

**CHARLOTTESVILLE/ALBEMARLE COMMISSION
ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 15, 2008
ACOB-MCINTIRE, ROOM 235**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rosa Atkins, Charlottesville City Schools
Leslie Beauregard, City of Charlottesville
Martha Carroll, 16th District Court Service Unit
Ralph Chester, Albemarle Citizen
Representative
Madison Cummings, Chair, Albemarle Citizen
Representative
Hallie Freer, Charlottesville Youth
Representative
Kathleen Galvin, City School Board
Representative
Brian Hemmert, Private Service Provider
Representative
Robert Johnson, Region Ten Community
Services
Amy Laufer, Albemarle Citizen Representative
Winx Lawrence, University of Virginia
Tim Longo, Charlottesville Police Department
Jan Martin, Charlottesville Citizen
Representative
John Miller, Albemarle Police Department
Pam Moran, Albemarle County Schools
Pat Mullaney, Albemarle Department of Parks &
Recreation
Dana Neidley, Charlottesville Dept. of Social
Services
Lilian Peake, Thomas Jefferson Health District
Mirian Rushfinn, United Way Representative
Ruth Stone, Charlottesville Citizen
Representative
Paul Wisman, Charlottesville Citizen
Representative

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Bryan Elliott, Albemarle County
Tracey Hopper, Charlottesville Citizen
Representative
Hannah Langlet, Albemarle Youth
Representative
Carolyn Lawlor, Albemarle Citizen
Representative
Ronnie Price, County School Board
Representative

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT CONT.

Kathy Ralston, Albemarle Department of Social
Services
Mike Svetz, Charlottesville Department of Parks
& Recreation

CCF STAFF PRESENT

Gretchen Ellis, Director
Rory Carpenter, Prevention Team Leader
Maryfrances Porter, Intervention Team Leader
Linda Rahman, Administrative Assistant
Kim Stanton, Truancy Prevention Manager
Cindy Stratton, CSA Coordinator
Mary Sullivan, Teen Pregnancy/STD
Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT

Crystal Lantz, Region Ten
Mike Terkletaub, SOC Consultant

HANDOUTS (prior to meeting)

Agenda for May 14, 2008 CCF meeting
Draft of the March 5, 2008 CCF meeting
minutes
Director's Report
Research Asst. & Interns End of Semester
Report – Spring 08
CSA Monthly Program Report
Charlottesville CSA Summary Financial Report
Albemarle CSA Summary Financial Report

HANDOUTS (during meeting)

SOC At-A-Glance Brochure
Background of Mike Terkletaub
M. Terkletaub's Keynote Address

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

M. Cummings, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30pm and welcomed Commissioners and public. Introductions were made around the table.

II. SPECIFICATION OF ITEMS TO BE ADDED AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion to adopt the May 14, 2008 Agenda was made by R. Stone and seconded by W. Lawrence.

◆ **THE COMMISSION ADOPTED THE MAY 14, 2008 CCF MEETING AGENDA.**

III. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No comments from the public were made.

IV. VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTER – CHARLES JOHNSON

M. Cummings introduced Charles Johnson and congratulated him on being the CCF Volunteer of the Quarter. M. Cummings recognized C. Johnson for his tireless work on the YDN Neighborhood Outreach Barbecue events and his work at Buford Middle School as an 8th grade math tutor preparing kids for the SOLs. M. Cummings stated that C. Johnson served as an Americorps VISTA volunteer and was recently with the UVA Day in the Life Program along with being active with his church youth group and the soccer team at The Covenant School. Commission members congratulated Charles on receiving this well deserved award.

V. COMMISSIONER ISSUES

M. Cummings reminded Commissioners on the rules regarding voting on items that could present a conflict of interest.

VI. MINUTES FROM THE CCF MEETING FOR MARCH 5, 2008

A motion to approve the March 5, 2008 minutes was made by T. Longo and seconded by R. Stone.

◆ **THE COMMISSION APPROVED THE MARCH 5, 2008 CCF MEETING MINUTES.**

VII. REPORT FROM NOMINATING COMMITTEE – ELECTION OF OFFICERS

L. Peake presented the Nominating Committee's recommendations for CCF Officers for FY09:

Ruth Stone as CCF Chair

Robert Johnson as CCF Vice Chair

Winx Lawrence and Lilian Peake as Members At Large

Bryan Elliott and Leslie Beauregard as Standing Members

A motion to accept the above slate as officers of CCF was made by M. Carroll and seconded by R. Chester.

