



**CABARRUS COUNTY JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL**  
**February 16, 2022 – Regular Meeting (via Webex)**  
**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

LaShay Avery	Steven Ayers	Megan Baumgardner	Sonja Bohannon-Thacker
Mark Boles	Joy Butler	Carolyn Carpenter	Beth Downs
Perry Gabriel	Matthew Greer	Steve Grossman	Rodney Harris
Brian Heintz	Amy Jewell	Jamica LaFranque	Marta Meares
Heather Mobley	Connie Philbeck	Sharon Reese	Beth Street
David Wall	Michelle Wilson	Terry Wise	

**MEMBER ABSENT:** Steve Morris

**VACANT COUNCIL SEATS:** Two youth under age 21; or one youth under age 21 and one member of the public representing the interests of families of at-risk youth

**JCPC ASSOCIATES PRESENT:** Daniel Sevigny, Joanie Bischer

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Joe Battinelli (CabCo IT), Darryl Bego (YDI), Sheryl Conrad, Emma Flores (TYM), Rachel Grossman-Zack (Guardian ad Litem District Administrator), Anissa Jones (Teen Court), Karen South Jones (SOSET), John J. Kirkpatrick IV (TYM), Kristen McEvoy (Teen Court), Mark McIntyre (CabCo IT) Reggie McNeil (TYM), Sarimar Miller (Juvenile Court Counselor Supervisor), Todd Shanley (CabCo IT), Claude Whitfield (TYM), Parnell Woods (Juvenile Court Counselor)

**CALL TO ORDER and ATTENDANCE**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Megan Baumgardner at 7:30 a.m. She confirmed that a quorum was established. Twenty-three of 24 members were in attendance. Megan welcomed members and guests. As a routine reminder, Megan mentioned that Webex chat threads are subject to open meeting laws and includes any private chats between attendees.

Vote to Approve January 2022 Meeting Minutes

Megan advised that January minutes were included in the meeting packet emailed on February 9 and asked if there were corrections or additions. None were heard or seen. Vice Chair Mark Boles motioned to approve the January minutes as written. Connie Philbeck seconded. With no further discussion, the motion to approve the minutes as written carried without opposition.

Vote to Approve February 2022 Meeting Agenda

Megan advised that three members of the county’s IT Department were in attendance to provide an update on JCPC’s mobile app. She suggested moving *Status Update for JCPC Mobile App* to the top of the agenda under *Old*

*Business* thereby allowing the IT guests to leave the meeting afterward if they chose. Megan called for discussion or comments. None were heard or seen. Connie motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Carolyn Carpenter seconded. With no further discussion, the motion to approve the agenda as amended carried without opposition.

#### **UPDATES FROM DPS AREA CONSULTANT**

Daniel Seigny shared client count and tracking data for each program while displaying *Talking Points* on screen. He remarked that we are more than halfway through the fiscal year and numbers are steadily increasing. Daniel then reminded everyone of the upcoming Restorative Justice virtual training for JCPCs. Information about this training will be forthcoming along with a guidebook for those interested in attending. If seeking additional information, please contact Daniel or Katie Hiott at DPS.

Daniel stated the Intensive Intervention Services (IIS) Request for Proposal, which is separate from JCPC funding, is currently posted on the DPS website. The deadline for submitting applications is March 7 at 11:59 p.m. A description of IIS' targeted population is included in *Talking Points*. If interested, please email Daniel or Joanie for DPS contact information.

Daniel then advised that DPS JCPC policy is currently under review by the Policy Committee. Feedback will be requested in the coming months from JCPCs, program providers, and local partners. He mentioned that edits approved by the committee may require changes in individual JCPC By Laws.

Daniel announced that EKG Gun Violence Education training, a community initiative for eight selected NC counties, was expanded to include gang violence training. The expanded training will be known as EKG 2.0. Daniel mentioned that he learned more about EKG 2.0 while sitting on a recent Safer Schools forum. He added this training could be suitable for Cabarrus County.

Daniel reminded programs that third quarter accounting will be available for completion in NCALLIES beginning March 1. Deadline for completion is Friday, March 25 at 5 pm. This deadline includes obtaining electronic signatures. To allow for review and DocuSign release, he suggested that programs aim to complete third quarter accounting by March 15.

Responding to Beth Street's question, Daniel explained that the EKG program is a national, evidence-based training provided to seventh graders as part of the "Operation Ceasefire" initiative. Mark mentioned that he was unable to reach anyone at DPS to learn more about the program. Daniel said he can obtain contact information. Daniel stated he would like to provide more information about EKG training to the full Council at a future meeting. Megan suggested that an EKG representative address Council next fiscal year.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Megan yielded the floor to Mark for updates on the JCPC mobile app. Mark introduced Todd Shanley, Chief Information Officer with Cabarrus County IT Services. Mark stated he met twice with Todd's team who designed a better version of the app to include a web page. Todd credited Joe Battinelli and Mark McIntyre for creating a "progressive web app" that is mobile enabled for JCPC's app. This technology has assisted other county agencies. They explained how the platform works, how it can be enhanced with information specific to each program, and how it can target specific audiences. Mark Boles added the app can be accessed from mobile devices and a web page. Todd and Mark Boles then answered questions regarding cost and its ability to update program information.

The app's target audience includes teachers, first responders, social workers, juvenile court counselors, school counselors, law enforcement, district attorneys, churches, and related volunteer organizations. Mark stated that JCPC's Public Relations Committee will meet later to discuss design details for the app. He will email requests for pertinent information to program providers shortly. Megan expressed Council's appreciation to Todd Shanley and his team for their time and effort. She also thanked Mark for his idea of a mobile app and his dedication toward making it a reality.

Megan next opened a discussion to schedule a virtual meeting of the Allocation & Funding Committee (A&F). Since JCPC's March 16 meeting will primarily consist of presentations from FY 2022-23 program applicants, the A&F meeting provides opportunity to thoroughly review applications and develop questions for them. March 2 and 3 were suggested dates for the A&F meeting. A majority of members settled on March 3 at 8 a.m. A Webex link and call-in information will be emailed shortly. Megan encouraged all council members, providers, and members of the public to attend. Megan confirmed that all twelve FY 2022-23 applications were emailed to Council on February 9 to review in advance of the A&F meeting.

Megan called for a discussion of an in-person Council meeting on March 16. Several members expressed a preference to wait until April while others were willing to return in March. Since the county continues to require social distancing for indoor meetings, a venue appropriately sized must be secured in advance. Rodney Harris mentioned that the Milestone Building off Kannapolis Parkway (former location of Cardinal Health location) was recently acquired by the county and has a training room larger than the Governmental Center's Multi-Purpose Room. Amy Jewel mentioned that the COVID restrictions some agencies remain under would automatically eliminate several members from attending. Michelle Wilson asked about the possibility of live-streaming the March meeting since funding is involved. Upon further discussion of the benefits and risks of in-person meetings at this time, Megan suggested that Council remain virtual for its March meeting, with the expectation that Council can meet in person in April during which funding decisions will be made. There was no opposition to this plan. In-person meetings will remain an item on the next meeting agenda.

Megan yielded the floor to David Wall to summarize Juvenile Court Counselors (JCC) six-month review surveys. David explained that JCCs were requested to complete a survey for each funded program this year regardless of whether a referral was made. If no referrals were made, JCCs were asked to state the reason. Beginning with the survey for Aspire Cabarrus Kids at Work, surveys for each program were discussed. David and Sarimar Miller responded to individual questions regarding survey responses. Anissa Jones responded to JCCs' comments regarding communications with Teen Court. She explained that JCC referrals are handled differently than those from school resource officers. She added that the issues raised in Teen Court's survey were previously resolved. (**Note:** The Teen Court survey presented to Council was subsequently reviewed by David Wall and Sari Miller. Please see the *Addendum to Minutes* incorporated herein on Page 5. The *Addendum* forms a part of these Minutes.)

#### **NEW BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS**

There was none.

#### **UPDATES FROM PROGRAMS / COUNCIL MEMBER QUESTIONS FOR PROGRAMS**

Daniel stated that programs were scheduled to present their FY 2021-22 six-month measurable objectives at this point in the meeting. Due to time constraints, he recommended that program managers email their measurable objectives report and synopsis to both he and Joanie by Friday, February 18, so they can be distributed to Council in advance of the A&F Committee meeting on March 3.

Megan asked if council members had questions or comments for program managers based on the January reports included in the February meeting packet. None were heard or seen. Megan asked for final comments from programs. Reggie McNeil announced that TYM invested in a new HR management system that will allow compliance managers to monitor clients' progress and events in real time via dashboard. The graphed-out data produced from this system will be included in future reports.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Megan opened the floor for public comments. None were heard or seen.

#### **COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Megan yielded the floor for final comments from Council members. Connie announced that DPS is recruiting social services professionals with master's degrees. She stated the Youth Development Center (YDC) campus has only two therapists at this time. Qualified professionals who can work in a dynamic, locked facility are needed. If anyone knows an interested individual, please request they contact Connie. She also advised that Cabarrus YDC and Cabarrus Detention Center are now combined under the leadership of Director Brown. David also described understaffing issues in District 19 JCCs. He then provided data regarding DJJ complaints received this year, nature of complaints, and a breakdown of race and gender.

Megan reminded Council that program presentations will be made during JCPC's virtual meeting on March 16. Although the Council's general business will be held to a minimum to accommodate the presentations, she advised that the meeting will likely run longer than usual.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Megan asked for any final comments. Hearing and seeing none, she opened the floor for motions. Mark motioned to adjourn and David seconded. With no further comments, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:21 a.m.

*Submitted by Joanie Bischer*

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**ADDENDUM TO MINUTES**

Following the February 16 meeting, Council Member David Wall submitted a correction to the Minutes relative to JCC review surveys. Specifically, the JCC review survey for Conflict Resolution Center’s Teen Court was amended as stated below via email by Court Counselor Supervisor Sarimar Miller.

“After the meeting, I went back to check the forms and I noticed [the JCC] on Question #5 said the following: ‘I have had to reach out to gain information from the staff. I would rather just provide my e-mail and have them send a short monthly e-mail if everything is going well.’

On Question #4, [the JCC] also stated: ‘Once I have a juvenile on supervision after intake would make the referral, I would just like a monthly email of the juvenile’s attendance, participation, etc.’

However, [this JCC] did not make any referrals during this review period for the program. I believe [the JCC] might have meant the previous administration for Teen Court. I did not catch it when I was reviewing that form.

I can tell you that we met with the new administration from Teen Court and they have had great communication with us since they took over and have made themselves available. If we were to edit any comments that would be one that I make.

[Another JCC’s] response to Teen Court is more accurate as to the current situation, as [this JCC] is the only one that has made referrals to Teen Court during this review period.

Sorry for the long reply, but I just wanted to clarify.”

Thanks,

*Sarimar Miller*

Court Counselor Supervisor

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Reply from Chief Court Counselor David Wall:

“Please let the new administration at Teen Court know what may have happened, and that I send my appreciation for the improved services since they have taken over the program.”

*David E. Wall*

Chief Court Counselor