



CABARRUS COUNTY JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL

Regular Meeting held April 17, 2024

Governmental Center, Concord NC

MINUTES

MEMBERS ATTENDING IN PERSON:

Gayle Alston	Steve Ayers	Megan Baumgardner	Sonja Bohannon-Thacker
Mikayla Branch	Travis Burke	Carolyn Carpenter	Melissa Dixon
Ashley Fitch	Rosemary Gause	Matthew Greer	Amy Jewell
Marta Meares	Chris Measmer	Heather Mobley	Aalece Pugh
Sharon Ballen Reese	Malisha Ross	Ashlie Shanley	Lakesha Steele
Jacob Wentink	Christy Wilhelm	Michelle Wilson	

MEMBERS ATTENDING via MS TEAMS: None

MEMBER ABSENT: Adrian Attaway, Connie Philbeck, and Terry Wise

VACANT COUNCIL SEATS: None

JCPC ASSOCIATES PRESENT: Daniel Sevigny and Joanie Bischer

OTHERS PRESENT: Darryl Bego (YDI); Kim Castano (Aspire); Shannon Chambers (TYM); Herb Clinton (DJJ); Sheryl Conrad (DJJ); Chef Timothy Gray (Aspire); Douglas Greene (KRE8ivU); Maxine Greene (KRE8ivU present via MS Teams); David Highsmith II (DJJ); Anissa Jones (CRC); Heather Jones (TYM); Karen South Jones (RCYSB); Kristen McEvoy (CRC); Reggie McNeil (TYM); Sarimar Miller (DJJ); Kim Olige (Youth Style Fitness); and Jeannie Sherrill (Families First)

CALL TO ORDER and ATTENDANCE

Chair Megan Baumgardner called the meeting to order at 7:33 a.m. A quorum was established. Twenty-three of 26 members attended in-person.

Approval of March 20 JCPC Meeting Minutes Corrections or a motion were requested. Ashlie Shanley motioned to approve the minutes as written. Michelle Wilson seconded. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Approval of April 3 Allocation Committee Meeting Minutes Corrections or a motion were requested. Heather Mobley motioned to approve the minutes as written. Gayle Alston seconded. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Approval of Agenda Revisions or a motion were requested. Heather Mobley motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Judge Wilhelm seconded. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS

Megan opened the floor to discuss allocation of \$4,500 reverted by SOSE. Daniel advised in-county funds can be transferred to other programs this FY at the Council's discretion. Budget revisions required by programs awarded funds must be completed by May 1. Next, program representatives who applied for funds presented requests: Kim Castano for Aspire's Kids at Work; Kristen McEvoy for Teen Court; and Darryl Bego for YDI's vocational program. Daniel noted that Teen Court's request includes \$1,700 to assist with replenishing JCPC outreach brochures. DPS denied the JCPC Admin program's request for funds to update/replenish brochures. Discussion ensued regarding various allocation options and the need to print brochures in English and Spanish. Gayle Alston motioned to allocate \$2,000 to Teen Court, \$1,000 to YDI, and \$1,500 to Aspire. More discussion followed. Due to time constraints, it was suggested the discussion continue when information regarding prior brochure production was provided. There was no opposition to this suggestion. With no second to Gayle's motion on the floor, the motion was lost.

UPDATES FROM DPS AREA CONSULTANT

Megan yielded the floor to Daniel for DPS updates. He shared program data for youth served and DJJ referrals. He mentioned that NCDPS and DJJ will partner to operate a booth at the CCS' Student & Family Mental Wellness Forum. He also provided information for upcoming conferences.

Next, Daniel provided details for budget revisions submitted by Aspire, YDI, YSF, and Teen Court. Council members discussed and asked questions. Motions were made following each individual request as follows: (1) Malisha Ross motioned to approve Aspire's request as presented. Sonja Bohannon-Thacker seconded. With no further comments, the motion carried; (2) Michelle Wilson motioned to approve the YDI vocational program's request as presented. Sonja seconded. With no further comments, the motion carried; (3) Amy Jewell motioned to approve YSF's request as presented. Sergeant Greer seconded. With no further comments, the motion carried; and (4) Gayle Alston motioned to approve Teen Court's request as presented. Marta Meares seconded. With no further comments, the motion carried.

