



## DIRECTOR'S UPDATE–JUNE 28, 2005 – AUGUST 24, 2005

### Coordination of Services

- Staff attended meetings of the Prevention Coalition, 2020 Planning Committee, Albemarle County DSS Strategic Planning, CHRA Youth Creativity goal groups.
- Convened group for fourth planning meeting to consider submission of Safe Schools/Healthy Students grant in spring 2006.
- Coordinated planning meetings of City and County Police, Court Services Unit, City and County DSS, Weed and Seed, City and County Schools and CCF for August 16 training on gang prevention and identification.
- Met with members of "Team UVa" on June 30 to further explore university-community partnership.
- Met with Jack Gallagher to inform his CSA Cost Containment analysis for Fluvanna County.
- Attended joint planning session to identify common areas of focus between Albemarle County Schools' and Albemarle County DSS' strategic plans.
- Reviewed and distributed local government expectations for Partnership for Children.
- Convened meeting of juvenile justice agency representatives on July 27<sup>th</sup> to discuss juvenile court information sharing with members of the local judiciary.

### Raising Awareness of Children and Family Issues

- Met with Delegate Landes on June 30 as part of a CSA-ad hoc group, with recommendations for addressing CSA cost containment statewide and for the region.
- Logged over 3,901 page views on the CCF website ccfinfo.org. Most visited pages include FAPT, CSA, and Assets for Youth, and Family Violence.
- Over 10,232 documents were downloaded from the CCF website. The Low Cost Summer Youth Activities List was the top download, with over 243 downloads. Over 372 "bookmarks" were set by visitors.
- Board of Supervisors appointed Sara Dansey and David Bynes for new terms as County Citizen representative. CCF Director held orientation meetings with all new City and County members.
- CCF Staff prepared comprehensive analysis of unmet human service needs of Albemarle County for human services education session on September 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Requested and collected legislative agenda items from CCF work groups.
- Held training on "Gang Identification and Prevention" at Albemarle High School on August 16<sup>th</sup>; 200 participants; media spots in Daily Progress, Channel 19 and 29 TV stations.
- Attended planning meetings regarding substance exposed newborns with UVA medical staff and with Dr. Mike Dickens.
- Media coverage of Juvenile Offender report in *C-ville Weekly*.
- Prepared and presented an overview of the Agency Budget Review process to the Charlottesville City Council for a work session on July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

### Administration/Research

- Attended discussion of parents at Walton Middle School to ascertain interest and availability of after-school opportunities, convened by Walton principal and Assistant Principal. Explored potential funding for extended after-school opportunities at Walton.
- Commissioner Alia Stewart-Silver conducted focus groups with students from all local schools regarding youth service and youth employment.
- Region Ten Community Services Board hired Crystal Lantz as the new Utilization Review Manager. C. Lantz joined CCF staff on site on July 18<sup>th</sup>.

- Received a \$5,000 community-based research award from the University of Virginia to compensate one graduate and one undergraduate student to assist in the creation of a Charlottesville/Albemarle Human Services Budget. Graduate student hired; undergraduate and program coordinator recruitment underway.
- Received \$12,000 from an anonymous donor to complete the Charlottesville/Albemarle Human Services Budget. Albemarle County DSS will be employer of record to draw down additional funds. Assembled an advisory team for duration of the project including: Professor Steven Stern, Ruth Hanft, Mike Murphy, Leonard Lohman, Roxanne White, and Linda Peacock. Recruitment of Project Coordinator underway.
- Participated in interviews for the Partnership for Children Coordinator with representatives from Children Youth and Family Services and the Thomas Jefferson Health District.
- Completed performance evaluations for all CCF staff.
- Created schedule for Agency Budget Review Team. Began recruitment of additional team members and scheduling of review sessions.
- Transitioned office financial systems to City Link, and prepared for human resource transition in September.
- Revised City-County-United Way application for funding for release September 2<sup>nd</sup> and due October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2005.
- Initiated research and planning for development of a 501c (3) capacity within CCF with Washington-based pro-bono law firm of Sonnenschein Nath and Rosenthal, LLP.
- Completed research on *Stepping Stones*.
- Oriented new undergraduate intern for fall year at CCF.
- Incorporated revisions to strategic growth and change report in collaboration with City and County leadership, Redesign and Executive Committees.
- Did not receive grant from David Greenewalt Charitable Trust Grant Application for \$8,250 to update *Key Findings 2004* and create a web-based tool kit on data collection and needs assessment.

### Work Groups

- **Agency Budget Review Team** – Adopted revised schedule and began scheduling for 2007 season. Convened follow-up session with agencies to discuss short and long-term recommended revisions.
- **Assets for Youth** – Finalized work plan; reviewed promotional PSA created by Music Resource Center; identified recommended leads for implementation of selected recommendations; Youth career-exploration/employment sub-committee: Conducted focus group with youth on employment issues. Completed inventory of available programs, began draft of “donor’s advisory” or case statement on need and recommendations; researched grant opportunities. Finalized “What’s There to do After School”, printed 19,000 copies with limited distribution. Mass distribution in September to schools, agencies, churches, etc.
- **Comprehensive Services Act Committee** —CSA Program Subcommittee: Made progress on defining precise need/market/scope for secure assessment center; reviewed “systems of care” model for consideration of local adaptation; planned for dialogue with judges; drafted work plan. Fiscal Subcommittee: Reviewed and approved URP protocols and forms for implementation; established ad hoc committee to design review process for program threshold revisions. Completion of FY 06 vendor contract renewal notification.
- **Family Violence Work Group** – Completed and submitted proposal to the Virginia Department of Health and Human Services requesting \$75,000 to pilot Children’s Advocacy Center (CAC); additional proposals will be submitted to National Children’s Alliance in September; CAC Task Force and Prevention sub-committee, along with community partners, will host a series of events around the showing of “Searching for Angela Shelton” during the Virginia Film Festival as a fundraiser for the CAC.

- **Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee** – Held information-sharing dialogue with local judiciary; approved legislative agenda and JABG budget amendments.
- **Outcome Measurement Work Group** — Reviewed results of Agency-Community dialogue and made short and long-term recommendations for process improvement.
- **Partnership for Children** – The Partnership for Children is reviewing the 2003-04 data regarding Early Childhood Indicators. We are currently organizing and clarifying our local data to increase consistent reporting through common terms and definitions. Eventually, we can use this data to develop our future strategies.
- **Service Learning Work Group** – Conducted focus groups with teens about youth service.

#### CCF Strategic Issues

- Final Approval and Implementation of *Case for Change*.