

# Putnam County Juvenile Justice Council

Tuesday, April 10, 2012 - 3:00 PM

Juvenile Crime Prevention Office

113 Putnam County Boulevard, East Palatka, FL 32131

## Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Sherry Russell (PCHD); Michelle Garner (PCSO/JCPO); Lori Milam (United Vision Program); Vicky Buckles (SMA); Carl Coalson (SEDNET); Sally Landress (CPC); Dietrich Champagnie (PCSD); Clyde Witherspoon (DJJ); Diane Weller (DJJ); Cindy Starling (CDS); David Kerr (DJJ); Hunter Conrad (SAO); Trish Ditto (JCPO); Alice Beutien (JCPO); Brad Skelton (PCSD); Chris Glymph (PCADC); Deshawn Deering (DJJ); Leroy Miles (DJJ)

1. Meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m. by Chair, Sherry Russell.
2. Welcome & Introductions were made by Chair, Sherry Russell.
3. Minutes of the March 13, 2012 meeting approved. Motion was made by Dietrich Champagnie to approve the minutes and seconded by Brad Skelton. All approved.
4. Council Business
  - **Circuit 7 Update** – David Kerr
    - --Complimented the Secretary on a job well done.
    - --Announced there will be a change in service delivery for youth in after care. As of June 30, 2012, their contract with the White Foundation will expire; which essentially functioned as a probation unit. No one will take over the contract, as the duties will now fall back on DJJ staff throughout the circuit. There are currently 112 youth in aftercare. Approximately 14 to 15 of those from Putnam County. There are +/- 120 youth currently in residential commitment placement. The aftercare services will fall back to their probation officer as of July 1, 2012. The next couple of weeks, cases will begin to transfer back to DJJ. Youth that are currently being monitored by the White Foundation will hopefully have completed their aftercare by the end of June. But if not, even current White Foundation kids will go back to DJJ for aftercare. He waited to make this announcement until after the White Foundation staff was informed of the changes.
    - Statewide Day Treatment contracts are currently out for bid. Those are multi-million dollar contracts, which are due in April. Some may be awarded to the same provider, but all are out for bid.
    - The department is developing different approaches to the way they do business. They will re-engage field training officers. Local DJJ Probation Supervisor, Diane Weller will be part of the field training and will be receiving that training. They are also re-engaging a probation advisory team, who will essentially be able to meet directly with DJJ Secretary to go over local issues.

- Putnam County has a big lead in the use of Juvenile Civil Citations. FADA and DJJ are hosting a statewide initiative conference in Orlando in May, where the DJJ Secretary will speak on Juvenile Civil Citations. He will email the invitation out to Sherry Russell and Alice Beutien once he receives it.
- DJJ's annual Quality Initiative, previously conducted in May of each year, should be conducted in May of this year as well.
- The last legislative session affected CINS/FINS and Domestic Violence funding. Chief Kerr is waiting to see the specifics when the budget comes out.
- Re-entry board meetings and re-entry services will fall back to unit supervisors. Diane Weller will have the responsibility of running re-entry services. Nothing, including the Re-Entry Team meeting schedule will change.
  - Diane Weller stated she had aligned herself to take on those duties.
  - Sherry Russell assured the council that the Re-Entry Board will remain functional and is not shutting down.
- **PCDJJ** - Diane Weller
  - Her unit is ready and equipped to take on the aftercare and re-entry team duties as was previously discussed by Chief David Kerr. It is a cost effective move by the department. Her team knows how to take care of those cases and will have no problem with an additional 14 to 15 aftercare cases, as they follow the same rules as youth on probation. In the past, they could either do conditional release, which is handled administratively or post commitment probation. However, in Putnam County, conditional release youth were handled administratively and they chose to put youth in aftercare. Her JPO's will start picking those cases up, and they are ready. We don't have Day Treatment in Putnam County.
  - Is currently reviewing the curriculum for Field Training Officers. She has already identified two people from her team.
  - Still working with the Juvenile Civil Citations in her office. They are responsible for the JJIS entries and checking eligibility of each youth given a citation. The Juvenile Crime Prevention Office implements the Juvenile Civil Citations.
    - Chief David Kerr stated that we originally had a \$35,000 RFI for a civil citation program. However that did not crystallize in Putnam County, as it just didn't work out. Right now, there is an RFI still out in Flagler County. There were two entities that applied, but neither was chosen.
  - With regard to their Quality Assurance review, they are fully prepared. They just conducted a full case review for every case, and will be conducting another in a few weeks.
  - There is a new law that was signed addressing the K2 problems. This law should take effect July 1, 2012. It will make K2 and all likenesses to K2 illegal. CDS has provided her with some pictures of K2 and of the different ways you can roll it, etc.; which she will use to educate other department. The Dollar and More store has been the heaviest hitter for selling K2 in the Palatka area. She has visited this store many times and has already informed the owner of the new legislation. She meets weekly with the Palatka Police Department and will be informing them of the changes. She will also take the additional information to the Sheriff's Office. The Palatka Police Department has been keeping a close watch on the K2 problem.
    - Cindy Starling stated that she would provide an update today on K2 during agency sharing.
  - Youth Success Day: Has already met with Dietrich Champagnie and Carl Coalson to finalize their plans.
    - Dietrich Champagnie: The Putnam County School District, the Putnam County Anti-Drug

