



**CABARRUS COUNTY JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL
November 17, 2021 – Regular Meeting (via Webex)
MINUTES**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

LaShay Avery	Steve Ayers	Megan Baumgardner	Sonja Bohannon-Thacker
Mark Boles	Joy Butler	Carolyn Carpenter	Perry Gabriel
Matthew Greer	Steve Grossman	Rodney Harris	Brian Heintz
Amy Jewel	Jamica LaFranque	Marta Mearas	Heather Mobley
Steve Morris	Connie Philbeck	Sharon Reese	Beth Street
David Wall	Michelle Wilson		

MEMBERS ABSENT: Baylee Barkley, Beth Downs, Terry Wise

VACANT COUNCIL SEAT: Youth under Age 21

JCPC ASSOCIATES PRESENT: Daniel Seigny, Joanie Bischer

OTHERS PRESENT: Darryl Bego (YDI), Sheryl Conrad, Bryan Dupree (Pinnacle Family Services), Emma Flores (TYM), Deona Frierson, James Haythe (TYM), Anissa Jones (Teen Court), Karen South Jones (SOSET), John Kirkpatrick IV (TYM), Kristen McEvoy (Teen Court), Reggie McNeil (TYM), Rose Merriweather (TYM), Sarimar Miller (Court Counselor Supervisor), Chef Kimberly Townsend (Aspire), Claude Whitfield (TYM), Parnell Woods (Juvenile Court Counselor)

CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME, and ATTENDANCE

The meeting was called to order by Chair Megan Baumgardner at 7:31 a.m. Megan welcomed members and guests. Attendance was taken silently via Webex participant sign-in. Quorum was established with 22 of 25 council members present.

Approval of October 2021 Council Meeting Minutes:

Megan advised that October Minutes were included in the meeting packet emailed on November 10 and asked if there were corrections or additions. With no comments heard or seen, a motion to approve the October Minutes as written was made by Amy Jewel and seconded by Vice-Chair Mark Boles. With no further discussion, the motion to approve the Minutes as written carried without opposition.

Approval of Risk & Needs Committee Minutes:

Megan advised that Minutes from the Risk & Needs Committee meeting held October 20 were also included in the November meeting packet and asked if there were corrections or additions. With no comments heard or seen, Carolyn Carpenter motioned to approve the Committee Minutes as written. Motion was seconded by Mark Boles

and Marta Meares. With no further discussion, the motion to approve the Minutes as written carried without opposition.

Approval of November 2021 Agenda:

Megan requested Council to review today's Agenda for changes or additions. With no comments heard or seen, a motion to approve the Agenda as submitted was made by Mark Boles and seconded by Carolyn Carpenter. With no further discussion, the motion to approve the Agenda as submitted carried without opposition.

UPDATES FROM DPS AREA CONSULTANT

Daniel Seigny advised that Governor Cooper announced he will approve the State's budget. What the new budget fully encompasses is unknown at this time. Details will be forthcoming. Daniel then shared each programs' client count and tracking numbers based on data pulled from NCALLIES last week. He commented that an uptick in referrals from schools and DJJ has occurred since last month.

Daniel announced a new State-Corporate County Partnership aide to establish a third short-term male residential site (Eckerd). This third facility will reduce admissions to Youth Development Centers, provide identified youth with more access to needed services, and increase employment opportunities in rural NC counties. The site is located in Yanceyville (Caswell County). Construction is underway.

Daniel announced that an expansion of the Educating Kids about Gun Violence (EKG) program is approved this year for Durham, Mecklenburg, Edgecombe, New Hanover, Onslow, Pitt, Robeson, and Wake counties. This two-hour interactive program was developed in 2013 by Fayetteville PD and seeks to educate youth about the medical, legal, and emotional consequences of gun possession and gang-related violence. Daniel stated he will share additional information with anyone who is interested.

