



CABARRUS COUNTY JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL

Regular Meeting held August 21, 2024

Governmental Center, Concord NC

MINUTES

MEMBERS ATTENDING IN PERSON:

Gayle Alston	Adrian Attaway	Steven Ayers	Megan Baumgardner
Travis Burke	Carolyn Carpenter	Ashley Fitch	Amy Jewell
Chris Measmer	Heather Mobley	Connie Philbeck	Aalece Pugh
Sharon Reece	Lakesha Steele	Christy Wilhelm	Michelle Wilson

MEMBERS ATTENDING REMOTELY: Sonja Bohannon-Thacker, Melissa Dixon, Rosemary Gause, and Matthew Greer

MEMBERS ABSENT: Marta Meares, Malisha Ross, and Ashlie Shanley

VACANT COUNCIL SEATS: Active Living & Parks Department Representative, Substance Abuse Professional, and Youth under Age 21

JCPC ASSOCIATES PRESENT: Daniel Sevigny and Joanie Bischer

OTHERS ATTENDING: Chef Mark Arango (Aspire); Sheryl Conrad (DJJ); David Highsmith II (DJJ); Megan Huffman (Genesis-ANB via MS Teams); Anissa Jones (CRC); Karen South Jones (RCYSB); Quanitta Kelly (TYM); Reggie McNeil (TYM); Sarimar Miller (DJJ); Meghan Kabat-Newcomer (ALPS); Kim Olige (YSF); Jeannie Sherrill (Families First); Chef Kimberly Townsend (Aspire); Shakia Washington (Families First)

CALL TO ORDER and ATTENDANCE

Chairperson Megan Baumgardner called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m. and welcomed all to Council’s first meeting of the FY. Quorum was established with 18 of 23 members present. Fourteen members were seated in person; three members joined via MS Teams audio/video connection; and one member joined via cell phone.

Approval of June 19 Meeting Minutes The Chair opened the floor for discussion or a motion regarding the June 19 meeting minutes. Vice Chair Heather Mobley motioned to approve the minutes as written. Judge Wilhelm seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Agenda The Chair next called for discussion or a motion regarding the agenda. Heather Mobley motioned to approve the agenda as proposed. Commissioner Measmer seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Two members later arrived and were seated. Quorum increased to 20 members.

UPDATES FROM DPS AREA CONSULTANT

The Chair yielded the floor to Daniel Sevigny. He referred members to *DPS Talking Points* included in the meeting packet and shared final client count/tracking numbers for FY 23-24. He advised that following the denial of YDI's appeal at the state level, JCPC's FY 24-25 funding plan was formally accepted by NCDPS and subsequently approved by the BOC at their last meeting. When all approved program agreements are fully executed, funding disbursements will begin.

Daniel also provided information about this year's New Member Orientations, last year's final accounting, program announcements, the JCPC policy manual update, and the 2023 DJJDP Annual Report. NC House Bills 834 and 186 were discussed.

OLD BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS

The Chair yielded the floor to Michelle Wilson who advised that the county attorney reviewed the proposed By Laws amendments. She plans to convene a short By Laws Committee meeting to discuss Mr. Koch's feedback and ensure all proposed changes have been addressed.

The Chair next advised the Allocation Committee met following JCPC's April 17 meeting to develop a second FY 24-25 RFP for \$41,695 in unallocated funds. Members then reviewed the proposed RFP. Appropriate terminology for persons who must attend one of the mandatory Webex information sessions, dates for the 30-day posting period, and dates for the Webex sessions were proposed. Megan noted the Allocations Committee can meet virtually in early October to review applications. Hearing no further comments, the Chair called for a motion or further discussion. Connie Philbeck motioned to approve and advertise the second RFP as proposed. Heather Mobley seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS

The Chair next called for a motion or discussion of proposed FY 24-25 JCPC meeting dates. A brief discussion followed about a potential conflict with the Governmental Center Multipurpose Room on November 20. When the conflict was resolved, Michelle Wilson motioned to approve the proposed dates. Commissioner Measmer seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting dates will be posted on JCPC's website.