Coalition and the Department of Juvenile Justice will sponsor Youth Success Day. Chris Glymph will give extensive details.

▪ **Committee Reports**

- Faith Community Network Initiative & Steering Committee – Chris Glymph
  - In extremely pleased with the response he is receiving from the Faith Community. They are very much supportive. The “Ministerians” are supportive in different aspects. The Faith community will be providing snacks and speakers for the Town Hall meetings. Pastor Karl Flagg is committed to speak during the youth leadership conference.
  - Reminder: Day of Prayer is May 3, 2012.

▪ **Other Business**

- Quarterly Report – Sherry Russell
  - Already submitted. The next submission is not due until May.
- Nomination Committee for Officers
  - Volunteers for the Nomination Committee are as follows: Dietrich Champagnie, Cindy Starling, Diane Weller and Michelle Garner. Rescheduled their previously set meeting to April 25, 2012 at 11:00am at the DJJ office in the mall.

▪ **Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Committee – Dietrich Champagnie**

- Has four different groups that are lead by four different African American men who are in the process of gathering information. Each has developed a yearly plan. She is pleased with their last meetings. Their focus is on prevention vs. those already in the system. These are African American men working with African American youth. She attends those meetings and watch groups and is pleased this is becoming part of the wheel of progress. She is looking at having a convention or male youth summit, similar to the one held in Flagler County.

--Chief David Kerr stated that how we’ve approached this subject is the correct way. By no means do we want to create a situation of finger pointing of either past or current events. When people view the data, it sometimes jumps out at them and they become sensitive to the data, and think we are finger pointing. When we reach out to the community, our focus should be on solutions to the current issues. When the message is delivered wrong, it is perceived wrong.

--Carl Coalsen commented that we must take a data approach, as we can not change the past. What we can do is change the future and hope that the future data will change.

5. Circuit 7 Juvenile Justice Council Board Meeting Update

- **Next Circuit 7 Board Meeting:** Flagler County Government Service Building, May 11, 2012; 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor; Superintendent’s Conference Room at 2:00 pm
  - Trish Ditto, Cindy Starling and Sherry Russell to attend.
- **Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Meeting:** Flagler County Government Service Building, May 11, 2012; 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

### JCPO – Alice Beutien, Programs Director

Reminded the council that the Putnam County Sheriff's Office Police Athletic League is hosting a kick-off event for their new mentoring grant, entitled the "Battle of the Badges". She stated that this includes law enforcement and local firemen. This boxing exhibition event is free to the public. For this event, the youth mentees will be the "trainers" for the "old guys" or adults. The event will be held at Palatka High School. She provided the new mentoring grant brochure. The artwork done for the Battle of the Badges was drawn by one of the PAL youth. PAL Director, Barry Stewart has been working relentlessly to bring this all together.

### CDS Family and Behavioral Health Services – Cindy Starling

Received her 3 year CARF Accreditation and is expecting QI any time now. Numbers at the shelter are up and have been. She only has one to two beds available at the shelter at this time.

--Provided a handout of Drugs to be on the look out for, including K2 Spice, bath salts, glass cleaners and novelty powders as a new unregulated psychotropic drug.

--Chief David Kerr asked if she had approached the court system to make sure the judges are aware of the many ways CDS can be used in lieu of detention.