◆ **THE COMMISSION APPROVED THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF CCF.**

VIII. SYSTEM OF CARE PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

G. Ellis introduced M. Terkletaub and gave a brief overview of his work in the field of Systems of Care. She stated that M. Terkletaub has worked for over 25 years in human services, is an expert on systems of care and instrumental in bringing systems of care to the Hampton area along with Washington, DC and other localities. She stated that this will be Mr. Terkletaub's 5th presentation today to various groups in Charlottesville.

M. Terkletaub reported on his day in Charlottesville and how very excited he is to be working with our community. He stated that the Commission is very unique, the first actual "team" overseeing SOC he has ever seen and praised the Commission's efforts. M. Terkletaub gave an overview of his background; he stated that he began his career when he himself entered foster care in 1949, he described his life in the foster care system, his struggles with substance abuse and how he worked with families early in his career as a residential counselor. M. Terkletaub distributed the CCF brochure, *Systems of Care At-A-Glance* and background information on himself to Commissioners. He spoke about his concerns with CSA – how children and families are not served at home and what skills families' need to be successful. He compared the Charlottesville/Albemarle FAPT Team and CSA Coordinator with Hampton's and suggested making the CSA Coordinator more empowered and having a goal of keeping the kids in the community, bringing all children home.

M. Terkletaub shared many stories of finding foster families for foster care children built around the child's needs, placing a "team" around the child, providing wrap around services and setting good policy for people to serve people's needs and provide support at a better level. He described different ways to have conversations, different ways to see parents and kids. He spoke about how to direct people in the community – how to lead the people who are doing the work, getting the message to the workers to find out what people need and providing just that. M. Terkletaub noted about the importance of strengthening families; not returning kids to families that are more dysfunctional than they were before the child left, bringing children home and using the money to pay for services here on the local families. He suggested bringing families to these kind of meetings so that they can voice what they need, what is wrong, and put support into the families and engage them. He suggested taking one child at a time, re-educating the people who are doing the work, hiring family strengthening program workers who help families – parent to parent support (hiring parents who are familiar with these situations and who have gone through the system).

M. Terkletaub spoke of a "permanency pact" – a pact between a child and their foster care parent that lasts forever; a contract of 45 things that a foster care parent can do to support a child after they leave their foster care – permanent connections. (permanencyfosterclub.org)

Commissioners discussed different options in the community, personalized and customized learning options for kids before they go into the system. The creation of a specialized academy for Autism and Special Education, and one for expelled and suspended kids with an outreach program. Other options included family preservation workers in elementary schools, utilizing evidence based practices and having unique opportunities for kids so that kids can be brought back from out of state; individualization of care for each child. M. Terkletaub suggested having a strong Commission "team"; that it was better to have mid-management sit on FAPT with a strong CSA coordinator leading them all, a CSA Coordinator that everyone backs. Hampton has a strong, healthy family piece – a collaborative effort with CSA. M. Porter stressed getting the funds for early intervention. W. Lawrence stated that no child should be without a voice; when you are out of ideas, think of the child as your sister's child and work harder. Other suggestions included having families referred by their pediatricians, have family group decision making as families believe that foster care is not a good idea and if they can get it to not happen, that would be a much better outcome.

IX. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

G. Ellis reported that Hallam Roth, FAPT Coordinator and Information and Outreach Coordinator, last day will be June 6. She stated that the FAPT Coordinator position has been offered to a qualified candidate and G. Ellis would be able to make an announcement soon. She stated that Crystal Lantz has been promoted to Director of Case Management Services at Region Ten and she and Region Ten are in the process of replacing that position, Hamid Kariminpour, YDN Coordinator, has taken the position of Program Director for all five Boys and Girls Clubs in the Charlottesville/Albemarle area but in the meantime, CCF will be using student interns this summer to replace his position.

X. RECOGNITION OF DEPARTING COMMISSIONERS

G. Ellis recognized departing Commissioners, Madison Cummings, Hallie Freer and Tracey Hopper. She presented certificates of recognition to M. Cummings and H. Freer along with a gift from the Commission to the outgoing Chair, Madison Cummings. G. Ellis thanked M. Cummings for his many accomplishments to the Commission and how he will be missed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMISSION WILL BE
JULY 2, 2008
IN CONFERENCE ROOM B - ALBEMARLE COUNTY OFFICE
BUILDING – 5TH STREET EXTENDED
5:30pm to 7:00pm**