

**CHARLOTTESVILLE/ALBEMARLE COMMISSION  
ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES  
MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 6, 2006  
ACOB-5<sup>TH</sup> STREET, ROOM A**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Brian Bills, Albemarle Youth Representative  
Martha Carroll, 16<sup>th</sup> District Court Service Unit  
Robert Cox, Charlottesville Dept. of Social Services  
Madison Cummings, Chair, Albemarle Citizen Representative  
Sara Dansey, Vice Chair, Albemarle Citizen Representative  
Neta Davis, Region Ten Community Services  
Tracey Hopper, Charlottesville Citizen Representative  
Steve Koleszar, County School Board Representative  
Amy Laufer, Albemarle Citizen Representative  
Winx Lawrence, University of Virginia  
Tim Longo, Charlottesville Police Department  
Charles Martin, Private Provider Representative  
John Miller, Albemarle Police Department  
Pam Moran, Albemarle County Schools  
Pat Mullaney, Albemarle Department of Parks & Recreation  
Lilian Peake, Thomas Jefferson Health District  
Kathy Ralston, Albemarle Department of Social Services  
Susan Pleiss for Mike Svez, Charlottesville Department of Parks & Recreation  
Cathy Train, United Way-Thomas Jefferson Area  
Roxanne White, Albemarle County  
Paul Wisman, Charlottesville Citizen Representative

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Rosa Atkins, Charlottesville City Schools  
Lou Bograd, City School Board Representative  
David Bynes, Albemarle Citizen Representative  
Shaquille Thompkins, Charlottesville Youth Representative  
Rochelle Small-Toney, City of Charlottesville  
Leslie Harris-Scott, Charlottesville Citizen Representative

**CCF STAFF PRESENT**

Rory Carpenter, Juvenile Justice Coordinator  
Gretchen Ellis, Director  
Crystal Lantz, Utilization Review Manager  
Linda Rahman, Administrative Assistant  
Hallam Roth, FAPT Coordinator/Information Outreach Coordinator  
Cindy Stratton, CSA Coordinator

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Mike Murphy, Community Attention  
Patricia Rusk, FAPT Volunteer

**HANDOUTS (prior to meeting)**

Agenda for December 6, 2006 CCF meeting  
November 1, 2006 CCF meeting minutes  
Director's Report  
Charlottesville CSA Summary Financial Report  
Albemarle CSA Summary Financial Report  
CSA Meeting Minutes  
CSA Data Set Summary  
URM Summary Report  
CSA PowerPoint Presentation  
JVCCCA PowerPoint Presentation

**HANDOUTS (during meeting)**

*Stepping Stones*  
Postcard on Guide to Youth Services  
Invitation to CCF Volunteer Holiday Get-together

**I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

M. Cummings, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:35p.m., welcomed the Commissioners and public. Each Commissioner introduced themselves and the organization they represented.

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

A motion to approve the December 2006 Agenda was made by S. Dansey and seconded by T. Hopper.

◆ **THE COMMISSION ADOPTED THE DECEMBER 6, 2006 CCF MEETING AGENDA.**

**III. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

No comments were made.

**IV. MINUTES FROM THE CCF MEETING FOR OCTOBER & NOVEMBER, 2006**

A motion to approve the October and November 2006 minutes was made by T. Hopper and seconded by S. Koleszar.

◆ **THE COMMISSION APPROVED THE OCTOBER 4 AND NOVEMBER 1, 2006 CCF MEETING MINUTES.**

**V. VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTER**

G. Ellis gave a brief background on CCF's Volunteer of the Quarter award and introduced Mike Murphy to say a few words on the Family Assessment Planning Team and Pat Rusk, the Fall 2006 Volunteer of the Quarter. M. Murphy stated how fortunate the FAPT members were to have Pat on the team with her unflinching record of perfect attendance. He stated that her dedication and service is an important part of FAPT and described how Pat offers insight and help to parents who struggle with the CSA process. He further went on to praise Pat for her community service and volunteerism with other organizations. CCF Chair, M. Cummings, presented P. Rusk with a plant and displayed the plaque that honors her as a CCF "Volunteer of the Quarter" designee.

