



CABARRUS COUNTY JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL
Regular Meeting held January 18, 2023
Governmental Center, Concord NC
MINUTES
(Amended per Council on 2.15.2023)

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| Adrian Attaway | Steven Ayers | Megan Baumgardner | Sonja Bohannon-Thacker |
| Mark Boles | Mikayla Branch | Travis Burke | Carolyn Carpenter |
| Ashley Fitch | Amy Jewell | Heather Jones | Jamica LaFranque |
| Marta Meares | Chris Measmer | Heather Mobley | Connie Philbeck |
| Sharon Reese | Ashlie Shanley | David Wall | Michelle Wilson |
| Terry Wise | | | |

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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| LaShay Avery | Matthew Greer | Steve Grossman |
| Rodney Harris | Jacob Wentink | |

VACANT COUNCIL SEATS: None

JCPC ASSOCIATES PRESENT: Daniel Sevigny (DPS Area Consultant), Joanie Bischer (Admin)

GUESTS PRESENT:

Darryl Bego (YDI), Dennis Brown (ReEntry Alliance), Sheryl Conrad (DJJ), David Highsmith II (DJJ), James Howden (County Finance Director), Anissa Jones (Teen Court), Kristen McEvoy (Teen Court), Reggie McNeil (TYM), Sarimar Miller (DJJ), Steve Morris (Commissioner), Susan Tolley (Aspire), Christy Wilhelm (Chief District Court Judge)

CALL TO ORDER and ATTENDANCE

Chair Megan Baumgardner called the meeting to order at 7:31 a.m. Quorum was established with 21 of 26 members present. Megan welcomed members and guests and then introduced new Council members: Commissioner Chris Measmer and District Attorney Ashlie Shanley.

Approval of November Meeting Minutes: Megan asked for corrections, additions, or a motion regarding November 16 meeting minutes. Amy Jewell motioned to approve the minutes as written and Heather Mobley seconded. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Aspire Monitoring Minutes: Megan asked for corrections, additions, or a motion regarding Aspire December 8 monitoring minutes. Vice Chair Mark Boles motioned to approve the minutes as written and Carolyn Carpenter seconded. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Agenda: Megan asked members to review the agenda and requested a motion. Heather Mobley motioned to approve the agenda as presented and Chris Measmer seconded. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

UPDATES FROM DPS AREA CONSULTANT

Daniel referred members to *DPS Talking Points* included in the meeting packet and advised that two virtual orientation sessions for new Council members are planned next Spring. Notification of date and time will be provided in advance. Daniel shared client count/tracking data and stated program numbers look good overall. The estimated number of youth to be served this FY was 338 and the total number served to date is 236. Daniel confirmed that the FY 2023-24 RFP was published on two websites beginning January 3. Eighteen programs have indicated interest. The January 12 virtual RFP information session was attended by 13 potential applicants. Another session is scheduled January 20 and new Council members were invited to attend. Daniel advised program managers that third quarter accounting will be initiated through the DPS area office on February 15. Completed accounting forms will be due March 27.

OLD BUSINESS

The item tabled from the November meeting regarding Pinnacle Family Services' crisis beds was re-tabled to February when it was discovered that no representative from Pinnacle was present.

Megan re-opened a discussion to amend JCPC By Laws for virtual attendance options. Daniel indicated that because JCPC is an advisory council to the BOC, DPS guidance recommends attendance options mirror BOC policy. Commissioners Measmer and Morris advised that in-person attendance is BOC policy. Mr. Morris further explained that Commissioners can join a Board meeting virtually, as can any member of the public; however, they only observe and do not participate. Commissioners who attend virtually are counted absent and do not vote. Mr. Morris added there was a prior temporary emergency order that allowed the Board to vote virtually, but it had a definite end date. Multiple members then expressed varying opinions. David Wall motioned that JCPC By Laws be amended to model BOC policy and permit members to attend virtually, with the understanding that members attending virtually will be counted absent and restricted from voting during that meeting. Members will be permitted to vote only when attending in person. Ashlie Shanley seconded. The motion carried following a vote of 17 ayes and 3 nays.

A request for a recurring Microsoft Teams® link to be posted on the JCPC website was discussed. Megan advised that ITS will be consulted. She reminded members that the By Laws still permit three absences per FY. New language regarding virtual attendance will be drafted for the By Laws and presented to Council for a formal vote in February. The language for attendance via teleconferencing will be removed.

NEW BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS

Megan announced replacement appointments anticipated to be approved during BOC's February 20 meeting following two member resignations: Chief District Court Judge Christy Wilhelm will replace Judge Steve Grossman and County Finance Director James Howden will replace Deputy County Manager Rodney Harris.

Megan advised the Council's Parliamentarian position formerly held by Steve Morris is now vacant. Chris volunteered to accept the role. David motioned to approve and Carolyn seconded. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF COMPLETED MONITORING REPORTS

Mark presented monitoring reports that were completed in October for Teen Court, SOSET, and YDI programs. He discussed each program's operations, strengths, and areas for improvement. He invited questions or

comments from members following each presentation. The ability to secure suitable providers to replace Mr. Sattenfield after his full retirement from SOSET was discussed at length.

Marta then presented the monitoring reports completed in December for Aspire's two programs. She described different aspects of Aspire's culinary and music production programs, their strengths, and areas identified for improvement. She added that several ways to increase public awareness of the value in Aspire's programs were discussed during monitoring.

PROGRAM UPDATES / QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Verbal program updates were presented as follows: YDI programs by Darryl Bego, Teen Court by Anissa Jones, Aspire programs by Susan Jolley, TYM programs by Reggie McNeil, and SOSET programs by Karen South Jones. Updates included client counts, referrals, terminations and transitions, approaches to counseling, database upgrades, and public outreach.

COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS

David announced that he accepted the position of Assistant Area Administrator for the Central area effective January 23 and stated today's meeting will be his last. Saudi Miller will remain as DJJ contact for the Council while the position of Chief Court Counselor is vacant. Members congratulated David on his new role and expressed appreciation for his service.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Steve Morris expressed gratitude to the Council for his experience during the past 10 years and thanked members for their ongoing commitment to our community's youth. Megan thanked Mr. Morris for his service and offered congratulations for his being named "Cabarrus County Hometown Hero" by the county's Convention & Visitors Bureau.

ADJOURNMENT

Mark mentioned that he serves on the county's Mental Health Task Force along with Ashlie and looks forward to a meaningful collaboration. Also, he and Megan spoke at the Rotary Club's December meeting, which led to an interested program that reached out for information. Mark then thanked TYM and Aspire managers for a cross-collaboration in services that was posted on Instagram®. He encouraged other programs to consider the same. Marta expressed appreciation for the work of the Council's admin.

Hearing no further comments, Megan called for a motion. Mark motioned to adjourn and Michelle Wilson seconded. With no opposition to the motion, the Chair thanked everyone for their time and adjourned the meeting at 8:59 a.m. Members were reminded that Council's next meeting is February 15.

-Submitted by Joanie Bischer

Key to Acronyms

1. BOC = Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners
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. ITS = Cabarrus County Information & Technology Services
6. RFP = Request for Proposals (a document that notifies the public that proposals are being solicited by a JCPC for DPS funding)
7. SOSET = Sex Offense Specific Evaluation & Treatment (a JCPC-funded program)
8. TYM = Transforming Youth Movement (a JCPC-funded program)
9. YDI = Youth Development Initiatives (a JCPC-funded program)