



**CABARRUS COUNTY JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL  
September 15, 2021 – Regular Meeting (via Webex)  
MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Steve Ayers	Megan Baumgardner	Sonja Bohannon-Thacker	Mark Boles
Joy Butler	Beth Downs	Steve Grossman	Rodney Harris
Brian Heintz	Amy Jewel	Jamica LaFranque	Marta Mearns
Heather Mobley	Steve Morris	Connie Philbeck	Sharon Reese
Beth Street	David Wall	Michelle Wilson	Terry Wise

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Baylee Barkley, Carolyn Carpenter, Perry Gabriel

**VACANT SEATS:** Chief of Police, Cabarrus County Schools Student, LME/MCO Director

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Darryl Bego (YDI), Bryan Dupree (Pinnacle Family Services), Emma Flores (TYM ), Rachel Grossman-Zack, Anissa Jones (Teen Court), Karen South Jones (RCYSB), Kristen McEvoy (Teen Court), Reggie McNeil (TYM), Rose Merriweather (TYM), Sarimar Miller (Court Counselor Supervisor), Parnell Woods (Juvenile Court Counselor)

**CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, and ATTENDANCE**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Megan Baumgardner at 7:31 am. Megan welcomed members and guests. Attendance was taken silently via Webex participant sign-in. A quorum was established with 20 of 23 council members present.

*Approval of August 2021 Minutes:*

Megan advised that August Minutes were included in the meeting packet emailed to members on September 8 and asked if there were any corrections or additions. Hearing and seeing none, a motion to approve August Minutes as written was made by Mark Boles and seconded by Amy Jewel. With no further discussion, motion to approve carried with no opposition.

*Approval of September 2021 Agenda:*

Megan requested members to review today’s Agenda for changes or additions. Hearing and seeing none, a motion to approve the Agenda as submitted was made by Mark Boles and seconded by Sonja Bohannon-Thacker. With no further discussion, motion to approve carried with no opposition.

## **UPDATES FROM DPS AREA CONSULTANT**

Daniel stated that 10 out of 12 programs successfully completed FY 2020-21 final accounting. The submission from Teen Court/Community Service & Restitution is under review. Teens Together Bounce Back failed to submit. Notices of final accounting refunds are expected to be sent in the coming week.

Daniel reminded Council that many signed Conflict of Interest forms (COI) are overdue. Signed COIs are required from members each fiscal year. A member is not permitted to vote unless his/her signed COI is submitted.

Daniel advised that the State has finally released 2021-22 Risk & Needs/Yasi data for JCPCs' committee review. He is currently compiling and coding information for individual counties. He expects to provide Risk & Needs data specific to Cabarrus County during Council's October meeting. The Risk & Needs Committee should schedule a meeting to review the data for RFP development. Daniel added that SPEP scores have been shared with program providers. PEPs are expected to be presented during November and/or December meetings. He then shared each funded program's client count/tracking numbers based on reporting through September 7.

Daniel announced a DPS initiative encouraging JCPCs to establish a Racial and Ethnic Disparity (RED) subcommittee to research why so many African American/Black youth receive complaints in their individual counties, examine relevant data, and determine what factors contribute to the disproportionate representation. Goals of the RED include planning to define action steps that address the disparity. Further, the RED could identify and promote key partnerships to address unsupervised youth, provide mentoring, employment, or apprentice opportunities. Four to six members are recommended for the RED subcommittee and could include a: School Resource Officer, Juvenile Police Detective, District Court Judge or DA, Program Provider, Social Worker or School Counselor, and youth under age 21. Sonja Bohannon-Thacker, Mark Boles, Brian Heintz, and Sharon Reese expressed interest in serving on the subcommittee.

Daniel reminded Council that Community Programs Contracts information was recently distributed along with catchment area maps. He also mentioned that this year's NCJSA Fall Conference will be held in Carolina Beach on October 13-15. Additional conference details have already been provided.

