

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE, MARCH 24, 2004 – APRIL 27, 2004

Coordination of Services

- Staff attended meetings of the "Best Practice" court project, work sessions of the City Council and County Board of Supervisors, City of Charlottesville Police Block Captains meeting, "Homelessness in Charlottesville" forum, Prevention Coalition.
- Met with new City Recreation and Leisure Services director
- Met with representatives of JABA to discuss a senior-focused version of *Stepping Stones* and outreach to medical professionals.
- Planner met with director of workforce programs for the Thomas Jefferson Planning District to discuss strategic planning for the WIA Youth Council
- CCF intern queried local agencies, civic and faith-based groups on available free or low-cost summer camp options for children for one-page handout to residents and publication in the *Tribune*.

Raising Awareness of Children and Family Issues

- Met with Maurice Jones, director of communications for the City, to set up introductory meetings at local media outlets to increase coverage of CCF, child and family resources, needs, and issues.
- Taped Child Abuse Prevention month PSA, at the invitation of Ruth Stone of Piedmont CASA, for April radio broadcast at WINA.
- Submitted column to *Tribune* on the challenges and resources for single parents. Writing column on after-school and summer resources for middle and high school youth.
- Distributed *Quarterly Report*.
- Requested feedback from information and referral sources on outreach concept developed by CCF members as follow-up to CCF retreat.
- Website: In March 2009 web hits were logged, with 443 unique visitors. From April 1-26th, 1,458 web hits were logged by 263 unique visitors.

Administration/Research

- CCF Chair and director met with two members of the Charlottesville School Board -- Linda Bowen and Peggy Van Yahres -- to request participation of the new Superintendent in future CCF meetings and policy decisions.
- Interviewed and selected two UVa undergraduate interns for upcoming academic year.
- Prepared for grant submission to the federal Community Capacity Building fund, including compilation of an electronic survey to community and faith-based groups, editing, and outreach to potential peer consultant organizations and recipients.
- Director completed tracking the status of CCF recommendations from 1998-2004 to assess impact of advisory role and provide background information to Executive Committee and CCF board.
- Visited space at County Office South, identified space needs and continued to pursue space for CCF staff within County administrative resources.
- Submitted the FY 2005 Young Offender Program Continuation Grant and the FY05-06 VJCCCA Plan.

Work Groups

- **Assets for Youth** – Youth-led focus groups underway. Team leaders trained.
- **Comprehensive Services Act Committee** -
 - **CSA Cost Containment Implementation Team** finalizing proposed committee structure, developing a single FAPT model, preparing for April 30 "Cost Containment Report Out", and defining utilization management functions for July 1 start-up.

- **Family Violence Work Group** – KidsWatch training provided to graduate students at Uva.'s Curry School; pilot MDTeam meetings commenced; Children's Advocacy Center feasibility study underway; Prevention Committee planning community forum for fall, 2004.
- **Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee** – Finalized Juvenile Court Roundtable report (currently on CCF website) and materials for training for court-appointed lawyers. Approved allocation of JABG funds for information-sharing and community assessment.
- **Outcome Measurement Work Group** – Posted "Focus Areas for Community Investment" on the CCF website. Identified next steps for implementation as an "awareness campaign" and stakeholder meetings. Identifying ways to incorporate focus areas into funding advisory.
- **Partnership for Children** – Developed and approved outcomes for priority issue: school readiness. Sponsoring training on school readiness on April 27.
- **Teen Pregnancy/STD Prevention Work Group** – Submitted proposal to Charlottesville-Albemarle Community Foundation; collected feedback on access to sex education from approximately 70 youth ; secured media spots at Channel 29, WINA,; revising program materials and CCF website.
- **Service Learning Work Group** – Expanded focus to consider community service as well as service learning; research on best practices is underway.
- **Information Sharing Implementation Work Group** - The first Information Sharing Implementation Work Group meeting was held on April 12th. Discussion of "target" population and potential business process analysis underway.

CCF Strategic Issues

- Identifying and affording new space to accommodate new CSA-related staff and interns.