



Durham County Criminal Justice Advisory Committee

November 27, 2012

Committee Members Present: Marcia Morey, Leon Stanback, Lao Rubert, DeWarren K. Langley, Ellen Reckhow, Ann Oshel

Committee Members Absent: Loretta Clyburn, Osborne Clayton, Jim Hardin, Gayle Harris, Antonia Pedroza, Lee Worsley, Tony Taylor, Marcus Weeks, Dianne Smith

Guests: Ellen Whelan-Wuest (sitting in for Lee Worsley), Joycita Brothers, Meredith McMonigle

Staff: Gudrun Parmer, Peter Baker, Celia Jefferson,

Welcome and Introductions

Review of additional member applications

Gudrun stated that committee members reached out to respective contracts for the following eight positions members and will be appointed directly by the committee. The individuals appointed will have to be County residents and current on property taxes.

1. **Community College or other educational institution**
Dr. Ingram at Durham Technical Community College who promised to identify someone
2. **Local Mental Health or Substance Abuse Provider**
Dr. Sharon Elliott Bynum of the CAARE Program is interested.
3. **Local Non-Profit Organization** – Kristen Rosselli of TROSA has completed an application
4. **Housing Provider**
Outreach to Bernie Bass with no response to date. Another suggestion was to contact Housing for New Hope.
5. **Ex-Offender**
Larry Parker, a county employee and a former client at CJRC would be happy to serve.

6. **Specialty Court Judge** - Marcia Morey reached out to Judge Gordon and she is willing to serve. Gudrun will email her an application.
7. **Employment & Training Provider** – Gudrun reached out to DERC and two individuals are willing to serve. She also reached out to Gilda Womble of InStepp who is happy to serve.
8. **Faith-Based Organization** – Gudrun reached out to Marcia Owen and she is willing to serve.

Since no quorum was present, Judge Morey suggested that an email be sent to the committee to vote for the following three people who applications had been processed through the clerk office: Kristen Rosselli, Larry Parker, and Marcia Owen.

Review of existing services and service gaps

Judge Morey and Gudrun met last week to discuss the CJAC focus on identifying services for Durham, specifically service gaps, priorities and needs. At the beginning of the meeting, Judge Morey distributed a survey regarding shared values from the last meeting. She asked for comments regarding whether this share values have been most effective for the adults in the criminal justice system in Durham. She stated we can take the values and put them in more concrete services when we offer services to offenders. Judge Morey asked committee members to focus on what they thought was most important. Judge Stanback stated he felt family structure was the strongest factor that affected behavior as a preventive measure to keep individuals from getting in the system. Commissioner Reckhow commented that it would be interesting to get more information regarding enrollment and expenditures in the various services or areas. She said it would be interesting to compare what we think is important to how we spend our time and funding now.

Gudrun mentioned the Community Resources and Services Guide that is available through the NC Department of Public Safety, Research and Planning and had been recently updated. Gudrun and Meredith condensed the information from the guide for the committee to identify which services are available in Durham. Some of these services are rather confined, can only serve a certain number of people, or have a cost involved. The CAARE Program is a comprehensive treatment provider and can help with medical and housing needs. On the other hand, the guide shows only one treatment provider for sex offenders. Gudrun stated that Cognitive Behavior Intervention would be a great program for first time offenders to help change their thinking. Gudrun will email a copy of the complete list of service providers in Durham County to the committee.

Judge Morey informed the committee that a new law goes into effect December 1st mandating mediation if a private citizen takes out charges against another. The parties will have 30 days to go to mediation and if not successful, the case will be calendared for trial or plea. This is a big step managing private citizens' complaints.

The next meeting will be held on February 26 at 4pm at the new Justice Center.