Megan then provided brochure printing costs requested earlier and the floor was opened to continue discussing allocation of \$4,500. Malisha Ross motioned to allocate \$1,700 to Teen Court earmarked for outreach brochures and divide the remaining \$2,800 evenly between Aspire, Teen Court, and YDI. Sergeant Greer proposed a friendly amendment specifying the totals as: \$2,634 to Teen Court (\$1,700 + \$934), \$933 to Aspire, and \$933 to YDI. Judge Wilhelm seconded Malisha's motion and joined Sergeant Greer's amendment. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

In order to meet the May 1 deadline, Daniel advised that Council must vote whether to pre-approve required budget adjustments for the programs awarded in-county funds. Megan called for discussion or a motion. Commissioner Measmer motioned to pre-approve required budget revisions. Michelle Wilson seconded. With no further comments, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS

Megan opened the floor for discussion of the FY 24-25 funding plan. She advised the Allocation & Funding Committee met two weeks earlier to develop funding recommendations. Copies of the resulting worksheet were provided to members and also displayed on the MRP's large screen. Discussion followed regarding the Allocation Committee's recommendation. It was noted the recommendation includes a second RFP posting for the unallocated \$41,695 *after* BOC approval of next FY's funding plan. Daniel advised if no program is selected for funding among applicants to the second RFP, the funds can be re-allocated to existing programs by December 2024. If no allocation is made, the funds must be returned to the state.

Following a member question regarding YDI's funding, the Chairperson responded as follows:

"There was [discussion] at the Allocations Committee meeting. So I think there are concerns mostly about fidelity to their own model. When we first began to fund that program, it looked a certain way. Then COVID happened and now the look of that program has drastically changed since we originally started funding it. So there are concerns about fidelity to their own model and to their own curriculum. There are also concerns about conflicts in terms of the for-profit and the not-for-profit. So the licensing agreement and the curriculum is held by a for-profit company that is owned and operated by the same individuals that own and operate the 501(c)(3). In relation to the fidelity to the model, the curriculum can be changed to reflect what the 501(c)(3) needs at the time because it's not a program purchasing curriculum from an independent source that cannot be changed. So that's where that fidelity issue comes into play. There have also been some concerns from the monitoring committee in terms of bookkeeping and how juveniles that are going thru the program are being reflected in NCALLIES, whether they're being terminated appropriately, and whether those numbers are truly accurate. So we've had all those concerns. We've had those concerns for quite an extended period of time which is I think [why there was] a cut in funding last year. The first recommendation from the Allocations Committee last year was not to fund them. We ended up funding them partially last year, but I don't think the concerns have been alleviated at this point."

Deputy Burke motioned to adopt the Allocation Committee's recommendation as presented. Ashlie Shanley seconded. With no further comments being heard, the Chairperson called for individual votes. Eighteen of 23 members present voted aye. One member voted nay. Three members abstained. (The Chairperson votes only when there is a tie.) With no further comments heard, motion carried. Abstaining members were not required to explain their abstentions but were allowed to do so if they chose. Two members then advised their abstentions were related to perceived conflicts.

PROGRAM REPORTS / COUNCIL MEMBER QUESTIONS

Monthly reports from agency representatives proceeded as follows: TYM Mentoring, Get Hired, and Community Service & Restitution by Heather Jones; SOSE by Karen South Jones; Aspire Kids at Work and The Connection by Kim Castano, Douglas Greene, and Chef Timothy Gray; YSF Holistic Fitness by Kim Olige; Teen Court by Kristen McEvoy; and YDI Vocational and FLA programs by Darryl Bego. Information provided included recent and upcoming events, referral numbers and sources, projects underway, a new vehicle donation, successful and unsuccessful terminations, staff updates, collaborations, new funding sources, and community partners.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jeannie Sherrill provided details for a Families First annual fundraiser.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Marta Meares mentioned the upcoming NCCAY regional meetings and also the NCJSA Spring Conference. Michelle Wilson mentioned the By Laws Committee will meet via MS Teams to discuss virtual attendance. Melissa Dixon announced that her organization will host a bowling event at Spare Time in Huntersville to promote autism and mental health awareness.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair advised the Allocation & Funding Committee will convene immediately afterward to discuss a second RFP. Everyone is welcome to attend. She thanked everyone for their time and participation and called for any for further comments. Hearing none, Megan called for a motion. Commissioner Measmer motioned to

adjourn. Multiple members seconded. Megan thanked everyone for their time and participation, and the meeting adjourned at 8:56 a.m.

-Submitted by Joanie Bischer

Acronyms

1. BOC = Cabarrus County Board of Commissioner
2. CCS = Cabarrus County Schools
3. CRC = Conflict Resolution Center
4. DJJ = Division of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention
5. DPS = Department of Public Safety
6. FLA = Family Life Skills Academy
7. FY = Fiscal Year (JCPC's fiscal year begins July 1 and ends June 30)
8. NCCAY = NC Community Alternatives for Youth
9. NCJSA = NC Juvenile Services Association
10. RCYSB = Rowan County Youth Services Bureau
11. RFP = Request for Proposals (a public document that solicits proposals for DPS-funded youth programs)
12. SOSE = Sex Offense Specific Evaluations
13. TYM = Transforming Youth Movement
14. YDI = Youth Development Initiatives
15. YSF = Youth Style Fitness-Holistic Fitness