

**COLONIAL COMMUNITY CRIMINAL JUSTICE BOARD
JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
April 3, 2008**

Meeting time: 2pm- 4:00pm
Meeting place: Colonial Community Corrections

Members present: Tom Gooding, Gail Albert, Stephanie Gallas, Tara Fedis, Cynthia Rhone, Byron Adkins, Roy Geiger, Tina Sawyer, Tony Dallman, Gregory Deaver, Lisa Turner, Steve Chantry, Molly Nealer, Kristina O'Keefe and Leah Griffith

Previous Meeting Minutes: February 7, 2008 Minutes approved and accepted

- A.** Welcome and introduction of area representatives was led by Chair Gooding. Chair Gooding also gave a brief explanation of the Juvenile Justice Sub-committee as it relates to the Colonial Community Criminal Justice Board.
- B.** Presentation of Rite of Passage Program was led by the East Coast Admissions Manager, Ron Westphal. Ron presented on behalf of the 25yr old + Residential Program, the new Evening Reporting Centers, Community Mentor Programs, Community Transition Programs, Program Centered Transition and Aftercare Programs and Day Treatment Centers. The program development is known as Ritetrack which establishes a structured academic environment and innovative interventions in a community setting. This program features an integrated assessment and case plan process known as the Measured Achievement Plan or MAP. This MAP is individualized for each youth (male or female) and targets evidence-based practices and interventions which are also prioritized. The youth are measured in ten domain areas through the assessments which are alcohol and drugs, current relationships, aggression, skills, attitudes/behaviors, current living arrangements, current school status, current mental health, current use of free time and current employment. The program focuses on Aggression Replacement Training (ART) and Cognitive Restructuring, Parenting and Multi-family groups, Community Service Programs, Restorative Justice Programs and Substance Abuse and Relapse Prevention Courses.

The Program Centered Transition and Aftercare category assists with the transition phase back into the community such as Job Readiness Assistance, Post Secondary Financial Aid, Employment Linkage, Community Based Mentoring and Case Planning. The Evening Reporting Centers are designed to make productive use of the high crime period of 3pm-9pm Monday thru Friday by establishing supervised structure. This program combines Education, Counseling, Athletics, Social Engagements, Community Service, Individualized Tutoring, Case Planning, Cognitive Behavioral Interventions, and Community Based Transition and Aftercare. With the other programs such as Community Mentor Programming, Early Intervention Programs and Community Transition Programs there is a true wrap-around service provided to include In Home family therapy, Parenting with Love and Limits, Afterschool Programming, Placing Agency Communication, Transportation, Employment Linkage, School Linkage and 24 hour support.

Currently, the Suffolk area has requested funding assistance to begin an Evening Reporting Center led by Rite of Passage. The estimated cost per day with approx. 25 kids is \$50 which also includes meals and transportation. Rite of Passage accepts court ordered youth from DJJ and DSS. They accept most delinquent youth referred by DJJ, DSS, Schools, Counselors, Parents etc. but do not accept arsonists or sex-offenders.

Contact information for Ron is rwestphal@riteofpassage.com and cell number is 757-968-0566.

- C. Presentation by Tony Dallman regarding the GREAT Program with some materials distributed.
GREAT Update: GREAT stands for Gang Resistance Education and Training: JCCPD was awarded GREAT Grant and sent 7 School Resource Officers to Philadelphia PA for a week long training course. Currently the GREAT officers are working at Stonehouse, Toano elem. with the After school Program and 6 kids at Jamestown elem. for after school. The afterschool program is being initiated thru referrals. The GREAT program is being combined into the Middle Schools 6th Grade Health and PE Curriculum as of the beginning of the 2008/2009 school year. There has been a delay of starting due to the first anticipated time frame was the 2nd semester of the 2007/2008 school year. This 13 course Program is slotted to occur once a week.. The official website for information pertaining to GREAT is www.great-online.org. There have been successful meetings held between JCCPR, Tara Fedis and JCCPD, Officer Roscoe regarding Beyond the Bell, Strive, Kids Quest, Peer Mediation and Conflict Resolution Skills with complimenting the GREAT Program. Officer Deaver of the City of Poquoson Police Department informed the committee that they have been awarded the GREAT Grant and he was scheduled to attend the week long training in Philadelphia during the week of April 7, 2008. He also informed the committee that there is now a SRO in the Poquoson Schools. GREAT materials were handed out by Officer Dallman. The committee maintained a good discussion regarding the grant request, grant program and the successful collaboration between schools, parks and recreation and the SRO's regarding GREAT, Peer Mediation, Strive, Beyond the Bell and Kids Quest.
- D. *Review of SMART Program by Chair Gooding with additional referral information given to localities.
*Review of Mental Health Transition Plans by Chair Gooding..MOU's
*Review of Anger Management Classes by Chair Gooding with referral information given to localities regarding Principals referring out to Anne Marie Long of WHF
***TCAP update:** This initiative has been deleted due to significant delays, provider changes with no Progress or estimated time frame which has caused the statistics to become outdated
- E. **Criminal Justice Plan Draft (09-10)-** Leah requested all members to review the plan and provide suggestions/corrections which was handed out. Dr. Chantry requested the Topic of Legal Responsibilities of The Educational Institution and School Response to Internet Harassment/Threats to replace the TCAP Strategy. It was unanimous. Thus this replaced the TCAP Initiative and Strategy in the 09-10 CJP with all else remaining the same. Leah will attempt to locate an expert to speak on this topic.

Other topics of discussion:

Bully Program: New Kent has Bully Program

Restorative Justice Conference scheduled for Nov. 2008: Discussion regarding Restorative Justice was led by Tara Fedis and Stephanie Gallas. The conference that was scheduled for March 3, 2008 was postponed to November 2008. Information was provided regarding registration fees, location and the need for this training. It was unanimous regarding the request of the WCHF Professional Development Grant to be submitted by Leah Griffith by July 2008 once all definite date and fee information is provided by the Virginia Restorative Justice Association. (Leah has made the official request regarding needed information to the Restorative Justice Association)

Website Update- Leah announced that the website on JCC regarding CCCJB is updated and good information such as meeting minutes is available on the site. It is constantly being updated.

In-Kind Forms- Leah made quick announcement regarding attached In-kind Form for all members of the Juvenile Justice Committee to fill out as we attend meetings and complete tasks assigned by JJC.

