

DURHAM COUNTY JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL

September 28, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Note Taker: Celia Jefferson

Members Present

Angela Nunn
Arnold Dennis
Julie Linehan
William A. Marsh III
Fungai Bennett
Anna Lee Mosley
Nancy Kent
Gayle Harris
Rhonda Parker
Drew Cummings
Christina Mattioli
David Addison
Herman Scott
Pauletta Brown Bracy

Excused Absences

Jennifer Rogers
Brenda Howerton
Karen K. Thompson
Georgette O'Mary
Johnny Foster

Staff

Joni Coss
Gudrun Parmer

Absent

Michelle Smith
Gail Perry

Vistors Present

Raheem Aleem, Durham Co. Sheriff Dept.
Jim Stuit, CJRC
Tomika Royster, NCCU Student
Ann Oshel, the Durham Center

Welcome, Announcements and Community Concerns

Angela Nunn, chair called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm, welcomed everyone and asked them to share community concerns and announcements.

Announcement

Nancy Kent announced that the Child Abuse Prevention Training Project that has been going on for a year now has got a name: Child Safe (Sexual Abuse Free Environment). She is also trying to make arrangements for a fiscal home for this project through a fundraiser they are doing. They will be doing more outreach and also keep trying to get into the schools.

Presentation

Ann Oshel, from the Durham Center presented BECOMING a project which deals with Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). In 2009, the Durham Center, through Durham System of Care, was awarded a grant from SAMHSA.

Project Mission Statement: Investing today in tomorrow's adults by establishing community partnerships to empower youth and young adults to take control of their futures.

She stated that one of the things that SAMHSA liked about their proposal is across the country where there is a lot of research and literature around transitioning to 16-24 year olds, this particular type of grant only goes to age 21 and for 16-21 year olds. It is difficult under the best of circumstances transitioning to adulthood with all the responsibilities, stress, demands, and decisions that a teen has to go through. For instance, there are going to be some hardships coming out of foster care, having criminal justice involvement, dropping out of school, having mental health issues, and spending every day in the court room and receiving the worst of consequences. This age group does not transition very well because they usually end up in some other system, and not the mental health system. With all of these issues, just trying to figure out how to be 18 and be on your own and do all the things every person at that age wants to do is impossible.

Why We Chose This Population: High-Risk Transition Age Youth (16-21) with serious mental illness and significant functional impairments in relationships, school or the community and have become disconnected from the services and supports that can assist them with a successful transition to adulthood. According to MDC (2009) there are over 3,600 disconnected youth in Durham (2005-2007). There are 1,250 youth aged 16-21 engaged in mental health services with half diagnosed with a serious mental illness (FY09) and 62 youth aged 16-21 were homeless living in the shelter or on the streets (2009 Point In Time count). More detailed statistical information can be found in the attached handout.

According to a study by MDC (2009) those disconnected youth in Durham County characterized as having one or more of the following:

1. No diploma and not in school
2. Pregnant or parenting
3. Criminal Justice encounter
4. Exiting foster care
5. Long term unemployed or underemployed

To elaborate on the reasons we chose this population is that one of our outcomes is to improve the graduation rate and this does not mean only in the Durham Public School System, but can also be at Durham Technical College. Graduating with a diploma instead of a GED is one of the outcomes we are looking to improve. Please note that this is not a dropout prevention program. Pregnant or parenting; we have a strong fatherhood component to keep young fathers involved in their children's lives and hopefully this will help them keep a good and healthy relationship with their child's mother. Criminal Justice encounters, exiting foster care and other institutional placement is another component targeting young people coming out of youth development centers on long term unemployment or under employment. We are really interested in those 14 year olds in detention centers, because they are going to age up into this grant. They may not be someone who is eligible for this grant but we want to encumber a spectrum of ages. The other reason we chose this population is because the data is compelling in a bad way. NBC News reported several years ago between 2005 and 2007 on a triangle wide comprehensive report of 16-24 year olds. We got the raw data and tweaked out some of the 16-21 year olds for Durham.

Unfortunately, Durham had much more court indicators of poverty and dropouts than the Triangle, across the state and nationally that is higher than the state average and in a lot of ways higher than the national average. At first we were focusing on education and mental health, education and unemployment. We did not really think we would have a focus on mental health and criminal justice, even though it had been a population we had paid a lot of attention to through our System of Care effort. Once we collected some of the criminal justice data we saw the need.

We are looking at a full comprehensive and system transformation approach to how we serve and support young people. Four goals we identified in our project:

1. Bridge the gap between child and adult services
2. Address service system and policy barrier with statewide dissemination
3. Talking with Judge Morey for alternatives on prosecution.
4. We will look at social services on how to transition from Medicaid as a teen ages out.

The five platform areas that are being funded:

1. Mental health with emphasis on trauma-focused evidence based practice
2. Literacy programs
3. Employment
4. Education
5. Leisure and recreational activities.

In conclusion, we are looking at a full model of care project and our goal is to serve 800 youth and young adults in five years. Our plan is to reach out to many, many more youth. All of our services and support will be offered to the Latino population. Our marketing information will also be printed in Spanish.

Minutes

Motion: Angela motioned that minutes from August 22, 2011 be accepted with one correction: remove information regarding the index rate for DMC. **Action:** Seconded and Approved.

JCPC Annual Plan Fiscal Year 2011-2012

David Addison presented a brief overview of the JCPC Annual Plan to the council. The Durham County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) is charged with studying and assessing the needs of the juvenile population within the county and making funding recommendations for needed services to the Durham County Commissioners for the expenditure of intervention/prevention funds which are appropriated by the General Assembly. This fiscal year JCPC was awarded funding in the amount of \$536,666.

The JCPC Annual Plan can be found under the Criminal Justice Resource Center website:
cjrc@durhamcountync.gov

The Annual Plan consists of the following informational data:

1. Accomplishments from the previous Fiscal Year
2. Executive Summary
 - o Action Plan
 - o Priorities for Funding (RFP)
 - Monitoring and Evaluation
 - F.Y. 2010-2011- Evaluation Results
 - F.Y. 2011-2012- Output/Outcome Measures
 - o Funding Recommendations
3. Funding Grid
4. Risk and Needs Assessment Summary
5. Brief Description of JCPC Program Providers
6. Gaps, Trends and other Data
7. Screening Criteria
8. Decision Summary
9. Research-Based Programs Summary
10. NC Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Admission by Legal Status

Monitoring Packets

Angela reminded the council it was time to do a site visit and monitor the programs. A packet of information that will help with the monitoring was distributed to monitoring participants.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned.