



## **CABARRUS COUNTY JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL**

**Regular Meeting held June 18, 2025**

**Multi-Purpose Room, Governmental Center, Concord NC**

### **MINUTES**

#### **MEMBERS ATTENDING IN PERSON:**

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| Adrian Attaway | Steve Ayers           | Carolyn Carpenter | Megan Huffman   |
| Amy Jewell     | Meghan Kabat-Newcomer | Heather Mobley    | Connie Philbeck |
| Aalece Pugh    | Lakesha Steele        |                   |                 |

**MEMBERS ATTENDING VIRTUALLY:** Sonja Bohannon-Thacker, Rosemary Gause, Malisha Ross, Ashlie Shanley and Michelle Wilson

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Gayle Alston, Megan Baumgardner, Travis Burke, Holly Edwards, Ashley Fitch, Matthew Greer, Jeff Jones, Rekita McDuffie, Marta Meares, Roshini Selvakumar, and Christy Wilhelm

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

**GUESTS ATTENDING IN PERSON:** Chef Mark Arango (Aspire); Kevin Brown (CRC); Ashley Conrad (Monarch); Sheryl Conrad (DJJ); Chef Timothy Gray (Aspire); Anissa Jones (CRC); Karen South Jones (RCYSB); Larry Jones (Families 1<sup>st</sup>); David Highsmith II (DJJ); Bobby Mattress (MHA); Kristen McEvoy (CRC); Reggie McNeil (TYM); Sarimar Miller (DJJ); Kim Oligue (YSF); and multiple youths whose identities are protected

**GUESTS ATTENDING VIRTUALLY:** Angela Bunting, Alvarys Santana Chisholm, Deidra Howard, Mirissa Smith

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Per JCPC By Laws, Vice Chair Heather Mobley assumed the duties of the Chairperson in her absence. She called the meeting to order at 7:36 a.m. Quorum was confirmed with 15 of 26 members present. Ten members attended in person and five members joined via MS Teams video/audio connection. The Vice Chair then proceeded with the following routine business:

- The floor was opened for discussion or a motion regarding the May 21 minutes. When no comments were heard, Carolyn Carpenter motioned to approve the May 21 minutes as written. Aalece Pugh seconded. The motion passed without opposition.
- The floor was opened for discussion or a motion regarding today's agenda. When no comments were heard, Carolyn Carpenter motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Officer Attaway seconded. The motion passed without opposition.

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

The Vice Chair yielded the floor to Daniel Seigny who advised that 304 youth have been served to date, exceeding the 296 estimated to be served this FY. He stated 141 youths were direct referrals from DJJ. He

noted that most programs exceeded expectations this FY and thanked all for their efforts. Daniel provided details of this FY's final accounting and added that the final deadline is August 15. He advised that FY 25-26 program agreements will be released for DocuSign this week. Daniel next discussed his participation with Trillium's Human Trafficking Simulation conducted in Troy on June 17. He provided a brief overview of the program and responded to council member questions and comments.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Vice Chair next advised the following:

- Per Council's direction, the Executive Committee reviewed and approved a budget revision submitted by RCYSB SOSE on June 13. The revision consisted of minor line item adjustments to reflect actual expenditures. June 15 was the final deadline for FY 24-25 budgets revisions.
- The BOC voted on JCPC appointments at its June 16 meeting. Effective immediately, Commissioner Jeff Jones will fill the seat vacated by State Senator Chris Measmer. Effective July 1, two-year terms were renewed for the *Juvenile Defense Attorney* seat held by Megan Baumgardner and the *Non-Profit Representative* seat held Carolyn Carpenter. Effective July 1, Retired Judge Steve Grossman will serve as Designee in the *Chief District Court Judge* seat vacated by Judge Wilhelm. Effective immediately, Holly Edwards will fill the unexpired term of Melissa Dixon who vacated the *Member of the Business Community* seat. Effective July 1, Alvarys Santana Chisholm will fill the expiring *At Large* seat held by Connie Philbeck.

The Council then expressed appreciation to Ms. Philbeck for her many years of dedicated service.

## **NEW BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS**

The Vice Chair briefly discussed this FY's attendance record. She noted that one member's absences exceeded the number allowed per JCPC By Laws. This member has submitted a resignation. Heather advised that member resignations and Sept 30 term renewals will be addressed at JCPC's August 20 meeting.

The Vice Chair next opened the floor for discussion or a motion regarding the July meeting. With no comments being heard, Connie Philbeck motioned to cancel the July 2025 meeting. Carolyn Carpenter seconded. No opposition was expressed and the motion passed unanimously.

Lastly, the Vice Chair opened the floor for discussion or a motion regarding the proposed FY 25-26 meeting dates. With no comments being heard, Connie Philbeck motioned to approve the meeting dates as presented. Amy Jewell seconded. No opposition was expressed and the motion passed unanimously.

## **PROGRAM MONTHLY REPORTS / END-OF-YEAR PRESENTATIONS**

The Chair next opened the floor for May program reports and youth presentations. Agency representatives proceeded as follows: Karen South Jones for RCYSB-SOSE; Kim Olige for YSF-Interpersonal Fitness; Larry Jones for Families First-Strengthening Families; Reggie McNeil for TYM-Restitution & Community Service/Get Hired; and Kristen McEvoy for CRC-Teen Court/Tuancy Court Mediation. Information included youth served and admitted to date, referrals, terminations, staff training, staff additions, a statewide youth essay contest, upcoming summer camps, and fundraiser events. Multiple youths and program volunteers addressed the council regarding their experiences with JCPC programs and responded to council questions.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Bobby Mattress with Mental Health America of Central Carolinas spoke about support services for parents who are uninsured or underinsured. Ashley Conrad, VP of Clinical Operations with Monarch, introduced herself. Sarimar Miller spoke about DJJ youth participation in Aspire's Summer Culinary Camp.

## **COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Daniel Seigny advised that gun locks were distributed to the DHS office in Kannapolis. DPS will sponsor table at Cabarrus' National Night Out handing out gun locks and new NC SAFE swag. Ashlie Shanley and Amy Jewell spoke on the success of the *Discover Law* program. The DA expects to offer the program again next year. Malisha Ross provided information on Kannapolis' *Juneteenth Community Festival* and Partners' *Community Café*. Dr. Pugh gave details for a *Topping Off* ceremony scheduled at the Steven B. Morris Behavioral Health Center.

By this time, Chef Timothy Gray and the Aspire youth had completed the breakfast setup. The Vice Chair then opened the floor for Aspire's monthly report. Chef Tim provided culinary program updates and described today's menu items available for sampling and critique.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The Vice Chair called for further discussion or a motion. With none being heard, Amy Jewell motioned to adjourn. Dr. Pugh seconded. No opposition was heard and the motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 a.m. All attendees were invited to partake in the breakfast.

*-Submitted by Joanie Bischer*

## **Acronyms**

1. BOC = Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners
2. CRC = Conflict Resolution Center
3. DJJ = Division of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
4. FY = Fiscal Year (JCPC's fiscal year begins July 1 and ends June 30)
5. MHA = Mental Health America of Central Carolinas
6. NC SAFE = North Carolina's Secure All Firearms Effectively campaign
7. RCYSB = Rowan County Youth Services Bureau
8. SOSE = Sex Offence Specific Evaluations
9. TYM = Transforming Youth Movement
10. YSF = Youth Style Fitness