

Multi-Program Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
Hall County Courthouse, 4th Floor, Courtroom #3

March 5, 2013 8:00 a.m.

Attendees:

Judge Gosselin	Cindy Mustachio	Jill Rice	Brad Morris
Judge Deal	Nikki Allemani	Heather Davis	Walt Davis
Judge Baldwin	Cindy Bryant	Amanda Lewis	Kit Devine
Judge Jolliff	Tarra Jackson	Bernard Roebuck	Cindy Campbell
Judge Oliver	Stephen Sorrells	Megan Hughes	Alison Toller
Debbie Mott	Cathy Arrington	Mary Wareham	Hyziher Glenn
	Joya LeNoir		

Staff Attendees:	Paula Kicklighter	Jessi Emmett	Bob King
	Crystal Waldrop	Katie Bruner	Denise McKinney
	Marisa Sullens	Cedric Wesley	Michelle Beverly
	Hoke Snelson	Jason Bennett	

Discussion:

Judge Deal welcomed everyone and explained the purpose of these meetings. He gave an overview of the three Drug Court Tracks: Early Intervention, Dependency, and Young Adult. He also mentioned our applications for grant funding for a felony probation track and a reentry program.

Judge Deal talked about the Laboratory at Treatment Services providing testing to various agencies throughout Hall County and Dawson County. The Judge also mentioned the Community Service Bus project being utilized to transport participants to work areas throughout the County.

Judge Baldwin announced DUI Court Program being a 15-month program with approximately 110 participants. He also mentioned the 10-year anniversary of the DUI Court Program, and the Graduation being held March 21, 2013 at 3:00 p.m.

Judge Jolliff gave an overview of Family Treatment Court.

Judge Oliver gave an overview of Parental Accountability Court.

Judge Gosselin spoke about the new Dawson County HELP Program with the first court session taking place on February 28, 2013. She explained the Program's provisional track, as well as Superior Court's Competency Docket.

Judge Gosselin announced the group home project implementation. Hall County owns property that was once used as a group home for boys that we plan to turn into transitional housing for homeless participants who enter the HELP Program. Staff is currently researching the legalities and requirements.

Debbie Mott mentioned Cindy McLaughlin's email stating Avita's decision to remove the notary requirement from their release of information form used for the detox program.

Steve Sorrells (Avita) announced changes to the court ordered assessment program. Mr. Sorrells explained that there is now a two-step process regarding court ordered assessments: 1. Participants are required to schedule an appointment, 2. Pay \$30 when making the appointment and an additional \$55 at the time of the assessment.

Debbie Mott announced the Department of Labor Job Fair will be held at the Gainesville Civic Center on Wednesday, April 10, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. per an email from Mark Winters (DOL).

Amanda Lewis (DOL) announced the Department of Labor will also be holding a training class on resume writing and interviewing skills on March 27, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Participants must sign up in advance by calling the Department of Labor.

Mary Wareham with the Gainesville Vocational Rehabilitation Agency (GVRA) mentioned they are affiliated with several staffing agencies looking for employees to work a 15-month job contract. The staffing agencies have concerns about the criminal backgrounds of possible candidates and if they will show up for work every day if they are hired. Ms. Wareham asked if potential candidates can be mandated by the court to work every day or be sanctioned. Ms. Wareham also would like to request transportation assistance with getting individuals to and from work. The Community Service bus is not an option for this particular need.

Jill Rice (DFCS) commented that the Department of Family and Children Services is satisfied with the lab testing that Hall County Treatment Services provides.

Meeting Adjourned 8:40 a.m.

Next meeting: Monday, June 17, 2013 at 8:00 a.m.