



**CABARRUS COUNTY JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL**  
**January 19, 2022 – Regular Meeting (via Webex)**  
**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

LaShay Avery	Megan Baumgardner	Sonja Bohannon-Thacker	Mark Boles
Joy Butler	Carolyn Carpenter	Beth Downs	Steve Grossman
Rodney Harris	Jamica LaFranque	Marta Meares	Steve Morris
Connie Philbeck	Sharon Reese	Beth Street	David Wall
Michelle Wilson	Terry Wise		

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Steve Ayers, Perry Gabriel, Matthew Greer, Brian Heintz, Amy Jewel, Heather Mobley

**VACANT COUNCIL SEATS:** Two youth under age 21, or one youth under age 21 and one member of the public representing the interests of families of at-risk youth

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Sheryl Conrad, Bryan Dupree (Pinnacle Family Services), Emma Flores (TYM), James Haythe (TYM), Anissa Jones (Teen Court), Karen South Jones (SOSET), John J. Kirkpatrick IV (TYM), Kristen McEvoy (Teen Court), Reggie McNeil (TYM), Sarimar Miller (Court Counselor Supervisor), Claude Whitfield (TYM), Parnell Woods (Juvenile Court Counselor)

**CALL TO ORDER and ATTENDANCE**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Megan Baumgardner at 7:30 a.m. Due to the absence of a quorum at that time, Megan asked Daniel Sevigny to proceed with DPS updates. The Webex participant log-in was continually monitored. A quorum was established at approximately 7:40 a.m. Eighteen of 24 members were in attendance.

**UPDATES FROM DPS AREA CONSULTANT**

Daniel shared client count and tracking data for each funded program. He then discussed DPS operational changes while NC remains under a State of Emergency. Effective January 4, onsite consultant monitoring of JCPC-funded programs are suspended for 60 days. Virtual platforms to conduct meetings, consultations, and compliance monitorings are permitted and encouraged. All counties are encouraged to follow CDC guidelines and exercise safety protocols established by local governing agencies.

Referring to *DPS Talking Points* included in January’s meeting packet, Daniel next provided information about resource development, Restorative Justice training, and DPS’ Intensive Intervention Services Request for Proposal. He also provided details regarding a Teen Court Pilot in development. The pilot’s initiative allows district attorneys to divert specifically-approved Chapter 20 motor vehicle violations to a modified Teen Court model.

Lastly, Daniel suggested that program managers begin to review budgets in advance of third quarter accounting in the event revisions are required. Programs utilizing in-kind contributions should evaluate budgets to ensure they are still on target given the COVID restrictions in place.

### **COUNCIL VOTES and OLD BUSINESS**

Megan returned to the first portion of the Agenda by welcoming members. She advised that a quorum was established and proceeded with Council votes as follows:

#### Approval of December 2021 Meeting Minutes

Megan advised the December minutes were included in a meeting packet emailed January 12 and asked if there were corrections or additions. None were heard or seen. A motion to approve the December minutes as written was made by Beth Downs and seconded by Michelle Wilson. The motion to approve December minutes carried without opposition.

#### Approval of January 2022 Agenda

Megan asked members to review today's agenda and opened the floor for corrections or additions. None were heard or seen. A motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by LaShay Avery and seconded by Sonja Bohannon-Thacker. The motion to approve the January agenda carried without opposition.

#### Approval of Monitoring Minutes for Sex Offenders Specific Evaluations & Treatment (SOSET)

Megan called for discussion regarding the monitoring minutes of SOSET. Hearing and seeing none, she called for a motion, preferably from a member who attended the monitoring. Mark Boles motioned to approve the minutes as written and Carolyn Carpenter seconded. The motion to approve SOSET monitoring minutes carried without opposition.

#### Approval of Monitoring Minutes for Teen Court

Megan called for discussion of Teen Court's monitoring minutes. Hearing and seeing none, she called for a motion, preferably from a member who attended the monitoring. Mark Boles motioned to approve the minutes as written and Carolyn Carpenter seconded. The motion to approve Teen Court monitoring minutes carried without opposition.