--Diane Weller stated that our judges area already familiar. Cindy replied that every time DJJ has recommended Interface, they have accepted the referral.

### Putnam County School District – Dietrich Champagnie

She and Diane will be meeting with the principals at E.H. Miller (EHM) and Jenkins Middle School (JMS) to possibly simulate what services were brought to Beasley Middle School through the BEST Program. She Stated that she will allow them to approach the subject at their own pace and let them determine what their needs are, if any.

--Diane Weller stated the second meeting with the JMS Disciplinary Team is on Monday.

--Dietrich Champagnie invited Michelle Garner to attend with her and Diane Weller on Monday.

### SEDNET – Carl Coalson

Provided a Survey of the stakeholders, to evaluate his training and asked the council to complete. Stated that Trauma Informed Care training is really exploding exponentially. He will be providing training to several agencies: The Flagler County NAACP in May. One Hundred, twenty to one hundred thirty staff members at Flagler Hospital. At the Alachua Girl's Academy in Gainesville. The Florida School for the Deaf and Blind attended a training hosted at the St. Augustine courthouse. Two weeks ago, he trained 40 staff members of EHM and the Solutions Center. He is extremely grateful that people are taking an interest, which is in turn generating awareness.

### Stuart Marchman Act (SMA) – Dr. Vicky Buckles

Still trying to stabilize the workforce at SMA. They are in the process of hiring two child Adolescent Intervention Specialists and an Adult Substance Abuse Counselor. They still do not have an Adult Substance Abuse Counselor. They are requiring a Master's degree for that position. They are also hiring an Intervention Specialist, which will require a Bachelor's degree with preferably a CAP. She did just hire Susan Smith as their Child Adolescent Therapist. When they expand their prevention services, they will integrate an adult parenting program. For those hired to work in prevention, a Bachelor's degree is preferred, but they will accept experience in the prevention field. They are hoping to expand and develop new programs. They have been given a 90-day extension from DCF for their license. Announced that May is Mental Health Awareness Month.

United Vision Program – Lori Milam

Is partnering with the Putnam County Anti-Drug Coalition to continue the Prom Initiative: Stay Safe and Sober this Prom. She will be taking that message to the radio stations and businesses with marquees again this year. She will be assisting Chris Glymph in the Town Hall Meetings that are scheduled.

DJJ – Diane Weller

Informed the council that although JMS numbers are up, she was informed that over 100 students were allowed to transfer from BMS to JMS. She stated some of the increase could be “turf wars” or that their school of choice was revoked. She will be meeting at 2:15 with the JEST Program and Principal Surrency.

--Brad Skelton stated that there is a scholarship program district wide for failing schools. This would allow a student to transfer to any other similar school in the district and is available to students whose school is in corrective actions, such as BMS. Hardships however are different. Those are primarily up to the principal, and would then go through student services.

--Announced that the Child Advocacy Center the “yellow house” is having their Open House on April 26, 2012 – from 1 pm until 3 pm. She provided their flyer for this event.

PCHD – Sherry Russell

Recently received training on the updated mandatory child abuse reporting. The training is a 30-minute update, which includes information on recent legislation. Governor Scott has the bill for signature today, which if signed, will go into effect on October 1, 2012. This bill will allow for non-caregivers (adult) to be reported for abuse of children and adults. The statute used to address only adult caregivers, but now includes non-caregivers as well. There were also reporting changes with regard to juvenile sexual offenders. She has a power-point training that she will present to the council at our next meeting that will highlight the significant changes.

--Is currently unsure of the changes being made to the Department of Health through the legislature.

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

Announced to the council that the Creating Lasting Family Connections Program already has prevention programs in place and have had for many years. The CLFC curriculum addresses coping skills, anger issues, substance abuse/use issues, etc, and also addressed other behavioral issues. There is a matching parent component for each of these types of classes. We provide parenting classes at night and have been utilized through the court system as a parenting class, when the judge would hear issues such as truancy. Reinforced that we have always had a program in place for those adolescents with anger issues.

