



CABARRUS COUNTY JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL
Regular Meeting held February 21, 2024
Governmental Center, Concord NC
MINUTES

MEMBERS ATTENDING IN PERSON:

Gayle Alston	Adrian Attaway	Steve Ayers	Megan Baumgardner
S Bohannon-Thacker	Travis Burke	Melissa Dixon	Rosemary Gause
Ashley Fitch	Matthew Greer	Amy Jewell	Marta Meares
Chris Measmer	Heather Mobley	Connie Philbeck	Aalece Pugh
Sharon Reese	Malisha Ross	Ashlie Shanley	Lakesha Steele
Christy Wilhelm			

MEMBERS ATTENDING via MS TEAMS CALL-IN: Carolyn Carpenter and Terry Wise

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mikayla Branch, Jacob Wentink, and Michelle Wilson

VACANT COUNCIL SEATS: None

JCPC ASSOCIATES PRESENT: Daniel Sevigny and Joanie Bischer

OTHERS PRESENT: Darryl Bego (YDI); Sheryl Conrad (DJJ); David Highsmith II (DJJ); Anissa Jones (CRC); Heather Jones (TYM); Karen South Jones (RCYSB); Kristen McEvoy (CRC); Reggie McNeil (TYM); Sarimar Miller (DJJ); Kim Olige (Youth Style Fitness); Kasshema Samuels (Aspire); and Patricia Ware (Teen Court)

CALL TO ORDER and ATTENDANCE

Chair Megan Baumgardner called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m. Quorum was established. Twenty-three of 26 members attended. Twenty-one council members were present in person. Two members attended via call-in without video connection. They abstained from voting.

Approval of January 17 Meeting Minutes Corrections or a motion were requested. Amy Jewell motioned to approve the minutes as written. Ashlie Shanley seconded. Without further discussion, motion carried.

Approval of Agenda Megan advised that the approval or correction of monitoring minutes should be added to today’s agenda. Further, due to YSF’s Monitoring Committee Chair Michelle Wilson absence, she proposed the YSF monitoring report be tabled to the March meeting. Vice Chair Heather Mobley motioned to amend the agenda as proposed. Marta Meares seconded. Without further discussion, motion carried.

Approval of Monitoring Minutes Megan called for motions to approve or amend FY 23-24 monitoring minutes as follows:

1. YDI-Vocational & Career Development Academy/Family Life Skills. Heather Mobley motioned to approve the minutes as written for monitoring conducted November 8 and December 13. Judge Wilhelm seconded. Motion carried;
2. CRC-Teen Court. Gayle Alston motioned to approve the minutes as written for monitoring conducted November 15. Judge Wilhelm seconded. Motion carried;
3. RCYSB-SOSE. Ashlie Shanley motioned to approve the minutes as written for monitoring conducted January 11. Travis Burke seconded. Motion carried;
4. TYM-Shift Mentoring/Get Hired/Shift Restitution & Community Service. Marta Meares motioned to approve the minutes as written for monitoring conducted January 22. Gayle Alston seconded. Motion carried;
5. Aspire-Kids at Work/The Connection. Gayle Alston motioned to approve the minutes as written for monitoring conducted February 2. Marta Meares seconded. Motion carried.

UPDATES FROM DPS AREA CONSULTANT

Daniel advised that program referrals are trending up in a steady flow. Of the 334 youth that programs estimated to serve this FY, 194 have been served. He shared other announcements and updates.

Daniel advised that Teen Court submitted a budget revision. Following receipt of \$1,500 cash match, Kristen McEvoy proposed increasing Line Item 120-Salaries by \$1,000 and Line Item 260-Supplies by \$500. Also, Teen Court's copier lease contract expired in December. Kristen proposed allocating remaining funds (\$610) to Line Item 180-Taxes. Megan called for a motion or discussion. Connie Philbeck asked for a clarification in the Budget Narrative. Hearing the response, Connie then motioned to approve the budget revision with the corrections requested. Sonja Bohannon-Thacker seconded. Without further discussion, motion carried.

Daniel advised that the Governor's NC SAFE Campaign was extended beyond January 2024. With council's consent, gun locks can be used as raffle items at the April 24 CCS Student & Family Mental Wellness Forum. Megan called for a motion or discussion. Marta Meares motioned to approve this use of gun locks. Malisha Ross seconded. Without further discussion, motion carried. Daniel encouraged members to incorporate the gun safety campaign into upcoming community events.

OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS

Megan advised that two council members missed three of the five monthly meetings held thus far this FY, which compromises voting eligibility per By Laws. However, members have an opportunity to provide explanations and council can vote whether to retain the member's voting eligibility. Sharon Reese advised her absences were due to an abundance of work-related trainings. She is the Designee for the statutorily-required DSS Director's seat. Discussion ensued. Megan called for a motion or further discussion. Judge Wilhelm motioned to accept Ms. Reese's explanation and retain her as a full voting member through the FY. Malisha Ross seconded. Motion carried. Next, Commissioner Measmer stated his absences were due to business obligations, BOC duties, and scheduling conflicts. He will be unable to attend JCPC's March meeting. Discussion ensued. Megan called for a motion or further discussion. Judge Wilhelm motioned to accept the Commissioner's explanation and retain him as a full voting member through the FY. Ashlie Shanley seconded. Motion carried. Daniel advised he will explore how similar absences are handled by other county JCPCs. It was noted that a solution is needed to manage this recurring issue.

Megan next explained the process and goals of JCPC's Allocations & Funding Committee and advised the committee can meet virtually. Following a general consensus, the first meeting of the Allocation & Funding

Committee was scheduled via Webex on Wednesday, March 13 at 7:30 a.m. All council members and program representatives were encouraged to attend. Daniel reminded meeting attendees they must maintain a visual connection in order to vote.

FY 23-34 PROGRAM MONITORING REPORTS

Megan next yielded the floor to monitoring committee chairs to report on their respective programs. Heather Mobley chaired the committees for YDI's programs and RCYSB's program. Regarding YDI's vocational program, she noted that Mr. Bego provided amended FY 22-23 measurable objectives to replace a report that was initially incorrect due to staff errors. She indicated that due to issues highlighted during monitoring, the Area Consultant's follow-up was recommended for the vocational and FLA programs. Regarding SOSE, Heather noted this committee met virtually because the program had no referrals at that time. She added that SOSE provides a specific gap service for uninsured youth and appears ready to serve when referrals are made. SOSE anticipates requesting budget revisions.

Officer Attaway chaired the committee for Teen Court monitoring. He noted the program is on track to meet its goal for youth served this FY. SROs are the primary referral source. Based on documents inspected and processes reviewed with staff, the program appears to be thriving. Areas of improvement identified were monitoring the 15-day window from referral to admission, and expanding the program's outreach within the law enforcement community and general public.

Megan chaired the monitoring committee for TYM programs. She noted measurable objectives and internal processes were addressed across all three programs. TYM's newly-developed digital dashboard appears to streamline overall operations and client tracking. Delays in matching mentors to mentees were discussed. It was noted youth are engaged in other program activities during this process. Community partners for Get Hired and Restitution & Community Service program were discussed along with ideas for broadening the number of youth involved in community service that isn't necessarily tied to restitution. Follow-up by the Area Consultant was not recommended at this time.

Ashley Fitch chaired the monitoring committee for Aspire's programs. She reported program documentation was well organized and church's facility was appropriate. Both programs appear to be on track to meet FY goals for number of youth served. A concern was noted around communication with DJJ court counselors. It was noted Aspire is monitoring the communication process with DJJ. Sarimar Miller advised that all court counselors are requested to visit program sites. She added counselors made positive comments following Aspire site visits. All programs now send youth progress reports to a DJJ administrative assistant for distribution.

PROGRAM REPORTS / COUNCIL MEMBER QUESTIONS

Monthly reports from agency representatives proceeded as follows: Teen Court by Kristen McEvoy; YSF by Kim Olige; YDI by Darryl Bego; Aspire by Kasshema Samuels; TYM by Reggie McNeil; and SOSE by Karen South Jones. Information provided included referral numbers, referral sources, successful/unsuccessful terminations, expenditure levels, upcoming budget revisions, collaborations with other programs, vocational projects, youth success stories, new community and school partners, upcoming events, and staff training opportunities.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Judge Wilhelm announced that Judge Steve Grossman will retire February 29. Everyone was invited to drop by his retirement celebration at the Courthouse. Malisha Ross announced the county will host a resource fair in April. More information will be forthcoming. Lakesha Steele requested information regarding the Glenn Center in Concord. Amy Jewell responded. Megan reminded members that the March 20 meeting will run long due to FY 24-25 program applicant presentations. Heather Mobley reminded members and guests to sign the attendance log at every monthly meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further comments, the Chair called for a motion. Adrian Attaway motioned to adjourn. Marta Meares and Steve Ayers seconded simultaneously. With no opposition to the motion, the Chair thanked everyone for their time and reminded them the next meeting is March 20. Meeting adjourned at 9 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. RCYSB = Rowan County Youth Services Bureau
9. RFP = Request for Proposals (a public document that solicits proposals for DPS-funded youth programs)
10. SOSE = Sex Offense Specific Evaluations
11. YSF = Youth Style Fitness
12. TYM = Transforming Youth Movement
13. YDI = Youth Development Initiatives