



CABARRUS COUNTY JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL

Meeting held October 15, 2025
Governmental Center, Concord NC
MINUTES

MEMBERS ATTENDING IN PERSON:

Gayle Alston	Adrian Attaway	Megan Baumgardner	Carolyn Carpenter
Megan Huffman	Amy Jewell	Jeff Jones	Meghan Kabat-Newcomer
Heather Mobley	Aalece Pugh	Alvarys Santana-Chisholm	Ashlie Shanley

MEMBERS ATTENDING VIRTUALLY: Rosemary Gause, Taylor Holman-White, Rekita McDuffie, Lakesha Steele, and Michelle Wilson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Steve Ayers, Sonja Bohannon-Thacker, Travis Burke, Holly Edwards, Steve Grossman, and Malisha Ross

VACANT COUNCIL SEATS: Two At-Large Members, Person Under Age 21

JCPC ASSOCIATES PRESENT: Daniel Sevigny, Sarimar Miller, Joanie Bischer

GUESTS ATTENDING IN PERSON: Rob Allison (DJJ); Quanitta Brooks (TYM); Erin Buell (JCC); Timothy Gray (Aspire); David Highsmith II (DJJ); Nicole Jenkins (Aspire); Karen South Jones (RCYSB); Grace Knight (Families First); Reggie McNeil (TYM); Ingrid Nurse; Kim Olige (YSF); Mary Swayze (CRC); Sheika Wood (DJJ); Parnell Woods (DJJ); and Eric Young

GUESTS ATTENDING VIRTUALLY: Natalie Atwell; Henrietta Jackson; Carleen Moore

CALL TO ORDER and ATTENDANCE

Chair Megan Baumgardner called the meeting to order at 7:35 AM. Quorum was established with 17 of 23 members in attendance. Twelve members were seated in person and five members joined via MS Teams audio/video connection. Megan then opened the floor for routine business.

- Discussion or a motion was requested regarding approval of the September meeting minutes. With no comments being heard, Ashlie Shanley motioned to approve the minutes as written. Carolyn Carpenter seconded. Motion passed with no opposition.
- Discussion or a motion was requested to approve the agenda. With no comments being heard, Carolyn Carpenter motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Ashlie Shanley seconded. Motion passed with no opposition.

Megan announced that Daniel Sevigny was one of seven DJJDP professionals across the state named as a winner of the DPS 2025 Raising the Bar Award. Daniel's award was for Community Programs. He was congratulated by all and thanked for his service and commitment.

UPDATES FROM DPS AREA CONSULTANT

The Chair yielded the floor to Daniel. He identified additional counties he is serving now due to recent retirements. Daniel stated that Cabarrus programs are off to a great start. The estimated number of youth to be served this FY is 296 and 123 have already been served. Seventy-two youth served were DJJ referrals. Daniel provided information specific to risk & needs planning and monitoring. Dates were noted for upcoming JCPC program trainings, including a webinar for TalkSpace. Discussion followed regarding youth eligibility for TalkSpace.

OLD BUSINESS

Megan yielded the floor to Michelle Wilson, Chair of the By Laws Committee. Michelle proposed a virtual meeting on December 17 to review By Laws, which were last amended in September 2024. There was no opposition to the proposed date and time. Everyone was encouraged to attend. A meeting invite will be emailed to all.

Megan then yielded the floor to Heather Mobley, Chair of the Membership Committee. Heather advised that JCPC's three new member recommendations will be considered by Commissioners at their October 20 meeting. She encouraged everyone interested in the process to attend. Heather added that she will be available to answer any Commissioner questions regarding JCPC's vetting and recommendation process.

Megan reminded Monitoring Committee Chairs to begin scheduling their onsite meetings with programs. She advised that monitoring sessions should be completed no later than mid-January and added that Daniel and Joanie must be included in the scheduling. This FY's Monitoring Committees roster will be emailed to council members.

NEW BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS

Preparations for FY 26-27 RFP were next on the agenda. Daniel led council through a review of YASI assessment data obtained last FY from 379 DJJ-involved juveniles. It was noted that Cabarrus County percentages were better than state averages across multiple domains. Daniel highlighted several percentages that were concerning when compared to the previous YASI report. He also reviewed the state's Juvenile Justice data, and complaints received from Cabarrus County schools. Several members commented on and asked questions about specific data points throughout the presentation. Daniel encouraged members to review the CCS data provided by Amy Jewell.

Discussion followed regarding next year's RFP. Daniel advised it will require modification because multiple programs received two-year funding beginning in FY 25-26. One-year funding was allocated to TYM's Transforming Futures programs, CRC's Truancy Court, and the JCPC Admin program. Next FY, funds available for allocation total \$215,008. It was noted this amount could change if program monitorings reveal issues that lead to funding revisions. Megan suggested that the Risk & Needs Committee meet virtually to develop a draft FY 26-27 RFP for the full council's consideration before its November 19 meeting. There was no opposition to this suggestion. The date agreed upon was November 5. Everyone was encouraged to attend. A meeting invite will be emailed.

PROGRAM MONTHLY REPORTS / COUNCIL QUESTIONS

The Chair next opened the floor for program reports. Agency representatives presented as follows: Chef Tim and Chef Nicole for Aspire- Kids at Work; Grace Knight for Families First-Strengthening Families; Mary Swayze for CRC-Teen Court/Truancy Court Mediation; Karen South Jones for RCYSB SOSE; Kim Olige for YSF Inter-personal Fitness; and Quanitta Brooks for TYM Transforming Futures-Career Exploration/Community Service. Information provided included youth served and admitted, successful/unsuccessful terminations, DJJ referrals,

curriculum updates, presentations held with DJJ Court Counselors, Kannapolis Schools and CCS, Teen Court's new court artist position, success stories, upcoming events, and potential new funding sources. Agency representatives responded to council member questions and comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Reggie McNeil spoke on a successful family-in-need activity that was managed outside TYM's Community Service program. Daniel Sevigny commented on the Resolution before the BOC on October 20 to increase JCPC funding from the NC legislature.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Heather Mobley noted that every Court Counselor with Cabarrus DJJ was in attendance today. Court Counselor Supervisor Saudi Miller expressed appreciation for their high level of commitment. They were applauded by the council for their service.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further comments being heard, the Chair called for a motion. Amy Jewell motioned to adjourn the meeting. Gayle Alston seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:48 AM.

-Submitted by Joanie Bischer

Acronyms

1. BOC = Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners
2. CCS = Cabarrus County Schools
3. CRC = Conflict Resolution Center
4. DJJ = Division of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
5. DSS = Department of Social Services (aka Department of Human Services)
6. FY = Fiscal Year (JCPC's fiscal year begins July 1 and ends June 30)
7. RCYSB = Rowan County Youth Services Bureau
8. RFP = Request for Proposals (a public document that solicits proposals for DPS-funded youth programs)
9. SOSE = Sex Offense Specific Evaluations
10. TYM = Transforming Youth Movement
11. YASI = Youth Assessment Screening Instrument (an assessment tool that measures risk, needs, and protective factors for at-risk and juvenile justice-involved youth)
12. YSF = Youth Style Fitness-Holistic Fitness