Regarding legislative updates, Daniel stated a budget is projected to pass in mid-September. He also discussed the changes implemented by Senate Bill 207, House Bill 615, and House Bill 621. (Note: Legislation details are included in the *DPS Talking Points* provided in the September meeting packet.)

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Megan reiterated Daniel's request for members' signed COI forms. She stated signed COIs should be emailed to her as they are a required component of JCPC's annual plan. Last year, many COIs were still outstanding in April. Annual plans are due in the fourth quarter.

Megan provided an update on the Director of LME/MCO council seat vacated by Noel Thomas-Lester on August 31. Partners Behavioral Health replaced Cardinal Innovations Healthcare as the county's LME/MCO effective September 1. Tara Conrad, the Partners' contact provided by Noel, has requested time to identify the Regional Director who is expected to attend county-appointed boards. Ms. Conrad indicated she is working toward naming the director in October.

Although JCPC's By-Laws were amended last November, Megan advised its By-Laws must be amended again to reflect the addition of a Parliamentarian, approved by Council during last month's meeting. Steve Morris was unanimously approved to serve. Megan indicated it may be necessary for a legal review once the By-Laws

Committee has met and completed the amendment. Megan advised that JCPC outreach brochures printed in Spanish have been delivered. She expects they will be distributed to appropriate locations shortly. Any leftover brochures will be retained by Joanie for future distribution requests.

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

Megan requested members to review committee rosters included in September's meeting packet and to contact Joanie if anyone is listed as a member on a committee for which they do not wish to serve, or if they want to serve on a committee for which they are not listed as a member. Megan expressed appreciation for each committee member. She indicated the time and effort required can be intrusive, but the work done is invaluable. Updated committee rosters will be revisited during Council's October meeting.

Regarding Monitoring Committees, Megan indicated monitoring activities should be completed by the end of November or first of December. Committees should be prepared to report their findings during JCPC's December 15 meeting.

Megan reported that Police Chief Gary Gacek recommended a candidate as his designee for Council's vacant seat. Sergeant Matthew Greer's Application for Appointment was included in September's meeting packet. Following a brief discussion, Megan opened the floor for motions. Connie Philbeck made a motion to recommend Sgt Greer's appointment. Brian Heintz and Michelle Wilson seconded. With no further discussion being heard or seen, motion carried without opposition. (Note: Council's recommendation for Sgt Greer's appointment has been placed on the Board of Commissioners' October 18 meeting agenda.)

### **UPDATES FROM PROGRAMS / COUNCIL MEMBERS QUESTIONS FOR PROGRAMS**

Reggie McNeil advised that he hopes to enhance TYM's online presence to encourage referrals for group and classroom settings. He requested members to contact him if they can recommend a competent web designer. The number of DJJ referrals being made at this time is low. Reggie asked if DPS policy requires JCPC-funded programs to meet a specific percentage relevant to Justice-involved youth referred to or participating in a program. David Wall added he also remembered something about a mandated percentage. Daniel stated he will review DPS policy and respond accordingly. (Note: Daniel's email response dated September 16 is incorporated herein as "Addendum A.")

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were none.

### **COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Several members commented on the low number of referrals at this time. Connie Philbeck indicated she always asks about the availability of JCPC programs when students are discharged in order to assist with their transitioning.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Megan Baumgardner opened the floor to further comments. With none being seen or heard, a motion to adjourn was made by Vice-Chair Mark Boles. Motion seconded by Michelle Wilson and Brian Heintz. Hearing and seeing no opposition, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:26 am.

*Submitted by Joanie Bischer*

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**“ADDENDUM A”**

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**Subject:** Cabarrus JCPC - Referral Question Per DPS Policy

Good afternoon David and Reggie,

I have completed my review of policy regarding the question posed during Cabarrus JCPC meeting yesterday.

Question: Does DPS Policy have a percentage amount requirement that a JCPC funded program is required to meet when it comes to Justice involved youth who are referred/participating in that program?

Answer: No, not since 1998 has there been a percentage mandated by DPS for community programs to meet; however, DPS policy does require that “priority shall be given to referrals from juvenile court”.

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