

# Putnam County Juvenile Justice Council

Tuesday, May 8, 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); Diane Weller (DJJ); David Kerr (DJJ); Trish Ditto (JCPO); Alice Beutien (JCPO); Brad Skelton (PCSD); Chris Glymph (PCADC); Sharon Miller (WorkSource); StanVonna Shootes (SMA)

1. Meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m. by Chair, Sherry Russell.
2. Welcome & Introductions were made by Chair, Sherry Russell.
3. Minutes of the April 10, 2012 meeting approved. Motion was made by Alice Beutien to approve the minutes and seconded by Brad Skelton. All approved.
4. Council Business
  - **Circuit 7 Update** – David Kerr
    - Day Treatment negotiations still pending. Eleven million dollars in contracts will be finalized in the next couple of weeks.
    - Attended a state wide initiative conference in Orlando focused on the use of Juvenile Civil Citations and hosted by FADA and DJJ. Theda Roberts has assumed the lead role in Civil Citations in the state. She will be visiting our circuit on Friday. She will meet with a committee regarding Civil Citations at 11:00 am, held at the state office on 210 North Palmetto Avenue in Daytona Beach. She will also attend the circuit board meeting in the afternoon located in Bunnell. Chief Kerr invited Alice Beutien, Director of Programs for the Juvenile Crime Prevention Office to attend the morning committee meeting, as well as the circuit board meeting.
    - The Disproportionate Minority Contact meeting scheduled for Friday has been cancelled.
    - The White Foundation contract is terminating. They have already transferred a significant amount of cases back to DJJ staff throughout the circuit.
    - DJJ's annual Quality Initiative (QI) will be conducted on Tuesday and will review a sample case load for probation.
  - **PCDJJ** - Diane Weller
    - Announced that Shirley Vandergrift is leaving the Palatka office after a decade of dedicated service and is transferring to Gilchrist County. Thursday will be her last day. She now has a position open in her office for a JPO.
    - Preparing for their annual QI Review. The Putnam unit is solid and files are done right. Her office is prepared.

- Gave a debriefing of the Youth Success Day events. It was a great event which was fun, successful, very well organized and the food was good. Superintendent Tom Townsend was pleased. The children attending were very well behaved with no flaws in the event. Thought it was a great idea to move the booths to a separate room. The youth were well behaved. It was a collaborative effort. She thanked SEDNET for their financial support.

--Chief David Kerr stated that Becky Linn, Prevention Specialist for the circuit attended on his behalf and felt the event was wonderful.

--Sherry Russell stated that the event was very organized and phenomenal. The booth section was not bombarded all at one time and the youth were well mannered. The youth asked a lot of questions and showed genuine interest for knowledge. She also felt the chaperones did a good job.

--Chris Glymph stated that the OASIS parents did a wonderful job. There were no issues and they kept all the youth on track, especially when moving from place to place. He recognized Gloria Williams for doing an excellent job organizing and running the kitchen like a well-oiled machine. He also stated he was appreciative of the Beasley Middle School Drum line that did a wonderful job.

--Alice Beutien stated that Chris Glymph did an excellent job in preparing and executing the event flawlessly.

--Dietrich Champagnie stated that the OASIS parents have built relationships with these youth all year long. This relationship with the OASIS parents and the youth allowed us to take a back seat for the first time. She stated that Chris Glymph did all of the grunt work and that collaboratively, four agencies were able to say that this was their event. She stated that it was good for the young people to witness other youth's successes and the Putnam County Antidrug Coalition was able to choose a cross section of youth from all parts of the district. She stated that in years past, we invited dignitaries and such but for the past two years we have focused this event on recognizing youth. She was grateful for the amount of collaboration we have. The JCPO, DJJ and the PCSD were able to play a role as well, and she hopes we can continue collaborating in this way.

--Michelle Garner stated that she received word from the Sheriff only immediately prior to the start of the event and didn't mind filling in for him. She stated she was grateful for Cindy Starling stepping in as well, as she was instrumental in this breakout session coming together and did a great job.

## ▪ **Committee Reports**

- Faith Community Network Initiative & Steering Committee – Chris Glymph
  - The faith based organizations had their National Day of Prayer on May 3, 2012 with roaring success. He was impressed with the number of students and schools who participated. The Putnam County Courthouse was packed for the day service and the night services were packed as well. Both services were both positive and inspirational.
  - The United Vision Program and the Putnam County School District supported the Town Hall Meetings for the Prom Initiative and provided food, participants or both. He committed to working with both agencies for this initiative.
  - He is now the Secretary for the Interchurch Council of Interlachen.
  - He was appreciative that Pastor Karl Flagg was able to speak and inspire youth during one of the breakout sessions for Youth Success Week. He could barely get the OASIS parents to leave his session, but they did keep him on time. He was very inspiring.

- Nomination Committee for Officers
  - ◻ Diane Weller spoke on behalf of the Nomination Committee with the following nominations: Chris Glymph for Chair, Brad Skelton as Co-Chair and Lori Milam as Secretary. Some discussion ensued regarding the timing of an official vote, and when new officers would take office. Each candidate accepted the nomination individually. Alice Beutien made a motion to accept the new slate of officers as listed and was seconded by Carl Coalson. All approved. New officers will take office on July 1, 2012. However, their first official meeting will be on August 14, 2012 since we will forgo meeting in July.
  - Chief David Kerr commented to the current officers leaving, that they did an exceptional job on behalf of the council.

