S.W.E.A.T. is moving right along. Have a number of referrals and youth to serve. S.W.E.A.T. is now working with Keep Putnam Beautiful to designate work sites for the youth to assist in cleaning.

PCHD – Sherry Russell

Excited to share with the council that the Sheriff in Flagler County is impressed with the collaborative services of the JCPO and wants to replicate those exactly! He was impressed with our publication.

7. **Next Council Meeting:** Tuesday, March 12, 2012 at 3:30pm at the Juvenile Crime Prevention Office.
8. Motion was made by Sherry Russell to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Trish Ditto. Meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Michelle Garner, Secretary