

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE, MAY 28 – JULY 18, 2003

Coordination of Services

- Participated in strategic planning sessions with the Albemarle County Department of Social Services.
- Refined Intervention Strategy report for consideration by City Neighborhood Strategy Team.
- Met with representative from First Baptist Church about identifying a community focus for their congregation.
- Upon request, drafted request for proposal for consideration by local school board representatives for feasibility study for a new educational fund
- Requested legislative agenda issues from all CCF work groups and key findings for annual report. Received endorsement of Voices for Virginia's Children "Children's Agenda" from Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee, Partnership for Children, Comprehensive Services Act Committee, and Teen Pregnancy/STD Prevention work groups to date.
- Identified potential Chair and staff resources from Juvenile Incentive Accountability Block Grant funds for Youth Productive Activities work group. Discussion underway as to formation and launch.
- Attended meeting hosted by Charlottesville Redevelopment and Housing Authority to identify future programming needs.

Raising Awareness of Children and Family Issues

- Finalized on-line search engine to the Guide to Youth Services, distributed the information to CCF mailing list and the media. Received media coverage through Daily Progress, WINA, WVTF, and KissFM.
- Staff participated in visit from Senate Finance Committee to receive overview of local CSA process, organized by Kathy Ralston and CSA CART and Committee representatives.
- Dr. Dickens has scheduled a presentation of Stepping Stones to Department of Pediatrics at the University of Virginia on October 16, 2003.
- Grants received by 3 organizations using data from CCF for a total of over \$200,000 for implementation of youth services, community organizing, and resource development.
- Young Offender Continuation Grant for \$111,000 received for FY04.
- One Time JAIBG grant for \$9,346 for JCAC computer update received for FY04.
- Juvenile Justice Coordinator presented the Juvenile Court Survey Report to the CSU staff and to Judge Berry.
- Held first planning meeting for the Legislative Forum on Children and Families and developed initial work plan.

Administration/Research

- Finalized written report and publication of Youth Risk and Needs Behavior report for the Charlottesville Housing Authority
- Notified by Kellogg Foundation that CCF did not receive Pathways to Collaboration grant.
- Screened resumes and held first set of interviews for the Administrative Secretary position; re-advertised for Program Assistant (revised title) to increase applicant pool.
- CCF Intern drafted a research brief on the local "working poor" for August release.
- Held planning meeting with IMC representatives to discuss revamping of the Continuous Feedback System on June including elements such as: increased user-friendliness, and time-sensitive policy and issue queries to targeted citizens and organizations, commitments from localities to review feedback.
- Performance reviews underway for all CCF staff.

Work Groups

- **Children Needing Extensive Services** – hosted meeting of in-home and day treatment service providers on June 12th discuss local services, resources, barriers and solutions to meeting the needs of children and families.
- **Community Needs Assessment**- Completed report and recommendations for discussion at the CCF meeting August 6th. Approved distribution of report and recommendations as separate but linked documents. Formatted report for readability and impact.
- **Comprehensive Services Act Committee - CSA Ad-Hoc Committee** conducted training of 81 case managers, 37 FAPT Team members and CART members on the new staffing process and I.F.S.P. form. Additionally, 4 members of the General Assembly Legislative staff were oriented on the new process during their June 11th visit.
- **Cost Containment Committee** -- implementing its research plan focusing on utilization management, best practices in appropriate Virginia localities, interviews with stakeholders including social workers, collection of statewide findings, and case file research. An outline for a final report has been drafted. Work plan is being adapted to cash/people resources available for research.
- **Communications and Outreach Ad-Hoc Task Force** – Members approved CCF Outreach brochure and work group charge for Executive Committee consideration, and produced the first draft of a communications and outreach strategy for deliberation. Anticipated presentation date of plan to CCF is October 2003. New members include Shirley Copeland and Buz Cox.
- **Data Management Work Group**- Data collection is in the final phase; fact checking, identification of trends and narrative underway. Formatting to begin in late July. Publication anticipated in August-September.
- **Family Violence Work Group** – KidsWatch initiative held “Domestic Violence 101” session in City neighborhood. CCF staff consulted with Maurice Jones, Nicole Lloyd, and drafted press release for launch of neighborhood watch component. Presented KidsWatch to J&DR Judge. Work Group members held meeting to develop outline for future fundraising strategy for coordinated Child Advocacy Center/Kids Watch initiatives incorporating a Multi-disciplinary Team. Child Advocacy Center task force visited two facilities and held a community planning meeting attended by over 20 interested people to begin formal planning process for implementation of a multi-disciplinary team.
- **Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee** – Information-Sharing sub committee completed draft work plan and identifying case studies for cost/benefit presentation. Members adopting JJAC work group for child-focused mission and measurable outcomes; Court Services Evaluation work group planning an upcoming fall forum; Statistic group to meet to determine necessary data to collect regularly, analyze and share with CCF, JJAC, and judges.
- **Outcome Measurement Work Group** – Research on community priorities continues. New FY05 review process adopted; minor modifications made to FY05 application. New calendar adopted to release City-County application around October 1 with a due date of around November 14. Final dates will be confirmed in August. Presentation to CCF slated for September.
- **Partnership for Children** – Members held a retreat to clarify Partnership strategies and priority areas. Discussion underway with final plan anticipated for adoption at the August or September meeting.
- **Teen Pregnancy/STD Prevention Work Group** – Strategic Planning Sub-Committee selected Planned Parenthood as the new administrative home for the Coordinator, pending funding. Youth Service Learning sub-committee preparing proposal to become a full CCF work group. Funding proposals under consideration at the Charlottesville/Albemarle Community Foundation and BAMA Works.

CCF Strategic Plan Issues

- Identifying the recommendations that will accompany the CCF annual report with a level of specificity that will result in measurable change.