Lastly, Daniel reported the development of a Teen Court pilot program in eastern NC counties for the purpose of allowing the DA to divert juvenile offenders of approved Chapter 20 motor vehicle violations to a modified Teen Court model. Participants learn about state laws plus the negative effects and dangers associated with speeding, distracted driving, impaired driving, peer pressure, and driver inexperience. Daniel added that DPS hopes to expand the program across the state. More information about the pilot opportunity will be forthcoming.

OLD BUSINESS

Megan announced that LaShay Avery's appointment to Council was approved by the BOC during its regular meeting on November 15. LaShay said she was happy to be back in Cabarrus County and representing Partners Healthcare Management. She was welcomed by the group.

Megan reminded Council that several members' Conflict of Interest forms are still due. She explained that members whose signed COIs are not received are ineligible to participate in Council votes. COIs can be sent to Megan via mail, fax, or email. Joanie will follow-up with members who have not yet returned a COI.

Megan yielded the floor to Michelle Wilson, By Laws Committee Chair. Michelle updated JCPC's By Laws to include the Parliamentarian position filled by Steve Morris. Michelle then explained the added language, located in *Section 6 under Article III, Officers*. The amendment reads as follows: *The parliamentarian will interpret and apply "Roberts Rules of Order," as well as this council's bylaws, to provide guidance on parliamentary procedure to the officers, committees, and members of the JCPC*. Michelle stated the changes were approved by Legal. Megan asked for questions or comments. Mark Boles motioned to approve the By Laws as amended. David Wall seconded. Motion to approve By Laws as amended carried with no opposition. A full copy of the By Laws will be included in the December meeting packet.

Megan next opened a discussion of unallocated funds available for existing FY 2021-22 programs. Daniel advised a total of \$11,365 is available. He added this funding has a matching requirement. Unallocated funds must be returned to the State by December 31. Directors of Teen Court, TYM, and YDI indicated need. In order to meet the Dec 31 deadline, proposals must be approved via Council vote during its Dec 15 meeting. It was agreed that written proposals are to be included in the December 8 meeting packet for Council's review prior to the meeting. In the event multiple programs submit worthy proposals, Steve Morris suggested that proposals include full disclosure as to how the funds will be utilized, from where the matching funds will originate, and how a program might be impacted if only 50% of the funding requested were granted (unless the proposal is an "all or nothing" request).

NEW BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS

Megan reported that the Risk & Needs Committee met immediately following Council's October meeting to review last fiscal year's data, and to develop a Request for Proposal (RFP) for FY 2022-23. Cabarrus data indicates the county is performing at levels better than state averages in most categories. Cabarrus' data also indicates increasing gang association within peer relationships and increased gang activity. Megan stated that after a thorough review of last year's RFP, the Committee agreed it was adequate to address those specific needs. Daniel shared last year's RFP on screen. Mark recalled that the Committee agreed Council could focus on addressing programs specific to identified needs at funding. Amending an already comprehensive and well-developed RFP was unnecessary. David remarked that Cabarrus JCPC and its programs appear to be doing a great job based on data. Megan asked for further discussion. Hearing none, Perry Gabriel motioned to approve the RFP as written. Brian Heintz seconded. Daniel clarified that the motion on the table was to approve the RFP as written, with modifications at publication to accommodate training and deadline dates/times. With no further discussion, the motion to approve the RFP as written with stated modifications carried without opposition.

Megan yielded the floor for presentation of monitoring reports. Mark chaired the monitoring committees for Teen Court and Sex Offender Specific Evaluation & Treatment (SOSET). Both programs were monitored on November 12. Regarding Teen Court, Mark reported that the Committee found dramatic organizational changes within their documentation and operational processes, including corrections needed to resolve final accounting. He stated that Kristen McEvoy and Anissa Jones have worked diligently to increase efficiencies and set long-term program goals. Steve Morris added that monitoring Teen Court was a positive and productive experience. He encouraged all Council members to participate in monitoring activities because they provide meaningful opportunities to learn about programs.

