

**CHARLOTTESVILLE/ALBEMARLE COMMISSION
ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 4, 2006
ACOB-5TH STREET, ROOM B**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rosa Atkins, Charlottesville City Schools
Lou Bograd, City School Board Representative
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
Leslie Harris-Scott, Charlottesville Citizen Representative
Tracey Hopper, Charlottesville Citizen Representative
Steve Koleszar, County School Board Representative
Charles Martin, Private Provider Representative
John Miller, Albemarle Police Department
Pat Mullaney, Albemarle Department of Parks & Recreation
Kathy Ralston, Albemarle Department of Social Services
Rochelle Small-Toney, City of Charlottesville
Mike Svetz, Charlottesville Department of Parks & Recreation
Cathy Train, United Way-Thomas Jefferson Area
Roxanne White, Albemarle County
Paul Wisman, Charlottesville Citizen Representative

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Brian Bills, Albemarle Youth Representative
David Bynes, Albemarle Citizen Representative
Martha Carroll, 16th District Court Service Unit
Winx Lawrence, University of Virginia
Tim Longo, Charlottesville Police Department
Pam Moran, Albemarle County Schools
Lilian Peake, Thomas Jefferson Health District

CCF STAFF PRESENT

Gretchen Ellis, Director
Crystal Lantz, Utilization Review Manager
Maryfrances Porter, Planner
Linda Rahman, Administrative Assistant
Cindy Stratton, CSA Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT

Frank Beylotte, Office of Child & Family Services
Will Bronson, Office of Child & Family Services
Dave Nichols, Office of Child & Family Services
Megan Raymond, University of Virginia

HANDOUTS (prior to meeting)

Agenda for October 4, 2006 CCF meeting
September 6, 2006 CCF meeting minutes
Director's Report
Charlottesville CSA Summary Financial Report
Albemarle CSA Summary Financial Report
CSA July 2006 Meeting Minutes

HANDOUTS (during meeting)

CCF Legislative Agenda for Children and Families 2006-07 Priorities
Building Systems of Care, A Primer
PowerPoint slide show presentation notes
Human Services Investments Executive Summary
Flyer on *Youth Development Network Luncheon*

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

M. Cummings, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30p.m. and welcomed the Commissioners and public. Members and visitors introduced themselves.

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

M. Cummings stated that Agenda Item # VI. would be moved up to #V.

◆ THE COMMISSION ADOPTED THE OCTOBER 4, 2006 CCF MEETING AGENDA WITH REVISIONS.

III. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No comments were made.

IV. MINUTES FROM THE CCF MEETING FOR SEPTEMBER 6, 2006

A motion to approve the September 6, 2006 minutes was made by K. Ralston and seconded by T. Hopper. B. Cox reported one correction to the minutes.

◆ THE COMMISSION APPROVED THE SEPTEMBER 6, 2006 CCF MEETING MINUTES AS REVISED.

V. SYSTEMS OF CARE PRESENTATION

G. Ellis introduced the Systems of Care presenters and gave the Commissioners a brief background on Systems of Care. She stated that a survey/community assessment was conducted last spring but that it was unsuccessful due to the low response rate and, therefore, would be re-administered by Professor Karen Walker's class at the University of Virginia. She stated that the results would be used to guide the Commission in using the Systems of Care within the Comprehensive Services Act system and would also be used with the Human Services Strategic plan development process.

Will Bronson with the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services provided a PowerPoint presentation to the Commission on the philosophy and approach to building systems of care. He defined System of Care as *A system of care incorporates a broad array of services and supports that is organized into a coordinated network, integrates care planning and management across multiple levels, is culturally and linguistically competent, and builds meaningful partnerships with families and youth at service delivery, management, and policy levels.* He gave examples of services in a good system of care and emphasized the importance of involving family and youth as "full partners". He stated that systems of care focus on the child and family. Ideally, services should wrap around them and intersect with each other, rather than how most services currently are provided with the child and family being told what they need. W. Bronson presented the important aspects of an effective systems of care, the transitions, what is required to build an effective systems of care, an outline of a performance measurement system, and important issued to consider.

D. Nichols briefly spoke on the unique collaboration between agencies that is present in Charlottesville, how impressive the CCF publications are and the community's desire to improve services (i.e. Cost Containment study and the hiring of a Utilization Review Manager). He shared examples of collaboration around the State and stressed the importance of stakeholders working together. D. Nichols reported on initiatives effecting CSA and noted that the pending

Joint Legislative Audit Review study will likely show the true cost of administering CSA. He announced upcoming trainings. He noted that the State Medicaid office is applying to expand their coverage and the First Lady is working on permanency planning with adolescent care. D. Nichols spoke about the Virginia Federation of Families and their event in July, "Strong hoops for a healthy family". He will email the link so that Commissioners can get more information.

A discussion followed with the Commissioners and System of Care presenters. Areas of concern for the Commissioners included early intervention, pro-active positioning, early childhood education, having one accountable case manager, adult services being involved, and the lack of coordination of state systems. Commissioners requested that W. Bronson contact Gretchen Ellis on a quarterly basis with legislative proposals that need to be lobbied.

VI. CCF LEGISLATIVE AGENDA PRIORITIES

A motion to accept the Charlottesville/Albemarle Commission on Children and Families' Executive Committee's proposed prioritization of items on the 2007 Legislative Agenda, which was adopted at the September meeting with a change in the wording on Priority #2: Early Childhood Development and School Readiness to state "Provide State funding for childcare assistance programs serving low-income families." was made by C. Martin and seconded by L. Harris-Scott.

◆ THE COMMISSION APPROVED THE CHARLOTTESVILLE/ALBEMARLE COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES LEGISLATIVE AGENDA PRIORITIES WITH REVISIONS.

Commissioners discussed our Legislative Agenda and their desire to have more impact on the legislature and what the Commission could do to be more effective.

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

G. Ellis announced there would be a Roundtable on Expanding Community-University Partnerships for Research and Learning on October 27th at 12:30pm-2:30pm, a Functional Family Therapy on October 24th from 9:00am-11:00am (still looking for space to hold this meeting), and a Cultural Proficiency Training scheduled for November 29th at the Omni Hotel. First preference for this meeting would go to the Multidisciplinary Team and then to people working with family violence. G. Ellis also announced that a press release would be distributed on October 16th on the Interactive Guide to Youth Services. Commissioners discussed the amount of page views that were logged on the ccinfo website and how great it was about the enormous amount of documents that were downloaded.

VIII. MEMBER'S COMMENTS

S. Dansey informed the Commissioners of the Youth Development Network Luncheon on Monday, October 30th from 12noon to 2:00pm. She stated that this grew out of the gang prevention meetings and would be a luncheon for all professionals and citizens who provide programs, services and activities for community youth to get together and kick-off an initiative to increase the capacity of community organizations to provide intervention and prevention services and activities to all youth. She asked that the Commissioners spread the word and invite people to the table for a dialog for setting up a network. G. Ellis stated that an electronic registration form would be going out and the Commonwealth Attorney's office would be sponsoring the lunch.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20p.m.

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMISSION WILL BE
NOVEMBER 1, 2006
IN THE ALBEMARLE COUNTY 5TH STREET OFFICE BUILDING
CONFERENCE ROOM "B"
5:30pm to 7:00pm**