- **Other Business**

- Quarterly Report – Sherry Russell
  - ◻ Sherry Russell provided the council with a copy of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter County Council Highlight Report, detailing the council’s activities. She stated that Alice Beutien contributed to the report and sent corrections. She asked that the council go over the report, look for updates or changes that need to be made and or things they want added or taken out before she submits it. Changes can be emailed to her.
  - Dietrich Champagnie asked that she add BEST to the next quarterly report.
  - Further discussion ensued regarding the quarterly report.
- Mandatory Abuse Reporting Training – Sherry Russell
  - ◻ Sherry Russell provided the council with an overview and training of the changes made to the Florida statutes regarding mandatory abuse reporting, with a power point presentation. These changes were signed by the governor last week and will go into effect on October 1, 2012. The recent legislation allows for non-caregivers (adult) to be reported for abuse of children and adults. The statute formerly only addressed adult caregivers, but now includes non-caregivers as well. There were also reporting changes with regard to juvenile sexual offenders. Each of the council members received a certificate of completion, allowing them .5 hours of CEU training. She will email the full power point presentation via email to the council.
- **Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Committee – Dietrich Champagnie**
  - ◻ No report given.

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.
- **Circuit Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Meeting:** Cancelled
- **Circuit 7 Board Members:** Chair Sherry Russell, Trish Ditto and Cindy Starling. Harry Hutchens, III as alternate.

## 6. Agency Sharing

### WorkSource – Sharon Miller

Provided the council with handout information from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, addressing Florida's March employment figures. She highlighted figures from Putnam, as well as other counties in our circuit. She stated that since unemployment is such an issue, youth aren't getting jobs, because the adults needing work are taking those positions. There is a need for youth to learn how to commit to a job and learn soft skills.

--Stated that she works with felons and repeat offenders in four different facilities. She covers six counties, but her main focus is Duval County. There are Youth Advocates in each facility; she is personally working with the youth in Putnam.

### Juvenile Crime Prevention Office – Alice Beutien, Programs Director

Announced that the Putnam County Sheriff's Office Police Athletic League's "Battle of the Badges" Boxing Exhibition was a huge success. There were over 1500 people in attendance and over 75 participating in the event. Sheriff Jeff Hardy attended and was very pleased with the event and staff of the Juvenile Crime Prevention Office. Adult fighters partnered with youth for dual mentoring. There were youth from the Sheriff's Explorer's Unit volunteering the night of the event. The concession was a great success for PAL. There will be another boxing event at Price Middle School on Friday, starting at 6:00 pm. The PAL Youth recognized at the state competition will be going to the regional competition in the coming months. CLFC Program started a new session last night. We will continue the Drug Awareness Program on a Prevention Level.

### CPC – Sally Landress

This month is National Foster Care month. A Proclamation was read at the council meeting.

### SEDNET – Carl Coalson

This is Children's Mental Health Month. Statewide, SEDNET did a mass email to all councils with an introduction letter, information and schedule of youth events/activities that would go out each day in the month.

### United Vision Program – Lori Milam

Is continuing to partner with the Putnam County Anti-Drug Coalition to continue the Prom Initiative: Stay Safe and Sober this Prom. Interlachen High School changed the date of their prom which was a small hiccup. Collaborative partners CDS Family and Behavioral Healthcare and the Juvenile Crime Prevention Office are assisting again this year to blanket the community and ask local businesses to put the message on their marquee.

### Putnam County Anti-Drug Coalition – Chris Glymph

Moving forward rapidly. There are two town hall meetings on Thursday for Palatka and Crescent City. Thank you to the United Vision Program and CDS for their huge assistance and making these meetings possible.

### Stewart Marchman Act – Dr. Vicky Buckles

There are even more changes coming structurally to SMA in July. They will be fully staffed in the next two weeks and are looking to expand their outpatient services.

--Moving along well. She is still the point of contact and is doing less direct care. Receiving court ordered patients and is seeing a rise in Stewart Marchman Act clients.. She is meeting with Judge Christiansen next week. The ex parte pick up orders for adults go to SMA, where they are held for assessment, unless they go to detox. They only have 8 adult detox beds available and only 6 residential. The overflow goes to Daytona Beach.

--They are not licensed yet as an adolescent detox facility. They refer to the RAP in Volusia County, then to the TPC Gateway facility in Jacksonville. However, there is currently a three to six

month wait for admission. RAP just enrolled their first out of county participant.

--She spoke of a 16 year old girl who has been in residential six times, but hasn't had treatment for the co-occurring disorder because there is no place to send her. In the RAP facility, they do cover co-occurring disorders, but they do not prescribe medication. If psych medication is needed, the youth will get a day pass to go to a psychiatrist.

--The managing entity is Lutheran Services.

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

Preparing to mobilize the CLFC Program in the summer. Talking with several churches in the area that are considering summer camps. Will be working with the North East Florida Child Services agency this summer during their summer camp. Looking forward to providing the CLFC curriculum in schools early in the new school year.

--Described the significance of the CLFC and the Juvenile Crime Prevention Office's DCF Prevention Level I license and detailed some of the standards required. In the past couple of years, have received a 100% score on our licensing review.

--Proud to be working with Lori Milam and the UVP to continue the Prom Initiative message. Not above going into any business, to ask them to put our message up.

--S.W.E.A.T. is still working with Keep Putnam Beautiful.

7. **Next Council Meeting:** Tuesday, June 12, 2012 at 3:00pm at the Juvenile Crime Prevention Office.
8. **Motion to Adjourn:** Made by Carl Coalson and seconded by Trish Ditto. Meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Michelle Garner, Secretary