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## CABARRUS COUNTY JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL

April 20, 2022 – Regular Meeting

The Milestone Building Conference Room

### MINUTES

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

LaShay Avery	Steven Ayers	Megan Baumgardner	Mark Boles
Carolyn Carpenter	Beth Downs	Matthew Greer	Rodney Harris
Brian Heintz	Marta Meares	Heather Mobley	Steve Morris
Connie Philbeck	Sharon Reese	David Wall	Terry Wise
Michelle Wilson			

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Sonja Bohannon-Thacker, Joy Butler, Perry Gabriel, Steve Grossman, Amy Jewell, Jamica LaFranque, Beth Street

**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:** Darryl Bego (YDI), Emma Flores (TYM), James Haythe (TYM), Anissa Jones (Teen Court), Karen South Jones (SOSET), Kristen McEvoy (Teen Court), Reggie McNeil (TYM)

#### **CALL TO ORDER and ATTENDANCE**

Chair Megan Baumgardner called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m. Megan welcomed members and guests to Council's first regular monthly meeting held in-person since 2020. Attendance was taken and a quorum was established. Seventeen of 24 council members were present.

#### Vote to Approve March 2022 Meeting Minutes

Megan advised that minutes from the March 16 meeting were included in the packet emailed March 9. She asked if there were corrections or additions. No comments were heard. Heather Mobley motioned to approve the March minutes as written. LaShay Avery seconded. With no further discussion, council voted. The motion to approve the March minutes as written carried without opposition.

#### Vote to Approve Allocation & Funding Committee Meeting Minutes

Megan advised that minutes from the April 6 Allocation & Funding Committee (A&F) meeting were also included in the packet. She asked if there were corrections or additions. No comments were heard. LaShay motioned to approve the A&F minutes as written. Michelle Wilson seconded. With no further discussion, council voted. The motion to approve the A&F minutes as written carried without opposition.

### Vote to Approve April 2022 Agenda

Megan next asked members to review today's agenda and called for corrections or additions. No comments were heard. Steve Morris motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Brian Heintz seconded. With no further discussion, council voted. The motion to approve the agenda as presented carried without opposition.

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

Megan yielded the floor to Daniel Seigny who shared the *DPS Talking Points* on screen. He mentioned how well Cabarrus programs have worked through difficulties this fiscal year and gained traction toward reaching goals. He then shared each individual program's current client count/tracking data.

Based on final Third Quarter Accounting reports, Daniel reviewed each program's percentage of funds spent. Overall, funds spent are below expectations, which Daniel attributed partly to pandemic restrictions in place early this fiscal year, and budget planning to accommodate rising costs. Daniel advised the Council it will continue to see requests for budget revisions.

Daniel reported that DPS' Request for Proposals for Intensive Intervention Services is now closed. There were no applications submitted from Cabarrus County. He reminded Council that a 90-day hold was implemented for DPS data requests effective February 25. In the meantime, please submit requests for data in writing to Daniel in order to ensure accurate data communication. Beginning May 25, new requests will receive responses in the order they were submitted.

Daniel encouraged members and programs to explore the 2021 County Databook available online. (See *DPS Talking Points* for website address.) He indicated the Databook is a great resource for breakdowns of various juvenile populations and ages.

Community feedback for DPS JCPC Policy closed March 31. The rollout/effective date for the revised JCPC Policy is July 1, 2022. Daniel further advised that JCPC certifications and annual plans are due by May 15. Also, an annual review of Cabarrus JCPC By Laws is due and Daniel suggested any updates be presented to Council before fiscal year-end.

Daniel announced that Katie Hiott, DPS Piedmont Area Program Assistant and "top dog" accepted a new position with DPS' IT Division. Katie's invaluable experience and trusted assistance will be greatly missed. He encouraged members and programs to reach out to Katie with congratulations and best wishes.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Megan asked if there were any questions for Daniel. Hearing none, she opened the floor for discussion regarding a location for May's in-person meeting. Several members spoke out in favor of returning to the Governmental Center's second floor Multi-Purpose Room (MPR). Most members agreed it was a more convenient location and suitable for the group's size. It was agreed that JCPC's May 18 meeting will be held in the MPR.

Megan stated that questions prepared by the A&F Committee for Court Counselors were tabled during March's meeting due to time constraints. David Wall consented to answer those questions in the absence of Court Counselor Supervisor Saudi Miller. Megan first asked whether DJJ has identified trends arising from pandemic restrictions or changes in the economy. David replied there has been an uptick in more serious crimes involving handguns, larcenies, and gang association. He stated his research indicates mentoring and after-school programs are critical to combat those issues. David, Megan, LaShay, and Michelle then responded to follow-up questions/comments from council members regarding increases with substance abuse (vaping and edibles),

clinical assessments, access to treatment, and percentages of juveniles bound over to Superior Court who are then remanded back to Juvenile Court. Megan next asked David how YDI can improve its relationship with court counselors and increase DJJ referrals. David replied that he attributes the low referrals to YDI's Vocational & Career Development Academy to it being a first-year program, rather than any relationship issues. Court counselors are becoming familiar with the new program. Daniel confirmed that YDI's vocational component was a new program beginning this fiscal year.

