

**CHARLOTTESVILLE/ALBEMARLE COMMISSION  
ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES  
MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 4, 2009  
ACOB-5<sup>TH</sup> STREET EXTENDED, ROOM B**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Leslie Beauregard, City of Charlottesville  
Bryant Bibb, Charlottesville Police Department  
Martha Carroll, 16<sup>th</sup> District Court Service Unit  
Ralph Chester, Albemarle Citizen  
Representative  
Buz Cox, Charlottesville Dept. of Social  
Services  
Bryan Elliott, Albemarle County  
Brian Hemmert, Private Service Provider  
Representative  
Chelsea Henderson, County Youth  
Representative  
Robert Johnson, Vice Chair, Region Ten  
Community Services  
Amy Laufer, Albemarle Citizen Representative  
Carolyn Lawlor, Albemarle Citizen  
Representative  
  
Sean McCord, Charlottesville Citizen  
Representative  
Jan Martin, Albemarle Citizen Representative  
John Miller, Albemarle Police Department  
Pam Moran, Albemarle County Schools  
Pat Mullaney, Albemarle Department of Parks &  
Recreation  
Kathy Ralston, Albemarle Department of Social  
Services  
Hadya Abdul Satar, City Youth Representative  
Ruth Stone, Chair, Charlottesville Citizen  
Representative  
Maurice Walker, Charlottesville Citizen  
Representative  
Paul Wisman, Charlottesville Citizen  
Representative

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Rosa Atkins, Charlottesville City Schools  
Kathleen Galvin, City School Board  
Representative  
Winx Lawrence, University of Virginia  
Lilian Peake, Thomas Jefferson Health District  
Ronnie Price, County School Board  
Representative  
Cathy Train, United Way Representative

**CCF STAFF PRESENT**

Gretchen Ellis, Director  
Rory Carpenter, Prevention Team Leader  
Maryfrances Porter, Intervention Team Leader  
Linda Rahman, Information-Outreach-Volunteer  
Coordinator  
Cindy Stratton, CSA Coordinator  
Mary Sullivan, Teen Pregnancy/STD Prevention  
Coordinator

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Eugene Conti, Ragged Mountain Home

**HANDOUTS (prior to meeting)**

Agenda for March 4, 2009 CCF meeting  
Draft of the January 7, 2009 CCF meeting  
minutes  
Director's Report  
CSA Monthly Program Report  
Charlottesville CSA Summary Financial Report  
Albemarle CSA Summary Financial Report  
CCF 2008 Annual Report

**HANDOUTS (during meeting)**

Juvenile Offender Study Presentation Notes

**I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

R. Stone, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:35pm and welcomed Commissioners and public. Introductions were made around the room.

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

◆ **THE COMMISSION ADOPTED THE MARCH 4, 2009 AGENDA.**

**III. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

No comments from the public.

**IV. REMINDER ON DECLARATION ON CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS**

R. Stone reminded Commissioners on the rules regarding voting on items that could present a conflict of interest.

**V. COMMISSIONER ISSUES**

R. Chester announced that funding had been restored to the Commonwealth Center and that they would no longer be closing.

**VI. MINUTES FROM THE CCF MEETING FOR JANUARY 7, 2009**

A motion to approve the January 9, 2009 minutes was made by R. Chester and seconded by C. Henderson.

◆ **THE COMMISSION APPROVED THE JANUARY 7, 2009 CCF MEETING MINUTES.**

**VII. CCF ANNUAL REPORT 2008**

G. Ellis presented a PowerPoint presentation on the 2008 Annual Report highlighting CCF charges: (The complete PowerPoint presentation can be reviewed on the CCF website: [www.ccfinfo.org/PDFs/2008annual\\_report\\_presentation.ppt](http://www.ccfinfo.org/PDFs/2008annual_report_presentation.ppt) )

A. The Process Improvement Team study has been completed and changes are being implemented. We now have two separate FAPT teams. A local assessment and diagnostic program has been launched. The Utilization Review process has been expanded and there has been \$445,000 in savings. This week alone, three more children were approved for Medicaid funding.

B. The ninth edition of *Stepping Stones* was released. The second phase of a Human Services Planning process identifying early care and education and youth development as priority areas was completed. CCF's community's partnership with UVa continues to expand with the creation of the Community University Research and Service Partnership. CCF received tremendous assistance from UVa, valued at \$320,000.

