



CABARRUS COUNTY JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL
Regular Meeting held January 17, 2024
Governmental Center, Concord NC
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gayle Alston	Adrian Attaway	Steve Ayers	Megan Baumgardner
S Bohannon-Thacker	Mikayla Branch	Travis Burke	Carolyn Carpenter
Ashley Fitch	Amy Jewell	Heather Mobley	Connie Philbeck
Aalece Pugh-Lilly	Malisha Ross	Ashlie Shanley	Lakesha Steele
Jacob Wentink	Christy Wilhelm	Michelle Wilson	

MEMBERS ATTENDING VIRTUALLY: Rosemary Gause and Terry Wise

MEMBERS ABSENT: Melissa Dixon, Matthew Greer, Marta Meares, Chris Measmer, and Sharon Reese

VACANT COUNCIL SEATS: None

JCPC ASSOCIATES PRESENT: Daniel Sevigny and Joanie Bischer

OTHERS PRESENT: Darryl Bego (YDI); Sheryl Conrad (DJJ); John Eller (HMA); David Highsmith II (DJJ); Anissa Jones (CRC); Heather Jones (TYM); Karen South Jones (RCYSB); Kristen McEvoy (CRC); Patrick Meadors (HMA); Sarimar Miller (DJJ); Kim Olige (Youth Style Fitness); Kasshema Samuels (Aspire)

CALL TO ORDER and ATTENDANCE

Chair Megan Baumgardner welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:34 a.m. Quorum was established with 21 of 26 members in attendance. The following votes were then conducted.

Approval of November 15 Meeting Minutes Corrections or a motion were requested. Carolyn Carpenter motioned to approve the minutes as written. Amy Jewell seconded. Without further discussion, the motion carried with no opposition from virtual or in-person attendees.

Approval of Agenda Changes or a motion were requested. Ashlie Shanley motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Michelle Wilson seconded. Without further discussion, the motion carried with no opposition from virtual or in-person attendees.

UPDATES FROM DPS AREA CONSULTANT

Daniel Sevigny referred to the *Client County/Tracking Data* included in the meeting packet. He noted that the majority of programs have met or exceeded their halfway goals for youth to be served this FY. He plans to meet with managers of programs who have not and connect them with DJJ staff. Daniel asked members to review DPS' *Policy Revisions at a Glance* sheet for changes to the *JCPC Community Programs Sections-Funded*

Programs Minimum Standards Policy, effective July 1, 2024. Both documents were included in the meeting packet. He advised that Cabarrus County's FY 2024-25 RFP is posted online from January 2 thru February 2 and several applications are already in process. Three of the 10 attendees who joined a mandatory information session held on January 11 or 12 were new programs to this Council. Daniel also provided information about upcoming DPS training/workshops for programs, the legislative session, status of Teen Court's Montreat evaluation, and the posting of DPS' FY 2024-25 RFP for Level II Intensive Intervention Services.

OLD BUSINESS

Megan advised that three new JCPC members were confirmed by the BOC on December 18. Melissa Dixon replaces Mark Boles as Member of the Business Community; Rosemary Gause replaces Jamica LaFranque as a Member at Large; and Lakesha Steele replaces Heather Jones as Member of the Public representing Families of At-Risk Youth. Also, the BOC reappointed Chris Measmer to the statutorily-required seat for a Commissioner in 2024.

NEW BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS

None

PROGRAM REPORTS / COUNCIL MEMBER QUESTIONS

Monthly program reports from agency representatives proceeded as follows: CRC-Teen Court by Kristen McEvoy; YSF-Holistic Fitness by Kim Olige; YDI-Vocational & Career Development Academy and FLA by Darryl Bego; Aspire Cabarrus-Kids at Work and The Connection by Kasshema Samuels; RCYSB SOSE by Karen South Jones; and TYM-Get Hired, Shift Mentoring, and Community Service & Restitution by Heather Jones.

Information provided included number of referrals and youth served, referral sources, expenditures and donations, volunteer staff, anticipated budget revisions, youth mid-term program evaluations, youth projects, new community partners, and staffing changes. All programs responded to questions from Council members and the DJJ Court Counselor Supervisor. A brief discussion was held about whether program surveys completed by Court Counselors who indicate that no referrals were made could also include a reason why.

PRESENTATION FROM HMA – USE OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS

Megan next yielded the floor to John Eller and Patrick Meadors of HMA Community Strategies who facilitated a discussion to identify effective management of opioid settlement funds. Cabarrus County is set to receive approximately \$21 million over the coming years. Members identified existing county service strengths, gaps in services, and then prioritized additional service needs for the treatment and prevention of substance abuse. Mr. Eller announced that a link to HMA's brief survey emailed to county employees will also be shared with Council members and programs.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Amy Jewell announced that the second annual CCS Student & Family Mental Wellness Forum will be held at JM Robinson High School on April 24 from 5-8 p.m. She provided information about a key speaker. More information will be forthcoming. Michelle asked whether Amy could be added to a future JCPC agenda to discuss mental health resources available. Malisha Ross next announced that Benchmark is offering free training for trauma-informed focused care and asked whether Council could receive the training. It was noted that the agenda for Council's February, March, and April meetings will be heavy; however, the May meeting might be suitable for guest speakers.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further comments, the Chair called for a motion. Malisha Ross motioned to adjourn. Ashlie Shanley seconded. With no opposition to the motion, the Chair thanked everyone for their time and reminded them the next meeting is February 21. Meeting adjourned at 8:39 a.m.

-Submitted by Joanie Bischer

Key to Acronyms

1. BOC = Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners
2. CCS = Cabarrus County Schools
3. CRC = Conflict Resolution Center
4. DJJ = Division of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention
5. DPS = Department of Public Safety
6. FLA = Family Life Skills Academy
7. FY = Fiscal Year (JCPC's fiscal year begins July 1 and ends June 30)
8. HMA = Health Management Associates
9. RCYSB = Rowan County Youth Services Bureau
10. RFP = Request for Proposals (a public document that solicits proposals for DPS-funded youth programs)
11. SOSE = Sex Offense Specific Evaluations
12. TYM = Transforming Youth Movement
13. YDI = Youth Development Initiatives