



CABARRUS COUNTY JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL
Regular Meeting held October 18, 2023
Governmental Center, Concord NC
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gayle Alston	Adrian Attaway	Steve Ayers	Megan Baumgardner
Mikayla Branch	Travis Burke	Carolyn Carpenter	Matthew Greer
Amy Jewell	Marta Meares	Heather Mobley	Connie Philbeck
Aalece Pugh-Lilly	Sharon Reese	Michelle Wilson	

MEMBER ATTENDING VIRTUALLY: Christy Wilhelm

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sonja Bohannon-Thacker	Ashley Fitch	Jamica LaFranque	Chris Measmer
Malisha Ross	Ashlie Shanley	Jacob Wentink	Terry Wise

VACANT COUNCIL SEATS: Member of the Business Community; One Youth Under Age 21 *or* a Member of the Public Representing Families of At-Risk Youth

JCPC ASSOCIATES PRESENT: Daniel Sevigny; Joanie Bischer

OTHERS PRESENT: Darryl Bego (YDI); Melissa Dixon; Rosemary Gause; David Highsmith II (DJJ); Anissa Jones (CRC); Karen South Jones (RCYSB); Quanitta Kelly (TYM); Maegan Mack; Kristen McEvoy (CRC); Reggie McNeil (TYM); Sarimar Miller (DJJ); Kim Olige (Youth Style Fitness); Kasshema Samuels (Aspire); Lakesha Steele

CALL TO ORDER and ATTENDANCE

Chair Megan Baumgardner called the meeting to order at 7:39 a.m. and welcomed everyone. A quorum was not present. Megan suggested the meeting move forward with *Updates from DPS Area Consultant* until a quorum was established and voting could take place. There was no opposition to this suggestion.

UPDATES FROM DPS AREA CONSULTANT

Daniel Sevigny referred members to *Talking Points* and other DPS documents included in the meeting packet. He mentioned that program referral numbers look good. Youth Style Fitness has now received funding and their doors will open in Concord next Monday. Daniel provided JCPC announcements, legislative budget news, and dates for upcoming New Member Orientations and RYCNC Lunch & Learn Zoom sessions. He asked members to review the Intensive Intervention Services document and the HEARTH Transitional Living Program flyer. He also asked attendees to take and distribute the NC S.A.F.E. flyers available.

Daniel next presented the YASI data obtained from 283 juveniles in FY 2022-23. Gayle Alston assisted. The report indicates that Cabarrus is generally trending in the right direction relative to risks, needs, and strengths.

Areas of concern were discussed and included data for: (1) First-time referrals of juveniles under age 12; (2) Juveniles under age 12 and ages 12 to 15 who reported using drugs/alcohol; (3) Felony referrals; (4) Juveniles without health insurance; (5) Reports to police by school administrators of juvenile aggression/violence; (6) Older juveniles who have never been employed; and (7) Juveniles with unstructured free time. Daniel mentioned this data indicates DJJ is serving a younger population.

By this time, a quorum was established with 16 of 24 members in attendance. Megan returned to the *Call to Order* portion of the agenda and conducted the following votes. Judge Wilhelm's votes were confirmed.

Approval of September 20 Minutes Corrections or a motion were requested. Carolyn Carpenter motioned to approve the Minutes as written. Michelle Wilson seconded. With no further comments, the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of September 26 Membership & Nominations Committee Minutes Corrections or a motion were requested. Committee Chair Heather Mobley motioned to approve the Minutes as written. Gayle seconded. With no further comments, the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Agenda Changes or a motion were requested. Michelle motioned to approve the Agenda as presented. Marta Meares seconded. With no further comments, the motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Megan reminded monitoring committee chairs to begin scheduling sessions. Monitoring reports are expected to be completed before the February meeting. Committee chairs were asked to include Daniel in the scheduling process. Megan advised that no chair is assigned for SOSE's monitoring committee. The SOSE monitoring committee members can schedule the meeting themselves if no one volunteers to chair.

NEW BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS

Megan advised that the formal resignation of Member-at-Large Jamica LaFranque was included in the meeting packet. Megan opened the floor for a motion. Michelle motioned to accept the resignation. Amy Jewell seconded. With no further comments, the motion carried unanimously. Council expressed appreciation for Jamica's service. The BOC will formalize the resignation during its November meeting.

Heather discussed the vacant council seats for a Member of the Business Community, a Member of the Public Representing Families of At-Risk Youth, and a Member At Large. She advised that seven candidates confirmed their interest in serving. Each candidate was invited to today's meeting. Heather mentioned that although Steve Grossman was unable to be present due to the Judges Conference in Asheville, he wants to be considered. Four candidates next introduced themselves to Council in the following order: Melissa Dixon, Rosemary Gause, Maegan Mack, and Lakesha Steele. Each candidate spoke for approximately two minutes. Heather advised that the Membership Committee will reconvene to consider recommendations for the full Council. All candidates were thanked for their time and interest.

PROGRAM REPORTS / COUNCIL MEMBER QUESTIONS

Verbal reports from agency representatives proceeded as follows: Aspire Cabarrus by Kasshema Samuels; RCYSB by Karen South Jones; YDI by Darryl Bego; CRC Teen Court by Anissa Jones; Youth Style Fitness by Kim Olige; and TYM by Reggie McNeil and Quanitta Kelly. Council questions were addressed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

On behalf of DJJ, Gayle thanked Council members for their dedication and effort. Megan mentioned that Risk & Needs discussions might be incorporated into the November meeting, as they were last year. The RFP for FY 2024-25 is expected to be approved at that time.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further comments, Megan called for a motion. Marta motioned to adjourn. Michelle seconded. With no opposition to the motion, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:10 a.m. and thanked everyone for their time.

-Submitted by Joanie Bischer

Key to Acronyms

1. CRC = Conflict Resolution Center
2. DJJ = Division of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention
3. DPS = Department of Public Safety
4. FY = Fiscal Year (JCPC's fiscal year begins July 1 and ends June 30)
5. NC S.A.F.E. = Secure All Firearms Effectively (the Governor's initiative to promote safe gun storage)
6. RCYSB = Rowan County Youth Services Bureau
7. RFP = Request for Proposals (a document published to solicit proposals thru local JCPCs for DPS funding)
8. RYCNC = Restoring Youth Coalition of North Carolina
9. TYM = Transforming Youth Movement
10. YASI = Youth Assessment Screening Instrument (a pre-screening tool used by court services with juvenile referrals)
11. YDI = Youth Development Initiatives