

**CHARLOTTESVILLE/ALBEMARLE COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
MINUTES
JANUARY 8, 2003
ROOM 235 ALBEMARLE COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Martha Carroll, 16th District Court Services Unit
Madison Cummings, Albemarle Citizen Representative
Leslie Harris-Scott, Charlottesville Citizen Representative
Holly Hatcher, Charlottesville Citizen Representative
Mark Kindler, Albemarle Citizen Representative
Winx Lawrence, University of Virginia Representative
Linda Peacock, City of Charlottesville
Debbie Pomerantz, Charlottesville Citizen Representative
Kathy Ralston, Vice-Chair, Albemarle Department of Social Services
Dr. Susan McLeod, Thomas Jefferson Health District
Cathy Train, United Way-Thomas Jefferson Area
Ashley Young, Albemarle Youth Representative

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Dr. Kevin Castner, Albemarle County Schools
Robert Cox, Charlottesville Department of Social Services
Dr. Michael Dickens, Charlottesville Citizen Representative
Ron Hutchinson, Charlottesville City Schools
Larry Miller, Albemarle Citizen Representative
Jim Peterson, Region Ten Community Services Board
Sterling Robinson, Albemarle Citizen Representative
Andrew Roland, Charlottesville Youth Representative
Ruth Stone, Chair, Private Provider
Roxanne White, County of Albemarle

CCF STAFF PRESENT:

Saphira Baker, Director
Gretchen Ellis, Planner/Analyst
Jennifer Stone, CSA Coordinator
Cindy Stratton, Administrative Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT:

Regina Kirk, Albemarle County Schools
Laurie McDade, Teen Pregnancy Prevention Collaborative

HANDOUTS (PRIOR TO MEETING):

Agenda for January 8, 2003 Meeting
Albemarle County Youth Risk Behavior Study
CCF City/County Budget Application
CCF Meeting Minutes for December 8, 2002
CART Confidential Report
CSA Committee Report
CSA Financial Reports for Charlottesville and Albemarle
Post-Retreat Follow-up Materials
Report on Out-of-School Activities

FOLLOW-UP ACTION (S) NEEDED:

I. WELCOME

K. Ralston, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. and welcomed Commissioners and all others present.

II. SPECIFICATION OF ITEM (S) TO BE ADDED AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

- **THE AGENDA WAS ADOPTED BY CONCENSUS.**

III. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were none.

IV. MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 6, 2002 MEETING

- V. K. Ralston, Vice-Chair, called for changes to and adoption of the agenda.
- M. Carroll motioned for approval of the minutes. M. Kindler seconded the motion.

- **THE COMMISSION APPROVED THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY.**

VI. ALBEMARLE RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEY – R. KIRK

R. Kirk gave members an overview of the history and implementation process for conducting the County survey. She pointed out that it was completed three years ago and that analysis had taken a long time. She stated that due to federal regulation changes regarding consent, there would be no survey this year. She noted that they are also revising the Health curriculum. There was lengthy discussion of the violence related behaviors; suicide percentages; school personnel trainings; the integrity of the survey results and the language used to design survey questions that might affect the response. S. Baker asked how the survey information was used to work with other agencies. R. Kirk replied that the information was shared with Region Ten, the University School of Nursing and Laurie McDade. L. Peacock asked how the information was shared with parents. R. Kirk responded that the information was given to PTOs and was part of the Superintendent's letter. There was additional discussion about obtain objective criteria (i.e. How many attempted suicides, number of pregnancies, expulsions for weapons violations, etc. during the time period?). W. Lawrence stated that the results would have much more power if the answered were grounded. S. Baker asked if members would like to see the information again in relation to CCF data. There was no response.

VII. RETREAT FOLLOW-UP – K. RALSTON

The Commission participated in a discussion, as a follow up to its previous discussions on the roles, priorities and strategies of the CCF. K. Ralston noted that the Executive Committee (EC) had been charged with suggesting next steps. She reviewed the post retreat information Commissioners had received in their information packet. She stated that the EC recommended that CCF use its existing work groups in working on specific strategies and recruit additional members as needed. She noted that during their deliberations they were considering options of how to prioritize work group activities and how to get this information out to Commissioners. After much discussion of parameters, methodology and intent, it was decided that Commissioners would be surveyed to facilitate this process and provide clearer direction. The results of the survey, which may be done electronically will be brought back to the next meeting.

VIII. CSA COMMITTEE REPORT – J. STONE

J. Stone presented the CSA Committee's written report, which showed expenditures through November. She updated Commissioners about the work of the Ad Hoc Committee on FAPT Growth. Members discussed local spending trends and the need to move towards outcomes and data analysis. J. Stone agreed to ask B. Cox to provide some information at the next meeting regarding data on foster care prevention efforts. K. Ralston noted that her presentation to the Board of Supervisors was well received. There was discussion of the rising costs of CSA and what was occurring in other localities. K. Ralston noted that a Cost Containment Committee was being formed to look at this issue.

IX. YOUTH OUT-OF-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES – S. BAKER

S. Baker gave an overview of how the report been developed and its findings. Several Commissioners shared their concerns with the limited number of survey participants, the intent and validity of the survey data and the purpose of the report. S. Baker agreed to review the report and its findings with staff and bring information back to Commissioners as necessary.

X. DIRECTOR'S REPORT – S. BAKER

S. Baker presented the director's report and highlighted the Bullying Grant currently underway; the CCF presentation to the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors on January 9th and the summary of information from the December legislative forum. C. Train asked if it was realistic for CCF to continue to try to secure IVE funds with the new definitions. S. Baker stated that CCF had not lost any of its previously eligible activities. K. Ralston noted that the guidelines for eligibility were becoming more stringent.

XI. MEMBERS' COMMENTS/KEY MESSAGE UPDATES – K. RALSTON

K. Ralston agreed to send re-authorization paper to members upon request. D. Pomerantz stated that she would like the Charlottesville Schools to conduct a Youth Risk Behavior Survey. W. Lawrence said she would like to obtain a copy of the questions used in the Albemarle survey. K. Ralston agreed to put these items on a later CCF meeting agenda.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 6:40p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cynthia Stratton,
CCF Administrative Secretary

***THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMISSION WILL BE
FEBRUARY 5, 2003***

**WE WILL BE BACK IN ROOM 235
OF THE
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