Putnam County Anti-Drug Coalition – Chris Glymph

Is extremely busy! He is partnering with the United Vision Program and Lori Milam to promote the Prom Initiative. Has had to reschedule some of the Town Hall Meetings. IHS Town Hall Meeting will be on April 30, 2012 from 6-8pm. PHS and CCJ/SHS Town Hall Meetings will be on May 10, 2012 from 6-8pm. Each meeting will be held in the school cafeteria. The focus will be on those youth attending Prom and their respective parents. The campaign again this year: Have a Safe and Sober Prom.

--With regard to Youth Success Day, the “buck” has stopped here. He is currently working on finalizing the schedule. Permission Slips have already been sent out. They are inviting close to 200 of the Superintendent Advisory Council, but are predicting only 75 to 100 will attend. Permission slips are due by April 22, 2012. This council represents a cross section of youth who represent different groups and schools.

--The event will be held at the Ravine Gardens State Park on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012. Youth will be divided

into three color-coded groups and will attend a leadership conference during the day. Each group will visit the breakout sessions in a round-robin style for 20 to 25 minutes. This should last from approximately 4pm to 5:45pm. Youth will be accompanied at all times by their advisors who are volunteers from the OASIS group. Later that evening will be a celebration and awards dinner at 6 pm. Sonny's Barbeque will cater dinner.

--Youth will be picked up from their middle and high schools around 3 pm. They will be transferred to the Campbell Building, where some of the students will be addressing the school board, informing them of some of the duties of the Student Advisory Council. The other youth will wait on the grounds. Is thankful that the Superintendent created the Student Advisory Council. Guest speakers for the breakout sessions will be Sheriff Jeff Hardy, and former Mayor, Pastor Karl Flagg. Keynote speaker for the evening will be Superintendent Tom Townsend. Pastor Flagg will speak about the Faith Community, Leadership Development and changing cultures. Sheriff Hardy will speak about Prescription Drugs.

--There will be one room for exhibits and booths, which will act as the third breakout session. Everyone on the council was invited to attend or have a booth and was asked to have something on their booth the youth could take home. Several members of the council spoke up for him to include for a booth. Announced that those agencies setting up a booth can arrive at the Ravine State Gardens at 3 pm. Announced that each agency was encouraged to recognize a youth that stood out in their organization. Each agency will be responsible for creating the award and presenting it. Asked that each agency provide him the names of the youth they would like to recognize by April 22<sup>nd</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup>. Those names could be sent via email. Cindy Starling and Lori Milam volunteered to act as booth supervisors, and be a presence in the third breakout session at all times.

--Dietrich Champagnie explained to the council that this was not a community-wide event. They will not be inviting dignitaries or others in the school district outside of the school board members and the superintendent. Asked to keep staff invited to a minimum. Re-stated that they needed the names of those youth to be recognized as early as possible, as their individual names were going on the program of events. Youth who are to be recognized, can also attend the youth leadership conference; as well as any member of the BMS step team or drum line. She further stated that those presenting awards are limited and should be completed in one to one and a half minutes.

--Diane Weller stated that in years past, there were sub committees for the various duties. This year, Chris will be responsible for the agenda and program, invitations and schedule of events. She would like the DJJ Chief, Assistant Chief and other DJJ dignitaries be extended an invitation. She advised that Alice Beutien could send the flyer via email, like in previous years, with requests for the invitees to RSVP. Advised that Dietrich would have the final say in who received an invitation. Everything else regarding this event should be directed to Chris. Her staff will be present and will assist in decorating. She will arrange for centerpieces and agency symbols. Believes that the process has gotten easier each year. (Dietrich stated that she already has tablecloths secured for this year). Asked if anyone knew where the banner was. No one can say.

--Chris Glymph further noted that the BMS Stompers will not be attending this year, but the BMS drum line will be performing before and after dinner. Interlachen High School Jr. ROTC will again perform the flag presentation. He has a singer that will perform the Star Spangled Banner, with other entertainment provided by students from BMS.

--Discussion ensued regarding documentation, paperwork and agenda.

--Carl Coalson offered financial assistance through SEDNET estimated at \$1200.00

--Sally Landress stated that she would ask her agency if they could help.

7. **Next Council Meeting:** Tuesday, May 8, 2012 at 3:00pm at the Juvenile Crime Prevention Office.
8. Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Brad Skelton and seconded by Dietrich Champagnie. Meeting was adjourned at 4:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Garner", with a large, stylized initial "M" and a circular flourish at the end.

Michelle Garner, Secretary