Mark next reported on SOSET monitoring. The virtual meeting with Karen South Jones went smoothly. So far this year, SOSET has no referrals. Mark added the lack of participants created a need for "asterisk" language within DPS' monitoring report because the program historically has referrals later in the school year. The committee found multiple strengths within the program. Karen is consistently well organized and efficient, with Charlie Sattenfield's services as a tremendous asset. Overall, the Committee agreed that funding SOSET is money well spent. David remarked that Karen's program and Charlie's services are "always second to none." Michelle stated that Karen indicated Charlie is now training someone and the training will be complete in approximately six months. She stated everyone hopes Charlie will remain with SOSET. Megan added the prior LME/MCO didn't provide these types of gap services for juveniles and expressed hope that the new LME/MCO can provide them.

David asked Teen Court's Kristen and Anissa to introduce themselves to Court Counselors when they can as it helps counselors put names with faces. Perry indicated that Aspire programs will be monitored this afternoon. Megan stated TYM programs will be monitored next week. No additional monitoring reports were presented at this meeting.

A discussion was then opened regarding the disposal of JCPC-owned office furniture formerly used by Teen Court. Kristen reported the furniture had fallen apart and has since been replaced. Megan asked Council how they wish to dispose of it. Teen Court's monitoring committee inspected this old, broken furniture. Mark and Daniel agreed it has no salvage value. Steve Morris added that no donation facility would accept it. Daniel advised that a full Council vote is required for the disposition of any JCPC-owned property. He clarified that Council's vote will be to allow Teen Court to dispose of the furniture any way it sees fit. Michelle motioned to approve Teen Court's disposal of the items however they can. Brian and Mark seconded. With no further discussion, the motion carried without opposition.

Megan then moved on to the final item of New Business. Steve Morris' term with JCPC will expire December 31 and he expressed interest in continuing to serve. Steve explained commissioners are appointed by the Board to serve on multiple councils and his appointment to JCPC is subject to the Board's direction. Connie Philbeck motioned to recommend Steve's reappointment. David Wall seconded. With no further discussion, the motion to recommend Steve's reappointment carried without opposition.

Megan initiated an informal discussion regarding in-person Council meetings. County Manager Mike Downs rescinded the indoor mask mandate in county facilities effective today. However, indoor social distancing requirements remain in place. Megan stated that the Government Center's Multi-Purpose Room will not accommodate a group our size observing social distancing. It was agreed that JCPC will meet virtually in December and discuss whether to remain virtual at that time. Megan indicated she prefers in-person meetings when it is safe. Several ideas for meeting venues were offered, including the Sheriff's Dept multi-purpose rooms, the Cabarrus Arena, Steve Ayers' church, and the Library. Daniel requested that members email himself and Joanie with their ideas. Megan added that once the Governor lifts the State of Emergency, JCPC will be required to meet in person. Amy Jewel mentioned the option of hybrid meetings, with Council members meeting in person and the public joining virtually.

UPDATES FROM PROGRAMS / COUNCIL MEMBERS QUESTIONS FOR PROGRAMS

Reggie McNeil discussed an issue with a young man TYM has been counseling. He wants to connect this young man and his grandmother with mental health services. TYM's mentor is working with the youth, but it appears there are deeper issues to be addressed. Michelle and Reggie will later discuss collaborative services for this participant. Reggie also stated the referral issue mentioned during the October meeting is being addressed and he intends to speak to Council in the future on that subject and other structural program changes.

Sari Miller gave a "shout out" to Reggie and his staff. Three TYM staff members were present in court yesterday. Sari said their presence was important to court counselors because it indicates TYM staff is actively engaged with and invested in the juvenile's progress. Megan remarked she also had good experiences with TYM staff engagement and described its positive impact on the juveniles in court.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Megan called for comments or discussion from the public. There were none.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Megan called for comments or further discussion from Council. There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

Megan referred Council to the *Need to Know* section of the Agenda. With no further comments being seen or heard, a motion to adjourn was made by Mark Boles. Motion seconded by Michelle Wilson. Hearing and seeing no opposition, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:47 a.m. *Submitted by Joanie Bischer*