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

Megan again yielded the floor to Daniel who reported that requests for budget revisions were received from Teen Court, TYM's Get Hired, and the JCPC Admin program. None of the revisions involve requests for additional dollars.

#### JCPC Admin Budget Revision and Vote

Daniel stated the JCPC Admin's budget revision includes a contracted service adjustment since Joanie is a part-time hourly employee with the county, rather than a contracted employee through the Sheriff's Department as Dianne Pennell was. Daniel next explained the requested adjustments. From \$15,000, allocate: (1) \$13,000 to Salary & Wages; (2) \$1,000 to Food & Provision; (3) \$500 to Office Supplies & Materials; and (4) \$500 to Miscellaneous for a desktop printer. Daniel added that the \$500 initially set aside for FY 21-22 public outreach remains in place. After responding to questions, Megan called for further comments. Hearing none, Heather motioned to approve the budget revision as presented and Terry Wise seconded. With no further discussion, the motion to approve the JCPC Admin budget as presented carried without opposition.

#### Teen Court Budget Revision and Vote

Daniel indicated that Teen Court's budget revisions are simple line item adjustments totaling \$605. These are due to ongoing growth within the program and rising costs of food and gas. From \$450 in Communication Services and \$155 in Insurance costs, Kristen requested \$500 be moved to Food & Provisions due to an increased number of volunteers, \$5 to Office Supplies, \$40 for printer paper, and \$60 for the copier lease. Connie Philbeck mentioned the formula for Item 340 was inaccurate. Daniel then confirmed the formula in the Justification section was not updated and suggested Council's approval include the formula correction. Hearing no additional discussion, Megan called for motions. Michelle motioned to approve the budget revision with the formula correction. Mark Boles seconded. With no further discussion, motion to approve Teen Court's budget revision and formula correction carried without opposition.

#### TYM Get Hired-Youth Employability Budget Revision and Vote

Daniel explained Get Hired was funded lower than originally requested in FY 21-22 which led to the omission of FICA taxes and insurance from the program's original budget. Having raised funds from other sources, TYM seeks to add \$2,054 to Item 180 for FICA taxes and add \$1,600 to Item 250 due to increased fuel costs. These increases total \$3,654. \$1,460 of the increases come from decreasing Item 310 (15-passenger van lease) and \$2,194 comes from donations to TYM and fundraisers. Following questions, Megan asked for further comments or a motion. Mark motioned to approve the budget revision as presented and Heather seconded. With no further discussion, motion to approve the budget revision as presented carried without opposition.

#### FY 2022-23 Program Funding Allocations and Vote

Megan advised that the Allocation & Funding Committee met virtually on April 6 for approximately three hours to discuss funding recommendations for the full Council's consideration. From three options developed, the Committee agreed to recommend Option 3. Daniel shared the funding worksheet on screen. The Committee's deliberations were explained and questions were answered. (See A&F Minutes of April 6 for full details.) After calling for additional discussion, Megan indicated that Council could choose to develop an alternate funding

option if they wanted something other than what was presented. Hearing nothing further, the floor was opened for motions. Brian motioned to approve Funding Option 3. Michelle seconded. With no further discussion, motion to approve FY 2022-23 Funding Option 3 carried without opposition. A *County Funding Plan* will be presented to the Board of Commissioners for consideration and approval on May 16.

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

Michelle mentioned that in a previous meeting it was discussed whether program recidivism rates could be provided. She asked whether that information was available. Daniel indicated that individual juveniles' data needs to be supplied and compiled internally. He added he will work with David for this information.

Karen South Jones reported that SOSET will likely have unspent funds this year. She suggested funding be set aside to send SROs to an alcohol/drug conference scheduled this fall in Dallas TX regarding substance abuse and emerging drug trends. She plans to work with Council and the Sheriff's Office to send representatives.

Reggie McNeil reminded Council about TYM's May 1 golf outing and fundraiser. He emphasized the importance of mentoring programs and the need to provide youth with a continuum of services.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were none.

#### **COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Michelle thanked Mark for his efforts with the mobile app and its accompanying website. Megan added that Joanie may be given access to edit the website. David said the mobile app will likely set a precedent for other JCPCs to follow. Mark stated that he expressed the entire Council's gratitude to CabCo IT Services for their ongoing collaboration and looks forward to our group's feedback as the app is further developed. Updates will be provided during the next meeting.

Megan asked the group to check their supplies of JCPC outreach brochures. If replenishments are needed or if brochures require updating, it will be discussed at the next meeting. Megan and Daniel reminded Council that \$500 from JCPC's Admin budget was allocated for public outreach.

Brian described a resource list available in English and Spanish provided by Cabarrus Co Department of Human Services. He suggested it be shared with the group and possibly added to the mobile app. Sharon Reece mentioned that the *NC Cares 360* virtual pamphlet might also be suitable for the mobile app. Megan added that a lady with a therapy dog expressed interest in juvenile services. She suggested this lady be invited to share her training and credentials with the Council at a future meeting.

Megan reminded Council that JCPC's next meeting will be held May 18 in the Governmental Center's MPR and thanked the group for their attendance and participation today.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Megan called for final comments. Hearing and seeing none, she opened the floor for motions. Matthew Greer motioned to adjourn and Brian seconded. With no further comments or opposition to the motion, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:34 a.m.

*Submitted by Joanie Bischer*