P. Rusk thanked everyone and stated how impressed she has been by the dedication of the FAPT team.

**VI. CSA REPORT**

B. Cox gave the Commissioners a brief background on the CSA Program and explained how the Commission is the legal entity for managing the CSA dollars used to purchase services for high-risk youth in the Charlottesville/Albemarle County area. He gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the following:

- The CSA Program Structure
- Who the "at-risk" children and families receiving CSA services in our area are and what types of problems they are experiencing
- How CSA funds help to meet the needs of these children and families
- How our community makes service and funding decisions
- Total number of CSA cases in Albemarle and Charlottesville, FY 1994-2006

- Total CSA “State Pool” expenditures in Albemarle and Charlottesville, FY 1994-2006
- CSA Medicaid expenditures in Albemarle and Charlottesville, FY 2000-2006
- Total local share
- Total expenditures
- CSA costs by mandate type FY 2006

Commissioners discussed the report and the differences in costs between Charlottesville and Albemarle County, children with mental health issues in Foster Care, the large amount of children in Foster Care in Charlottesville and the possible reasons why and the duration of time in Foster Care, and early intervention/Foster Care prevention. Commissioners would like to start receiving, periodically, example case summaries (without names).

B. Cox introduced Crystal Lantz, the Utilization Review Manager. C. Lantz reviewed progress for the year (July 2005-June 2006) on Service Improvements, System Improvements, Cost Containment and challenges. Commissioners discussed the issue of rising vendor prices and the lack of tracking, lack of incentives for vendors to give discounts and the need for the General Assembly to address this problem. G. Ellis stated that she had made a presentation to the Hanger Committee on JLARC and stressed the need for State oversight on vendor fees. She stated that she hoped to be asked back by the Committee. K. Ralston thanked G. Ellis for putting together the presentation at such short notice and stated that we had been singled out because the State thinks we have a very good model.

## **VII. VJCCCA REPORT**

G. Ellis introduced Mike Murphy who presented the Commissioners a PowerPoint presentation on Community Attention and the trends in locality participation over the past three years, how the dollars are spent, performance measures, recidivism, number of participants discharged to a less restrictive setting and residential stabilization. M. Murphy described the various programs Community Attention offers and answered questions the Commissioners had on comparing one program to another and other family services. B. Cox explained how CSA dollars go to the entire families but is driven by the child’s needs first. P. Moran noted that the TeensGive program has been recognized at the state level. K. Ralston stated that Community Attention does a great job and works diligently with DSS to take high-risk kids into the Community Attention Home and keep them in the community.

## **VIII. DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

G. Ellis highlighted several areas of the Director’s Report:

- The Director’s presentation to the General Assembly’s Joint Subcommittee (Hanger Committee) studying CSA on November 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- CCF along with Buz Cox has been asked to develop a proposal for the City Manager’s Office on a Youth Work Program.
- CCF and the University are in the process of forming an engaged scholar’s workgroup.
- G. Ellis stated that the Youth Development Steering Committee met on December 4<sup>th</sup> and will be meeting again in January. She stressed the need for the police to be part of the network.

**IX. DISTRIBUTION OF INTERACTIVE GUIDE TO YOUTH SERVICES**

G. Ellis informed Commissioners that the new postcard announcing the interactive *Guide to Youth Services* was on the table and would like it to be in the hands of every Commissioner for a broad distribution. She asked that they please pick up a stack before they leave.

**X. MEMBER'S COMMENTS**

W. Lawrence suggested that B. Bills review and consult on the Stay Active website.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00p.m.

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMISSION WILL BE  
JANUARY 3, 2007  
IN THE ALBEMARLE COUNTY 5<sup>TH</sup> STREET OFFICE BUILDING  
CONFERENCE ROOM "B"  
5:30pm to 7:00pm**