

**CHARLOTTESVILLE/ALBEMARLE COMMISSION
ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 2, 2008
ACOB-5TH ST. EXT., ROOM B**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Martha Carroll, 16th District Court Service Unit
Ralph Chester, Albemarle Citizen
Representative
Robert Cox, Charlottesville Dept. of Social
Services
Madison Cummings, Chair, Albemarle Citizen
Representative
Bryan Elliott, Albemarle County
Hallie Freer, Charlottesville Youth
Representative
Jim Henderson, Charlottesville City Schools
Robert Johnson, Region Ten Community
Services
Steve Koleszar, County School Board
Representative
Tim Longo, Charlottesville Police Department
Jan Martin, Charlottesville Citizen
Representative
John Miller, Albemarle Police Department
Pat Mullaney, Albemarle Department of Parks &
Recreation
Lilian Peake, Thomas Jefferson Health District
Kathy Ralston, Albemarle Department of Social
Services
Ruth Stone, Charlottesville Citizen
Representative
Mike Svetz, Charlottesville Department of Parks
& Recreation
Cathy Train, United Way Representative
Paul Wisman, Charlottesville Citizen
Representative

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Leslie Beauregard, City of Charlottesville
Tracey Hopper, Charlottesville Citizen
Representative
Hannah Langlet, Albemarle Youth
Representative
Amy Laufer, Albemarle Citizen Representative
Carolyn Lawlor, Albemarle Citizen
Representative
Winx Lawrence, University of Virginia
Pam Moran, Albemarle County Schools

CCF STAFF PRESENT

Gretchen Ellis, Director
Maryfrances Porter, Coordinator of Research &
Planning
Linda Rahman, Administrative Assistant
Mary Sullivan, Teen Pregnancy/STD
Coordinator

HANDOUTS (prior to meeting)

Agenda for January 2, 2008 CCF meeting
Draft of the November 7, 2007 CCF meeting
minutes
Director's Report
Community-University Partnerships and
Research End of Semester Report – Fall
2007
Research Assistants & Interns End of Semester
Report – Fall 2007
CSA Monthly Program Report
Charlottesville CSA Summary Financial Report
Albemarle CSA Summary Financial Report

HANDOUTS (during meeting)

2007 Stepping Stones

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

M. Cummings, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:36pm and welcomed Commissioners and public. Introductions were made around the table. M. Cummings welcomed new Commissioner, Charlottesville Citizen Representative, Janette Martin. She stated she was retired from the Charlottesville City Schools and gave a brief summary of her background.

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

A motion to adopt the January 2, 2008 Agenda was made by C. Train and seconded by S. Koleszar.

◆ THE COMMISSION ADOPTED THE JANUARY 2, 2008 CCF MEETING AGENDA.

III. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No comments from the public were made.

IV. REMINDER ON DECLARATION ON CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

M. Cummings reminded Commissioners to remove themselves from voting if there is a conflict of interest.

V. COMMISSIONER ISSUES

M. Svetz, speaking on behalf of the City of Charlottesville, thanked the CCF Executive Committee for their letter supporting the pool and YMCA. He stated that both projects had been approved by the City Council.

S. Koleszar inquired if there was a School Superintendent Representative on the Juvenile Justice Committee and the need for better support on sharing information. G. Ellis stated that she would have Rory Carpenter get in touch with him and have it on the next JJC agenda.

VI. MINUTES FROM THE CCF MEETING FOR NOVEMBER 7, 2007

A motion to approve the November 7, 2007 minutes was made by S. Koleszar and seconded by K. Ralston.

◆ THE COMMISSION APPROVED THE NOVEMBER 7, 2007 CCF MEETING MINUTES.

VII. MAPP PROJECT – HEALTH DEPARTMENT

L. Peake presented a PowerPoint presentation to Commissioners describing the MAPP project and presenting the information that the committee had collected to date. She stated that MAPP stood for “Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnership” and was a community health status assessment. She further went on to explain the Public Health’s mission and how MAPP is a method to help communities with a strategic planning tool for improving health by prioritizing community health issues; identifying resources to address and take action. L. Peake stated that MAPP would determine whether there are disturbing or unexpected health trends in the City and/or County; identify health disparities and develop a system to collect, analyze and interpret data to prioritize and address community health issues.

