



CABARRUS COUNTY JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL
Regular Meeting held June 21, 2023
Governmental Center, Concord NC
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Adrian Attaway Steven Ayers Sonja Bohannon-Thacker
Mark Boles Travis Burke Carolyn Carpenter
Ashley Fitch Matthew Greer James Howden
Heather Jones Jamica LaFranque Chris Measmer
Heather Mobley Connie Philbeck Sharon Reese
Jacob Wentink Michelle Wilson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Megan Baumgardner Mikayla Branch Amy Jewell
Marta Meares Ashlie Shanley Terry Wise

VIRTUAL ATTENDEES: Christy Wilhelm (JCPC); Shannon Chambers (TYM)

VACANT COUNCIL SEATS: Chief Court Counselor; LME/MCO Regional Director

JCPC ASSOCIATES PRESENT: Daniel Sevigny; Joanie Bischer

OTHERS PRESENT: Gayle Alston (DJJ); Sheryl Conrad (DJJ); David Highsmith II (DJJ); Susan Jolley (Aspire); Anissa Jones (CRC); Kristen McEvoy (CRC); Reggie McNeil (TYM); Sarimar Miller (DJJ); Malisha Ross (Partners Behavioral Health); Chef Kimberly Townsend and Chef Jordan (Aspire); Multiple Juveniles whose identities are protected

CALL TO ORDER and ATTENDANCE

Vice-Chair Mark Boles called the meeting to order at 7:37 a.m. Sixteen of 24 members were in attendance. A quorum was established with 14 members as two members were ineligible to vote. The following votes were then conducted:

Approval of May 17 Meeting Minutes Mark requested a correction to an incomplete sentence on Page Two. He called for any other corrections or a motion. Heather Mobley motioned to approve the Minutes as corrected. Commissioner Measmer seconded. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Agenda Mark called for any changes or a motion. Connie Philbeck motioned to approve the Agenda as presented. Heather Mobley and Commissioner Measmer seconded simultaneously. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Note: Two Council members arrived after the above votes were concluded. From that point forward, the quorum consisted of 16 members.

UPDATES FROM DPS AREA CONSULTANT

Daniel recognized the efforts of DJJ Court Counselor Supervisor Saudi Miller and her team toward the NC S.A.F.E. campaign kick-off in Concord. He mentioned that free cable gun locks and two lock boxes were available for Cabarrus residents and suggested they be distributed during local neighborhood events. The NC S.A.F.E. campaign remains underway until January 2024. A discussion was next held regarding House Bill 848 and pay increases for DJJ employees. Daniel referred members to *DPS Talking Points* for additional information on program tracking data, final accounting deadline, RYCNC's virtual training, and other announcements.

OLD BUSINESS

Mark provided the status of YDI's funding appeal. Following a denial at the County Manager level, YDI submitted the appeal to the BOC at its June 19 meeting. After oral and video presentations by Mr. Bego, and discussion by Commissioners, the BOC voted unanimously to deny the appeal. YDI may further appeal to the DPS within five business days.

Mark suggested that an amendment to By Laws for virtual attendance be re-tabled to the August meeting so the proposed language compatible with BOC policy can be distributed to Council members in advance. Heather Mobley motioned to table further discussion and a vote on the amendment until August. Jamica LaFranque seconded. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Regarding JCPC program brochures, Mark indicated that should the FY 23-24 funding decision remain unchanged, a local supplier can print 5,000 updated brochures within the JCPC's limited administrative budget. The budget is limited due to the denial of JCPC's request for discretionary dollars to refresh and replenish brochures.

NEW BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS

Mark introduced Malisha Ross, new Regional Director at Partners Behavioral Health. Ms. Ross applied for the statutorily-required seat of LME/MCO Director vacated by LaShay Avery on June 2. Heather Mobley motioned to recommend Ms. Ross's appointment. Connie Philbeck seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mark next introduced Gayle Alston, new Chief Court Counselor for District 19. Ms. Alston was previously a member of the Cabarrus JCPC. She applied for the statutorily-required seat of Chief Court Counselor initially vacated by David Wall on January 21 and subsequently filled by Emily Coltrane, DPS Piedmont Area Administrator. Ms. Coltrane resigned from the seat effective June 8. Connie motioned to recommend that Ms. Coltrane's resignation be accepted. Heather Mobley seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Connie then motioned to recommend Ms. Alston's appointment. Heather Mobley seconded. That motion also passed unanimously. The BOC will consider JCPC's new appointments and resignation during its July 17 meeting.

Mark opened the floor to discuss voting limitations for Heather Jones due to her full-time employment as Engagement Coordinator with TYM. It was noted that Ms. Jones immediately disclosed her employment when it was effective and submitted an updated Conflict of Interest form. Daniel advised that Council determines the nature of voting restrictions. A group discussion ensued. Heather Mobley subsequently motioned that Ms. Jones abstain from votes related to funding, allocations, and TYM budget revisions. Ms. Jones may vote on Council's general operational matters. Jamica LaFranque and Carolyn Carpenter seconded simultaneously. The motion carried following a vote of 15 ayes. Ms. Jones abstained.

Mark next advised that the July meeting has historically been cancelled via Council vote. He mentioned that an emergency meeting may be called in July should YDI's appeal succeed and funding reallocations are required. Following a brief discussion, Michelle Wilson motioned to cancel the July meeting. Heather Mobley seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

PROGRAM PRESENTATIONS

Year-end program presentations were held in the following order: TYM, Aspire, and Teen Court. Reggie McNeil introduced Quentez Lampkin, known as “Coach Q.” Coach Q then introduced multiple juveniles who were in attendance. Next, Susan Jolley introduced Chef Jordan, who spoke about Aspire’s successful year with the culinary program. He introduced a juvenile who was enrolled in both the culinary and music programs. Aspire’s young chefs were applauded for the delicious breakfast they prepared for Council. Kristen McEvoy and Anissa Jones then provided multiple Teen Court updates and discussed its year-end celebration. Daniel next provided updates on behalf of Karen South Jones of SOSET and Darryl Bego of YDI due to their absence.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Reggie McNeil announced that multiple business partners working with TYM’s vocational program will come to their facility next week to provide shadowing opportunities. He invited everyone to attend.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Carolyn Carpenter mentioned that she serves on scholarship committees for the Salvation Army Women’s Auxiliary and the Cabarrus County Fair. She provided scholarship details and encouraged youth to apply. Heather Mobley commented favorably on the new courthouse and encouraged everyone to visit. Mark thanked Aspire for the breakfast and also for the hard work all programs do throughout the year.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further comments, the Vice-Chair called for a motion. Sonja Bohannon-Thacker motioned to adjourn. Michelle Wilson and Heather Mobley seconded simultaneously. With no opposition to the motion, Mark thanked everyone for their time and adjourned the meeting at 8:33 a.m.

-Submitted by Joanie Bischer

Key to Acronyms

1. BOC = Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners
2. CRC = Conflict Resolution Center
3. DJJ = Division of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention
4. DPS = Department of Public Safety
5. FY = Fiscal Year (JCPC’s fiscal year begins July 1 and ends June 30)
6. LME/MCO = Local Management Entity/Managed Care Organization
7. RYCNC = Restoring Youth Coalition of North Carolina
8. SOSET = Sex Offense Specific Evaluation & Treatment
9. TYM = Transforming Youth Movement
10. YDI = Youth Development Initiatives