Recommendations to fill the vacant seats of Substance Abuse Professional and Youth under Age 21 were next on the agenda. Following their approval by the Membership & Nominations Committee, applicants for these seats, Megan Huffman of Genesis-ANB and Roshini Selvakumar, were introduced at the June meeting. It was advised that although Ms. Selvakumar resides in Cabarrus County, she is enrolled in an out-of-town science and math academy during her junior year of high school. She plans to attend JCPC meetings virtually during this period. A brief discussion followed. Hearing no further comments, Judge Wilhelm motioned to recommend Ms. Huffman to fill the vacancy for Substance Abuse Professional. Gayle Alston seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Michelle Wilson motioned to recommend Ms. Selvakumar to fill the vacancy for Youth under Age 21, with the understanding that she will attend meetings virtually during her out-of-town term. Officer Attaway seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The Chair next announced that Jacob Wentink, Active Living & Parks Representative, resigned from his council seat in early July after accepting a position in another county. Megan called for discussion or a motion. Michelle Wilson motioned to accept his resignation. Connie Philbeck seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Council expressed appreciation for Mr. Wentink's service. Megan then introduced Meghan Kabat-Newcomer, a candidate to fill this seat, who was in attendance. She is currently in the application process.

Next on the agenda were renewal of six member terms expiring September 30: Gayle Alston, Travis Burke, Megan Baumgardner, Ashley Fitch, Amy Jewell, and Malisha Ross. Each individual previously confirmed a desire to remain on Council for another term. The Chair called for discussion or a motion. It was noted recommendations could be done as a slate. Officer Attaway motioned to recommend renewal for the slate of expiring terms. Michelle Wilson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The Chair then announced that Heather Mobley, who currently fills the seat for Juvenile Defense Attorney, recently accepted a position with the county. Should Council be amenable, Heather and Megan proposed that since Megan is a Juvenile Defense Attorney, she can assume Heather's seat while Heather assumes Megan's At-Large seat. Discussion ensued. When no further comments were heard, Gayle Alston motioned to approve the seat exchange as proposed. Connie Philbeck seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Next item for discussion was TYM's formal request for two Dell laptops and a 2016 Ford passenger van purchased for its SHIFT Mentoring program be transferred to the equipment inventory of another TYM program. Daniel explained that since TYM did not seek funding for the SHIFT Mentoring program this FY, these assets would revert to the county. Reggie McNeil requested approval for TYM to retain and transfer these assets to the inventory of SHIFT Restitution & Community Service, where they can continue to be utilized in accordance with their intended purpose and be maintained responsibly. The Chair called for discussion or a motion. Connie Philbeck motioned to approve the transfer of assets as proposed. Commissioner Measmer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Lastly, the Chair requested each member to read and sign the Conflict of Interest disclosure provided. This form is required from JCPC members each FY. She advised members to disclose actual and/or perceived conflicts that may arise from their service with JCPC. Virtual attendees were reminded the form was included in the August meeting packet and can be returned via email or in person at the September meeting.

PROGRAM REPORTS / COUNCIL MEMBER QUESTIONS

The Chair next opened the floor for program monthly reports. She reminded Council that no funding has been disbursed yet for Cabarrus programs this FY. Program representatives reported in the following order: Shakia Washington for Families First-NC/Strengthening Families; Kim Olige for YSF/Interpersonal Fitness; Quanitta Kelly for TYM/Get Hired & Shift Restitution; Karen South Jones for RCYSB/SOSE; Chef Kimberly Townsend and Chef Mark Arango for Aspire/Kids at Work; and Anissa Jones for CRC/Teen Court. Information included new program details, referral counts, referral sources, client terminations, staff additions, parental feedback, previous and upcoming youth activities/events. Reggie McNeil disclosed an overdue tax bill in another county for which TYM was unaware. Mr. McNeil advised that when TYM was notified of the issue it was addressed and within 45 days compliance was restored with DPS requirements.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

The Admin advised that replenishment of outreach brochures remains a work-in-process due to necessary edits. Gayle Alston spoke on the availability for NC S.A.F.E. materials for neighborhood events. She mentioned a DJJ court counselor was identified to handle truancy issues. Heather Mobley mentioned that following approval of JCPC's FY 24-25 funding plan at the August BOC meeting, Chairman Morris and Commissioner Measmer recognized the JCPC and its members for their work and commitment. Melissa Dixon reminded everyone of The Big E-Life Changers' September 7 Suicide Awareness 5K Walk/Run and asked for participants and volunteers.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further comments, the Chair called for a motion. Michelle Wilson motioned to adjourn. Gayle Alston seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:02 a.m.

-Submitted by Joanie Bischer

Acronyms

1. ALPS = Active Living and Parks Services
2. BOC = Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners
3. CRC = Conflict Resolution Center
4. DJJDP = Division of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
5. DPS = Department of Public Safety
6. FY = Fiscal Year (JCPC's fiscal year begins July 1 and ends June 30)
7. HB = NC Legislative House Bill
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. TYM = Transforming Youth Movement
12. YDI = Youth Development Initiatives
13. YSF = Youth Style Fitness-Holistic Fitness