L. Peake described the MAPP model and its four assessments (Community Health Status, Community Themes and Strengths, Local Public Health System and Forces of Change). She presented slides on the demographics and socioeconomic indicators:

1. Population Change
2. Age and Sex Distribution
3. Racial and Ethnic Distribution
4. Median Household Income
5. Persons below 100% poverty
6. Cost of Living Relative to Charlottesville, Hampton Roads, Richmond, Alexandria/Arlington and Roanoke
7. Residents Who Report Overall Quality of Life is Good or Excellent in Charlottesville Region

L. Peake presented information on accessibility of healthcare in Charlottesville/Albemarle County:

1. Distribution of Health Insurance
2. Estimated Uninsured Residents
3. Estimated Uninsured Children
4. Average Medicaid Participation Rate
5. Estimated Ratio of Patients to Primary Care Physicians
6. Total Local Emergency Department Visits by TJHD Residents by Age and Locality March 2006- February 2007
7. United States – Emergency Room Visits by Type of Insurance - 2004
8. Region Ten Community Service Board Consumers by Locality, FY07
9. Characteristics of Region Ten Community Service Board Consumers, FY05

L. Peake showcased maternal and child health indicators:

1. Infant Mortality (<1 Year) Albemarle, Charlottesville, and Virginia 5-Year Rolling Averages 1995-2005
2. Percentage of Low-Weight (<2500g) Births Albemarle, Charlottesville, Virginia 2-Year Rolling Averages, 1997-2004
3. Percent of Births to Women Who Entered Care in the First Trimester - Albemarle, Charlottesville, and Virginia, 1998-2004
4. Teen Pregnancy Rate-Albemarle, Charlottesville, and Virginia 3-Year Rolling Averages, 1997-2005

Disease and Risk Factors

1. Five Leading Causes of Death - Virginia and TJHD, 2005
2. Deaths From Heart Disease - Albemarle, Charlottesville, Virginia 1999-2005
3. Deaths from Cancer - Albemarle, Charlottesville, Virginia, U.S. 1999-2005
4. Cancer Incidence: All Cancers - Albemarle, Charlottesville, Virginia 1999-2003
5. 2007 United States Estimated Cancer Incidence and Deaths
6. Cancer Stage at Diagnosis - Charlottesville-Albemarle
7. Deaths From Stroke - Albemarle, Charlottesville, Virginia
8. Deaths from Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease
9. Deaths from Unintentional Injuries
10. Unintentional Injuries in Charlottesville-Albemarle, 1999-2005
11. Suicide vs. Homicide Rates - Albemarle and Charlottesville
12. Actual Causes of Death - Behavioral factors that contribute to leading killers
13. Adults Who Report That They Are Current Smokers, TJHD and Virginia
14. Current Smokers by Income, Virginia

15. Adult Obesity From Self-Reported Height, Weight
16. Percent of Charlottesville 5th/6th Graders Who Are Overweight or Obese
17. Percent of Albemarle Third Graders Who Are Overweight or Obese

L. Peake spoke about Ambulatory Care Sensitive Conditions – how good outpatient care can potentially prevent the need for hospitalization; early intervention can prevent complications or more severe disease and proxy for provision of good primary care. She stated that ACS conditions consists of Diabetes, Asthma, Hypertension, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease and Low birth weight. She presented information on:

1. Hospital Discharge Rate for Diabetes
2. Hospital Discharge Rate for Hypertension
3. Hospital Discharge Rate for Asthma
4. Hospital Discharge Rate for COPD
5. Reportable Communicable Diseases - Ten Most Frequently Reported Diseases (TJHD and Virginia - Five Year Average 2002-06)
6. Most Frequently Diagnosed Disorders by Region Ten

L. Peake stated that this was just a highlight of what they had collected so far. She asked that if Commissioners had other data they would like to include, to please let her know. K. Ralston inquired if the figures had been adjusted to exclude UVA students and Dr. Peake noted they were strictly taken from the US Census. Commissioners discussed the primary cause of infant mortality (low birth weight, mothers over 40 years of age, and lack of prenatal care). R. Stone noted that NPR had reported that longevity was tied to education and inquired if the MAPP Committee was looking into that? L. Peake stated that they were, but there is not a lot of data to be collected. Commissioners discussed the data indicating there is a higher number of PCP's and a higher number of emergency room visits - which were disturbing. Does Medicaid make it less accessible to visit a PCP's than an emergency room visit or are there other factors involved for visiting an emergency room?