Megan then announced that Commissioner Steve Morris was re-elected as Chair during the Board's December 20 meeting. Steve was also reappointed to another term with JCPC and will continue to serve as Council's Parliamentarian. Megan offered Council's congratulations and appreciation for his ongoing service.

Megan next opened a discussion about returning to in-person meetings. She suggested that Council meet virtually again in February given the high COVID infection rates and DPS' recent directives. Several members agreed it was safer to remain virtual. No opposition was expressed to meeting virtually in February. Megan mentioned that returning to in-person meetings will appear on future agendas.

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

Megan reported that Baylee Barkley's absence from four consecutive Council meetings triggered contact with her following December's meeting per JCPC By-Laws. Baylee indicated she is unable to fulfill her obligations to Council due to scheduling conflicts and school workloads. She subsequently submitted a resignation letter which was included in January's meeting packet. The Board of Commissioners will be notified of Council's acceptance of her resignation. Megan expressed appreciation for Baylee's student voice on Council and for her community service.

With Baylee's resignation, there are now two vacant Council seats. Megan added that vacancies can be addressed when funding season is over.

Next, Megan suggested that the Allocation & Funding Committee meet virtually in February to review and evaluate FY 2022-23 program applications. Application deadline is February 4. Committee meeting dates proposed were February 8, 9, 10, and 11. Megan will confirm the date. She added that all Council members are welcome to attend. The Committee's funding recommendations are anticipated to be presented during Council's March meeting.

Megan opened the floor for discussion about a new forum for Council's June meeting. She explained that the idea originated during TYM's monitoring session. It was suggested that JCPC's final meeting be in person, open to the public, and utilized as an informal wrap-up of the year to include program presentations with juvenile success stories. Several members expressed interest. Carolyn suggested it might be worthwhile to include a parent's success story. Joy agreed and indicated a parent could speak on how the child's school experience improved. Given the positive feedback, Megan suggested that program managers begin to plan for such an event. Details on the venue and agenda will be formulated in future meetings.

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

Megan opened the floor for updates from programs. Karen South Jones reported that SOSET received its first referral this month. Reggie McNeil described his involvement with Trauma Resource Institute that led to TYM's development of a trial curriculum to support the mental health and self-regulation needs of black and brown youth. He is scheduled to speak during a global podcast on February 7 hosted by the Institute for Black History Month. Reggie also shared that TYM's first annual golf outing is planned in April. He stated additional information will be forthcoming. Megan asked if there were other program updates or Council members' questions for programs based on monthly reports included in January's meeting packet. No additional comments were heard or seen.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Megan opened the floor for public comments. None were heard or seen.

#### **COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Megan opened the floor for comments from Council members. Michelle advised she is transitioning into a new position with Cabarrus Health Alliance after leaving Cabarrus Rowan Community Health Center. JCPC's member roster now includes her Yahoo email address. She will provide updated contact information when available. Beth Street volunteered to assist with obtaining answers to questions posed earlier regarding the Teen Court Pilot and will report back to Council.

Megan advised programs to remember the FY 2022-23 application deadline of February 4 at 5 p.m. which includes the delivery of hard copies to her office. The office will be locked immediately thereafter. Megan also provided a brief update to the JCPC mobile app under development by Mark. He plans to provide an in-depth status update to Council during February's meeting. Megan commended his ongoing efforts.

Regarding the new forum previously discussed for Council's June meeting, Reggie asked if Council wants a family and a youth presentation from each program rather than from each organization. Megan indicated a presentation from each program is preferable. She stated program managers are free to develop presentations as they see fit

that will best demonstrate the function and success of individual programs. She emphasized that the June meeting is intended to be relaxed and informal, yet engaging and informative.

Megan reminded Council to review meeting packet materials. Also, there are Spanish and English JCPC outreach brochures available if anyone needs replenishment. She added that based on the number of inquiries received, the brochures are doing the job for which they were intended.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Megan asked if there were any final comments. Hearing and seeing none, she called for a motion to adjourn. Sonja motioned to adjourn and Carolyn seconded. With no further comments, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:23 a.m.

*Submitted by Joanie Bischer*