

**COLONIAL COMMUNITY CRIMINAL JUSTICE BOARD  
JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
April 2 , 2009**

Meeting time: 2:00pm- 3:30pm  
Meeting place: Colonial Community Corrections Conference Room

Members present: Gail Albert, Dennis Ivey, Gail Elmakis, Stephanie Gallas, Jan Weaver, Thomas Gooding, Tara Surber Fedis and Leah Griffith

**Previous Meeting Minutes:** February 5, 2009 Minutes reviewed and accepted

**A.** Welcome and introduction of area representatives

**B.** Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes.

**C. February 20, 2009; GANG: Ritual Crimes and the Occult Forum:** Leah reviewed event for committee members reporting that there were 182 attendees with great outcome surveys. The forum was able to provide over 1450 hours of DCJS accredited CEUS to include career development, cultural diversity and legal hours. Facilitators of event were Sgt. Dennis Ivey and Captain Frank Crotty of York Poquoson Sheriff's Department along with Don Rimer; 33 year Veteran of the Virginia Beach, VA Police Department and Internationally Recognized Authority on Ritual Crime & The Occult serving as the Public Information Officer and Chaplain of the VGIA. Sheriff Danny Diggs of York Poquoson Sheriffs Office provided the opening statement for the event. Financial support of this event was made by YPSO, CCCJB and In-kind by the Clarion, YPSO and CCCJB.

The waiting list for this training grew to well over 200 with attendees from all over the state encompassing many professions. The working committee of Leah Griffith, Dennis Ivey and Frank Crotty are planning a similar training for September 18, 2009 with the support of the JJSC members. With the review of finances, there is a need to charge \$25 per registrant for this training. The fee will cover handouts that weren't provided to the last attendees at the training, catered buffet lunch and certificates. Mass email correspondence will be sent out to waiting list by mid April with the training opening to others in June 2009.

**D. Restorative Justice Working Committee Update:** Janet reported on the current status of the working committee.

The confirmed working committee is comprised of Stephanie Gallas, Nadia Williams, Tara S. Fedis, Jan Weaver and Leah Griffith. The working committee met on December 17, 2008 and January 14, 2009 with establishing committee goals of: 1. RJWC to provide Jamestown HS Staff either thru an In-service or designated group of core teachers with Circle Training. 2. For staff or core group to implement circles well with provided questions, structure and support. 3. RJWC to lead RJC/Circle Training at Aug. 2009 Teacher Workshops 4. To institute RJ changes in the 2009/2010 Disciplinary Policies.

The working committee met with Chuck Wagner, Principal of Jamestown HS in Williamsburg Va on January 26, 2009 to discuss piloting Restorative Justice Circles with the **Topics of discussion being:** Acknowledgements of committee with stated goals, Explanation of What Restorative

Justice is, Video- Safe and Saner Schools, Restorative Justice Circle Presentation and discussion of Piloting Circles.

Full explanation of **Focused areas of Piloting Circles:** 1. Doing something specific for rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders 2. May fit in with new 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Advisory Board and Peer Mediation/Ambassador Program 3. May be incorporated into the upcoming program structures for 2009/2010.

The outcome of the meeting was the following **Plan:** Chuck Wagner will identify a small core of teachers who would be willing to learn about circles and implement in their classroom setting. Once the RJWC trains and works with this core of teachers then we will introduce to whole faculty..with the hopes that it will enhance what they are doing. This meeting with the core 9<sup>th</sup> grade teachers, counselors, admin and security is scheduled for April 3, 2009 at Jamestown High School at 9-11.

For RJWC to get on the Aug 2009 Training/Workshop Agenda for WJCC teachers.

Extensive discussion held regarding 700 children that were introduced to the Peer Mediation process, while in 2007, 147 took advantage of the training, becoming certified as youth mediators. This program won a NACPRO (National Association of County Park and Recreation Officials) Award for Best Parks and Recreation Program Award. Stephanie Gallas checking with Quincy Manor regarding students. Additional discussion was held regarding alternatives to suspensions such as community service sites and partnering up with JCC P&R since they have 5-6 Community Projects which they could provide the needed supervision of students. Tara to forward additional information.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

**A. Court Improvement Project:** Discussion held regarding the need to educate local judges regarding holding the parents responsible for missed appointments such as court, school, counseling, social services, DJJ and etc. Tom feels that this will not be happening and the meeting between he and JCC DSS did not occur. Discussion regarding the courts fining parents and issuing court cost regarding truancy and other cases going into a "FuND" is going to be researched by Stephanie Gallas and Gail Elmakis for Poquoson and WJCC Public Schools.

**B. Update of Anger Management Classes:** by Chair Gooding with referral information given to localities regarding Principals and CSU referring to Anne Marie Long of Child and Family Services out of Hampton). This 9 week program is currently being held at Berkley School and those participating are both the children and parents! It is funded by WCHF and is at the end of a 2 year grant cycle, it is a SAMSA recognized program. The course is held on Thursdays from 5-6:30pm and dinner is provided. Currently, there is need to explore other funding alternatives for this program.

#### **Open Discussion:**

**A. Grants-** It was briefly discussed, regarding York County and CCCJB, Leah collaborating and working on new software grant for 2009 and for a Professional Development grant for YCPSO Gang taskforce to attend VGIA conference in October 09. No other grant information reported.

#### **B. Project& Items of Discussion-**

Leah provided an overview of the CCCJB Initiatives to include the Heroin Workshops that were held in the City of Poquoson thru the collaborative efforts of City of Poquoson Police Dept., HTSAC, William and

Mary, Norfolk Methadone Clinic and the CCCJB. These workshops also offered .1 CEU provided by TNCC. Other initiatives reviewed but not limited to are the collaborative efforts set forth for EBP incentives and donations, education of EBP by board members to York County Rotary on February 18, another upcoming Legislative event for April 2009 and Cross Systems Mapping in May 2009. Other discussions of the committee were Motivational Interviewing and the current cut backs in the schools and CSU's.

Announcements:

- April 16th is the Child Advocacy Team (CAT) Luncheon at Carrabas - a fundraising event.
- April 24, 2009- Merrimac Center's Spring Open House/Luncheon from noon-2pm. Questions/RSVP: [kdobson@merrimac-center.net](mailto:kdobson@merrimac-center.net) or 757-887-0225
- May 8, 2009 is when Jaiya John speaks at Point Plaza Hotel on Rt. 17 from 9-12pm. Cost is \$10. Contact Gail Elmakis at 868-3045 for more information.

**Closing Remarks and Adjournment:** The 2009 Meeting schedule was announced and marked in the calendar to remain every other month on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in the Colonial Community Corrections Conference Room with the next being June 4, 2009 at 2pm.