Commissioners thanked Dr. Peake for her report.

VIII. STEPPING STONES

M. Porter presented a PowerPoint presentation to Commissioners announcing the changes that were made in the 20070 Stepping Stones, a statistical analyses, and the next steps to be taken. She gave a summary of notable trends.

Summary of Trends:

Academic Achievement, 3rd and 5th grade students passing English, math, history, and science SOLs since 1998 in both the City and County are going up and also 8th grade students passing English, math and history SOLs since 1998 in the County are going up.

Community Characteristics, per capita contributions to United Way since 1997 have gone down; passenger rides on public buses since 1997 has gone up along with adults registering to vote since 1997 (in the County) and the addition of more ESL students since 1998.

Community Involvement, afterschool enrollment in the County since 1998 has gone down; fine arts class enrollment in the City since 1997 has gone down; and extracurricular and sports program enrollment emerging in the last five years in the City has gone down.

Conduct in Community, underage alcohol arrests in the County since 1997 have gone up; teen pregnancies in the County since 1997 have gone down; births to teens in both the City and County since 1992 have gone down; CHINS petitions in the County since 1997 and emerging in

the City in the last six years has gone down; delinquency judgments in both the City and County since 1998 have gone down; and CSA cases in the City since 1994 have gone up.

Discipline in School, possession of drugs and/or alcohol at school in the County emerging in the last five years has gone down; possession of drugs and/or alcohol at school in the City emerging in the last six years has gone up; and student suspensions in the City and County since 1997 have gone up.

Early Childhood Education, public preschool enrollment emerging in the last six years in the County has gone up; children identified for early reading intervention services emerging in the last seven years in the County has gone down.

Family Characteristics, divorces in the City since 1997 have gone down.

Family and Community Safety, domestic assault arrests in the City since 1997 have gone down.

Financial Assistance Program Participation, students receiving free or reduced lunch emerging in the last six years in the City have gone up; children receiving TANF since 1993 in both the City and County have gone down; food stamp participation emerging in the last seven years in the County has gone up.

Financial Status, per capita income has been increasing since 1996, but not after adjusting for inflation.

Infant and Early Childhood Health, first trimester care in the County since 1993 has gone down; low birth weight births in the County since 1993 has gone up.

School Characteristics, community mobility in the County since 1997 has decreased, instructional personnel per student in the City and County since 1993 has increased.

Commissioners discussed the results and questioned two areas of the report: 1) the Subsidized Housing chart on page 44 and the Food Stamp Participation chart on page 45. M. Porter stated that the chart on page 44 was correct, and will investigate whether the chart on page 45 is incorrect.

Commissioners thanked M. Porter for her report.

IX. UVA RESPONSE TO ENGAGED SCHOLARS UPDATE

M. Porter presented a PowerPoint presentation to Commissioners and gave a brief progress report on the efforts of the CCF and Megan Raymond of the UVA Provost Office to foster the development of a formal office of community-university partnerships. She stated they are building a network of partners to demonstrate the wealth of interest in an office of community-university partnerships and to continue networking and joining together people already doing this work. They are asking faculty, community agencies and residents to sign a declaration. M. Porter reviewed the “Declaration of the Community University Research and Service Partners” and requested that the declaration be signed on behalf of CCF and for each Commissioner to take a copy of the report and the declaration and either sign it on behalf of themselves as an individual, or bring it back to their organization to sign on behalf of the organization.

M. Porter announced that the University has developed an Office of Public Outreach with a budget of \$200,000 under Megan Raymond’s direction. She stated that the downside is that there is not any programming or additional staff but the Commission will be able to help shape and develop programs. M. Cummings encouraged Commissioners to sign the declaration and stated that the dream is finally coming to fruition – and we need to get the community engaged. M.

Porter stated that the Steering Committee is looking for people to join – they would be meeting 4-6 times per year. Commissioners discussed the importance of this and other University models. G. Ellis noted that the University responded to the letter requesting an Office of Public Outreach in record time and to please let the office know if you have projects that the University is working on with the Commissioners.

X. DIRECTOR’S REPORT

G. Ellis stated that the Foothills CAC would be having a six-week Cultural Proficiency Seminar starting on Monday and there are ten openings. Please contact G. Ellis by Friday if you are interested.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMISSION WILL BE
MARCH 5, 2008
IN ROOM 235 - ALBEMARLE COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING –
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5:30pm to 7:00pm**