



CABARRUS COUNTY JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL
Regular Meeting held February 15, 2023
Governmental Center, Concord NC
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Adrian Attaway	Steven Ayers	Megan Baumgardner	Sonja Bohannon-Thacker
Mark Boles	Mikayla Branch	Carolyn Carpenter	Ashley Fitch
Amy Jewell	Jamica LaFranque	Heather Mobley	Connie Philbeck
Ashlie Shanley	Jacob Wentink		

MEMBERS ABSENT:

LaShay Avery	Travis Burke	Matthew Greer	Rodney Harris
Heather Jones	Marta Meares	Chris Measmer	Sharon Reese
Michelle Wilson	Terry Wise		

VACANT COUNCIL SEATS: Chief District Court Judge, Chief Court Counselor

JCPC ASSOCIATES PRESENT: Daniel Sevigny (DPS Area Consultant), Joanie Bischer (Admin)

GUESTS PRESENT:

Darryl Bego (YDI), Emily Coltrane (DPS), Sheryl Conrad (DPS), Bryan Dupree (Pinnacle Family Services), David Highsmith II (DJJ), James Howden (County Finance Director), Kristen McEvoy (Teen Court), Reggie McNeil (TYM), Sarimar Miller (DJJ), Chef Kimberly Townsend (Aspire), Shakia Washington (TYM), Christy Wilhelm (Chief District Court Judge)

CALL TO ORDER and ATTENDANCE

Chair Megan Baumgardner called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m. and welcomed members and guests. Quorum was established with 14 of 24 members present.

Approval of January Meeting Minutes: Megan asked for corrections, additions, or a motion. Vice Chair Mark Boles requested a correction in the *Adjournment* section and then motioned to approve the Minutes as amended. Heather Mobley seconded. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of TYM Monitoring Minutes: Megan asked for corrections, additions, or a motion. Mark motioned to approve the Minutes as written and Heather seconded. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Agenda: Megan asked members to review the agenda for corrections or additions. Heather motioned to approve the agenda as presented and Carolyn Carpenter seconded. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

UPDATES FROM DPS AREA CONSULTANT

Daniel referred members to *DPS Talking Points* included in the meeting packet. He advised that the current client count/tracking totals were not substantially different from the previous month due to corrections following a DPS system check of data quality. He added that program numbers still look good. The number of youth estimated to be served this FY is 338 and 233 have been served. Daniel next discussed FY 2023-24 program applications. Funding requests total \$649,763; well above the \$459,927 allocation. He asked members to carefully review all applications in advance of the Allocation & Funding Committee (A&F) meetings to ensure the services that best fit the needs of Cabarrus juveniles are selected.

Daniel reminded programs to begin preparing necessary budget revisions and that Third Quarter Accounting is due on at the end of March. Lastly, Daniel advised that a New Member Orientation is under development and will be held virtually sometime this Spring.

OLD BUSINESS

Megan re-opened a discussion tabled from November regarding Fostering Solutions Crisis Beds. Only one youth has been served so far this FY and one or two referrals could not be placed. Bryan Dupree of Pinnacle Family Services described reasons for the program's limitations and stated Pinnacle currently has no foster homes dedicated to DJJ youth. He added this is a statewide problem and realistically Pinnacle might be able to serve one or two juveniles rather than 10 to 12. Bryan mentioned that other nearby providers, such as Alexander Inner Youth Network, might be interested in supplementing crisis beds when needed. Further discussion followed regarding the importance of temporary therapeutic foster care and potential solutions for obtaining needed beds in a timely manner. It was agreed Partners Health and other mental health providers should be included in the conversation.

NEW BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS

Regarding an amendment to By Laws for virtual attendance, Megan explained that the county attorney's review and approval of the amendment is pending. Michelle Wilson had requested that the vote be tabled until such time legal approval is received. Megan suggested the vote be tabled until JCPC's May meeting. There was no opposition to this suggestion.

Dates for the first A&F meeting were next discussed. Megan advised that the Committee's goal during this meeting is to review applications and develop questions for program during their presentations at JCPC's March 15 meeting. DPS allows JCPC committee meetings to be held virtually. It was agreed that the first A&F meeting will be held via Webex on Wednesday, March 1. All Council members and program representatives were encouraged to attend.

PRESENTATION OF COMPLETED MONITORING REPORTS

Megan chaired the monitoring committee for TYM programs and presented reports for each of their four programs: Shift Mentoring, Shift Restitution & Community Service, Get Hired, and Fostering Solutions Crisis Beds. The first three programs were found to be doing very well. A recent overhaul of TYM's organizational structure and the development of a new digital database and tracking system will position them for future growth. DPS will review the system to ensure it meets confidentiality and other legal requirements. Issues with Fostering Solutions were previously discussed in the meeting.

PROGRAM UPDATES / QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Verbal reports were presented in the follow order: TYM programs by Reggie McNeil and Shakia Washington, Aspire programs by Chef Kimberly Townsend, YDI programs by Darryl Bego, and Teen Court by Kristen McEvoy. Information provided included client counts, referrals, successful terminations, organizational transitions,

collaborative partnerships, interpersonal relationship lessons through classroom role playing, life skills and vocational skills development, volunteer expansion, and larger office spaces anticipated at the new courthouse.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Carolyn announced three \$1,000 student scholarships offered through the Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary (SAWA). Applications are due by April 19. Applicants can obtain more information at the following website: <https://southernusa.salvationarmy.org/cabarrus-stanly/womens-auxiliary/>. Carolyn mentioned that SAWA's Souper Bowl 2023 fundraiser is scheduled on February 21 at Central United Methodist Church in Concord. Proceeds benefit The Salvation Army of Cabarrus and Stanly Counties.

Sonja Bohannon-Thacker also announced that scholarships are available to program participants through The Jonathan Foundation. Additional information and applications can be found at the following website: <http://www.jonathanthacker.org>.

Megan introduced and welcomed Emily Coltrane, DPS Piedmont Area Consultant, who will fill the council seat vacated by Chief Court Counselor David Wall. Ms. Coltrane's appointment is anticipated to be confirmed by the BOC at its March 20 meeting. She plans to remain in the position until a new Chief Court Counselor is named.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further comments, Megan called for a motion. Mark motioned to adjourn and Heather seconded. With no opposition to the motion, the Chair thanked everyone for their time and adjourned the meeting at 8:53 a.m. Members were reminded that Council's next meeting is March 15.

-Submitted by Joanie Bischer

Frequently Used Acronyms

1. BOC = Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners
2. DJJ = Division of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention
3. DPS = Department of Public Safety
4. FY = Fiscal Year (JCPC's fiscal year begins July 1 and ends June 30)
5. SOSET = Sex Offense Specific Evaluation & Treatment (a JCPC-funded program)
6. TYM = Transforming Youth Movement (a JCPC-funded program)
7. YDI = Youth Development Initiatives (a JCPC-funded program)