



**CABARRUS COUNTY JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL**

**Regular Meeting held June 19, 2024**

**Governmental Center, Concord NC**

**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS ATTENDING IN PERSON:**

Gayle Alston	Adrian Attaway	Steven Ayers	Mikayla Branch
Carolyn Carpenter	Melissa Dixon	Ashley Fitch	Rosemary Gause
Matthew Greer	Amy Jewell	Heather Mobley	Connie Philbeck
Aalece Pugh	Sharon Reece	Ashlie Shanley	Lakesha Steele
Jacob Wentink	Terry Wise		

**MEMBER ATTENDING VIRTUALLY:** Christy Wilhelm

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Megan Baumgardner, Sonja Bohannon-Thacker, Travis Burke, Marta Meares, Chris Measmer, Malisha Ross, Michelle Wilson

**VACANT COUNCIL SEATS:** None

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

**GUESTS ATTENDING:** Chef Mark Arango (Aspire); Shannon Chambers (TYM); Sheryl Conrad (DJJ); Dominique (via MS Teams; last name unknown); Douglas Greene (KRE8ivU via MS Teams); Shalaya Green (DJJ); David Highsmith II (DJJ); Megan Huffman (Genesis-ANB); Anissa Jones (CRC); Quanitta Kelly (TYM); Kristen McEvoy (CRC); Reggie McNeil (TYM); Kim Olige (YSF); Roshini Selvakumar (via MS Teams); Jeannie Sherrill (Families First NC); Chef Kimberly Townsend (Aspire); and multiple juveniles whose identities are protected.

**CALL TO ORDER and ATTENDANCE**

In the absence of the Chairperson, Vice-Chair Heather Mobley called the meeting to order at 7:46 a.m. Quorum was established with 19 of 26 members present; 18 members attended in person and one member joined via MS Teams video/audio connection. The Vice-Chair recognized departing members Mikayla Branch (Youth under Age 21) and Terry Wise (Substance Abuse Professional) and thanked them for their service. She next introduced applicants for their seats, Megan Huffman as Substance Abuse Professional and Roshini Selvakumar as Youth under Age 21. Ms. Huffman and Ms. Selvakumar then addressed the Council and expressed their interest in serving.

Approval of May 15 JCPC Meeting Minutes The Vice-Chair called for corrections, discussion, or a motion. Ashlie Shanley motioned to approve the Minutes as written. Ashley Fitch seconded. Hearing nothing further, a vote was taken. Sixteen members voted aye. Two members abstained citing their absence during the May meeting. There were no votes in opposition. While acting in the capacity of the Chairperson, the Vice Chair refrained from voting at this meeting. Motion passed.

Approval of Agenda The Vice-Chair suggested two changes to the agenda: (1) Remove budget revisions under DPS Updates because none were completed; and (2) Revise the order of program presentations due to the absence of representatives from SOSE and YDI. She advised that YDI provided monthly reports for its programs which were subsequently distributed to Council. The Vice Chair called for discussion or a motion. With no comments being heard, Gayle Alston motioned to revise the agenda as suggested. Officer Attaway seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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

The Vice-Chair yielded the floor to Daniel Sevigny. He advised that 286 Cabarrus youths have been served with 213 admitted this FY. DJJ has referred 140 juveniles. Due to a recent surge in referrals, it's anticipated the FY goal of 334 youths served will be met. Daniel next provided details on the new JCPC policy rollout, final accounting training, the Kids Safe conference, legislative updates including House Bill 834, and JCPC member orientation/training. He noted that approval of JCPC's FY 24-25 funding plan and the proposed second RFP remains on hold pending resolution of YDI's appeal.

Daniel and Gayle Alston advised their offices recently received cartons of gun locks, NC S.A.F.E. brochures, and swag. Daniel mentioned that two upcoming events on Aug 10 and Sept 7 hosted by *The Big E-Life Changers* would be opportunities for distribution of NC S.A.F.E. material. Melissa Dixon identified providers scheduled to attend The *Big E* events. Ashlie Shanley suggested neighborhood watches be included in distributions and Daniel added that upcoming National Night Out events would also be suitable. Hearing no further comments, the Vice-Chair called for a motion. Connie Philbeck motioned to approve distribution of NC S.A.F.E. material at the events discussed. Carolyn Carpenter seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **OLD BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS**

There were none.

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

The Vice-Chair opened the floor for discussion or a motion regarding JCPC's July 2024 meeting. Connie Philbeck motioned to cancel the July meeting. Sgt Greer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **PROGRAM REPORTS / COUNCIL MEMBER QUESTIONS**

The Vice-Chair yielded the floor to programs managers for their year-end presentations. Monthly updates were shared along with individual experiences from multiple program coaches, trainers, volunteers, and juveniles. Teen Court went first and was followed by YSF, TYM, and Aspire. Speakers were rewarded with applause and Council members expressed appreciation to all participants.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were none.

#### **COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Gayle Alston spoke on successful collaborations among JCPC programs and upcoming events. Melissa Dixon provided additional information about *The Big E-Life Changers* events.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Hearing no further comments, the Vice-Chair called for a motion. Sharon Reese motioned to adjourn. Gayle Alston seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 a.m.

-Submitted by Joanie Bischer

### 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. = **N**orth **C**arolina **S**ecure **A**ll **F**irearms **E**ffectively (a statewide initiative launched in 2023 designed to raise awareness of the importance of safe firearm storage)
6. RFP = Request for Proposals (a public document that solicits proposals for DPS-funded youth programs)
7. SOSE = Sex Offense Specific Evaluations
8. TYM = Transforming Youth Movement
9. YDI = Youth Development Initiatives
10. YSF = Youth Style Fitness-Holistic Fitness