C. The ABRT reviewed applications for funding from 26 agencies representing 50 programs. The two localities allocate about \$3 million each year. A multi-year funding application for solid and exemplary programs was begun this year.

D. A new process model using the Systems of Care approach was adopted. This is a real change in procedures and the system now works together more collaboratively.

E. The Youth Development Network now has 125 members and has provided services to 140 children with an 83% satisfaction rating. The CASASStart Truancy Prevention Services project continues and has produced a marked improvement with elementary truanies.

F. CCF wrote grants that generated \$503,334. We also provided technical assistance to community partners which generated \$892,297 in additional funding. G. Ellis stated she is delighted to report that the 284 page, 13 pound, Safe Schools/Health Students grant was FedEx today. She thanked the staff that worked on this grant.

G. CCF had 36,470 visits to our website, 62 Litserv postings and conducted forums on child protection, gang prevention, cultural proficiency, service learning, youth development and truancy prevention. She noted that the Community forum on underage drinking is on March 31<sup>st</sup> and the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Child Abuse Prevention Forum is on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

G. Ellis gave a brief overview of what is next for CCF. R. Stone inquired on how many children had been served by SOC Care Coordination. G. Ellis stated that the Care Coordination Manager had received ten referrals and Region Ten has posted for a second Care Coordinator position. R. Stone inquired about the actual cost recovery of URM. G. Ellis described what Utilization Review Management does and discussed Medicaid screening program requirements.

A motion to approve the CCF 2008 Annual Report was made by K. Ralston and seconded by L. Beauregard.

◆ **THE COMMISSION APPROVED THE CCF 2008 ANNUAL REPORT.**

**VIII. PRELIMINARY REPORT – JUVENILE OFFENDER STUDY**

G. Ellis stated that the report shows substantial racial disparity that she wanted to bring this to the attention of the Commissioners and to apply for funding addressing disproportionate minority contact. She stated that the numbers of African American juveniles placed on probation have risen in the 2000-2004 report. R. Carpenter gave a brief background on the 1997-2000 Characteristics of Juvenile Offenders Report and presented a PowerPoint presentation comparing the 1997-2000 report to the new report which covers 2004-2006.

Highlights of the report show:

- Substance abuse has dropped.
- The number of juvenile offenders with delinquent peers appears to have dropped though this information is highly subjective.
- 37% of juvenile offenders were involved in external support systems from 2004-2006 in contrast to the 12% reported during 1997-2000.
- Approximately the same numbers were victims of abuse and/or neglect in both studies.
- The percentage of juveniles whose parents or sibling have been incarcerated increased.
- The number of juvenile offenders of lower/lower-middle socioeconomic status has doubled.
- The number of juveniles who had dropped out, been expelled, were truant and were below grade level all dropped since 1997-2000.
- The percent of African American juveniles placed on probation increased while the percent of Caucasian juveniles decreased.
- Public school population remained the same.
- A higher percentage of African American juveniles are placed on probation than would be expected based on the percentage of African American juveniles at intake, while the percentage of Caucasian juveniles on probation is lower than would be expected based on the percentage of Caucasian juveniles at intake.

R. Carpenter stated that the disproportionate race grant has three pieces: (1) direct services; (2) training and technical assistance; and (3) system change. Commissioners discussed which piece of

the grant would be more appropriate – using staff time for the most dysfunctional families with siblings in trouble, researching the big disparity of racial difference in suspensions, cultural proficiency training or system change, as often depression in children is missed and aggressive acting out is often depression without the child’s knowledge they are even depressed. Commissioners agreed that they want CCF to go forward and apply for the grant, have a small committee look at this grant, to reach out to City schools, focus first on CSU and then open up to all. It was agreed it should be system focused and researched based. M. Carroll, R. Johnson, P. Moran volunteered to serve on the small committee.

**IX. APPOINT NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

R. Stone requested volunteers for Nominating Committee. M. Walker and P. Wisman volunteered to serve on committee.

**XI. DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

There were no questions regarding the Director’s Report.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMISSION WILL BE**  
**May 6, 2009**  
**IN ROOM B - ACOB5<sup>TH</sup> STREET EXTENDED**  
**5:30pm-7:00pm**