

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE, MARCH 3 – APRIL 3, 2002

Coordination of Services

- Planner/Analyst attends symposium held by the Youth Council of the Planning Districts 9 and 10.
- Planner/Analyst and Juvenile Justice Coordinator attend Prevention Council meetings where issues of affiliation with the Commission are discussed.
- CSA Coordinator attends Harmony Community Partners Meeting.
- Planner/Analyst and Juvenile Justice Coordinator met with and furnished data to an interagency group developing a proposal for a program for serious juvenile and adult offenders who are returning to the community after incarceration.
- Director and Juvenile Justice Coordinator met with the VJCCCA Oversight Committee to discuss the impact of the VJCCCA budget cuts.

Raising Awareness of Children and Family Issues

- Director presents CCF and "key messages" to Blue Ridge Optimists Club on April 1st.
- Amber Zavada participates in Spanish-language panel discussion with local agencies and graduates of the Lay Health Promoter class (Rural Health Outreach Program), introduces CCF and presents *Guide to Youth Services*.
- Article on State budget cuts appears in *Charlottesville Weekly*, focusing particularly on VJCCCA, OAR, and Drug Court reductions.
- Article prepared for *City Notes* on release of *Guide to Youth Services*, and upcoming telephone survey of families.
- Audio-conference focused on youth participation held on March 20.

Administration/Research

- Staff prepares and disseminates budget reduction plans and impact statements for local governments to respond to State shortfalls in Office on Youth and VJCCCA plan. Memo submitted to Charlottesville City Council, and to the County Executive's Office.
- Director meets with both Departments of Social Services and City accounting staff to generate an estimate of potential IVE reimbursement revenues in light of State budget cuts.
- Juvenile Justice Coordinator attended state meeting at the Department of Juvenile Justice on March 21st to determine how to manage the 51% VJCCCA funding cuts.
- Amendment to CCF resolution prepared to add a citizen member from each locality with the intent of increasing diversity.

Work Groups

- **Children Needing Extensive Services Work Group** – Members review existing models and initiatives focused on reducing the impact of domestic violence on children; revise the "Expert Panel" concept as advised by the CSA Committee, and approve dissemination of "Request for Information" for short-term local crisis and assessment facilities.
- **Community Relations Advisory Work Group** – Members review the results of the February press conference; advise staff on the distribution of the *Guide to Youth Services*; discuss strategies on new website notification; provide feedback regarding potential audiences for CCF key message and coordinating this activity with distribution of the *Guide to Youth Services*; and, endorse the idea of a "human services fair" to culminate the National Issues Forum in October 2002.
- **Community Needs Assessment**- Survey coded by KPC research and work plan developed, incorporating UVA pro-bono and graduate student assistance. Press releases prepared to encourage residents to respond to telephone survey.

- **Partnership for Children**— Child Care Business Involvement Committee is planning to hold a luncheon for local businesses and HR staff to serve as a focus group opportunity. Parent Education planning to conduct a survey of parents to determine their interest in educational opportunities. Maurice Jones, City Communications Director, has agreed to broadcast educational videos (*I Am Your Child* series) on public access station and to interview the Partnership before and after the broadcast. School Readiness Work Group will hold its next training on April 23rd. Dave Waters will be the featured speaker. Advisory Board and Partners Group will hold joint meeting on May 8th at 6:00 p.m.
- **Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee** – The Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee met on March 14th. The Juvenile Justice Coordinator submitted a "One time JAIBG Grant" in concert with the local CCJB to fund technological upgrades for probation staff and program start up costs for the Restorative Justice Program. The Young Offender Grant Advisory Committee is meeting every other week to develop the Young Offender Program to begin in July 2002. G. Ellis has completed the final draft of the 1997-99 Juvenile Offender Report and submitted it to the Risk/Needs Assessment Subcommittee with the report recommendations to be completed on April 17th. The Juvenile Court Survey Subcommittee met on March 12th to review the Interim Survey Report and they will begin developing recommendations in April. The Information Sharing Subcommittee met on March 25th to develop the plan for agency participation in the Information Sharing Web Site Project. The Detention Utilization Subcommittee met on March 28th to finalize the Assessment Center Annex Report and the Detention Utilization Report.
- **Teen Pregnancy/STD Prevention Work Group** – Public Awareness: Conducted focus groups with over 65 students to test potential PSA messages, reserved electronic marquee at Rio/29 for May, and co-planned Faith Leaders Breakfast. Sent out first *Teen Pregnancy and STD Prevention Network* to over 75 subscribers. Youth Service: Co-facilitated initial youth service coalition meeting. Evaluation: Revised logic model, based on feedback from committees and began work plan development. Service Providers: obtained/shared info on strategies for after-school transportation. Family Life Education: Presented proposal to incorporate proven "best practices" into City Schools curriculum; provided presentation on Healthy Relationships to City 9th grade FLE classes; Scheduled presentations to WAHS 9th grade FLE classes for April. Reviewed proposed County FLE video, discussed support strategies with County Instructional Coordinator for Health. Prepared/distributed Mid-Year Report to donors, work group.
- **Outcome Measurement Work Group** – Members adopted a "Question and Answer" sheet on outcome measurement and a description of the work group's mission and goals. Members identified means of expanding outreach and communication with area private funders, and will query review teams as to their willingness to complete site visits for FY04 process. Outcome Measurement Training evaluations reviewed.
- **Data Management Work Group**. Over half of the data for 2002 *Stepping Stones* has been received and formatted. Publication is planned for June 2002.

CCF Work Plan

Upcoming strategic issues:

- Recruiting new CCF members: 3 new citizens, and 1 youth member for July 2002;
- Addressing the impact of loss of Office on Youth funds for CCF operations and re-assessing work plan in light of discontinued State requirements.
- Improving communication and creating ongoing communication channels between work groups focused on prevention planning within CCF.