



**CABARRUS COUNTY JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting held November 20, 2024**  
**Governmental Center, Concord NC**  
**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS ATTENDING IN PERSON:**

Gayle Alston	Adrian Attaway	Megan Baumgardner	Travis Burke
Carolyn Carpenter	Matthew Greer	Megan Huffman	Amy Jewell
Meghan Kabat-Newcomer	Marta Meares	Chris Measmer	Heather Mobley
Connie Philbeck	Aalece Pugh	Sharon Reece	Malisha Ross
Lakesha Steele	Christy Wilhelm		

**MEMBERS ATTENDING VIRTUALLY:** Sonja Bohannon-Thacker, Rosemary Gause, and Ashlie Shanley

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Steven Ayers, Ashley Fitch, Roshini Selvakumar, and Michelle Wilson

**VACANT COUNCIL SEAT:** Member of the Business Community

**JCPC ASSOCIATES PRESENT:** Daniel Sevigny and Joanie Bischer

**OTHERS ATTENDING:** Sheryl Conrad (DJJ); Chef Timothy Gray (Aspire); Douglas Greene (KRE8ivU); Christina Jarrett; Anissa Jones (CRC); Larry Jones (Families First); Quanitta Kelly (TYM); Rekita McDuffie (DSS); Reggie McNeil (TYM); Kristen McEvoy (CRC); Sarimar Miller (DJJ); Kim Olige (YSF); Adam L. Smith (DJJ); Chef Kimberly Townsend (Aspire)

**CALL TO ORDER and ATTENDANCE**

Chairperson Megan Baumgardner called the meeting to order at 7:34 a.m. She welcomed everyone and a quorum was confirmed. Twenty-one of 25 members attended: 18 members in person; two members via MS Teams audio/video; and one member via MS Teams audio only.

Approval of Oct 9 Allocation Committee Meeting Minutes Megan opened the floor for discussion regarding the Allocation Committee meeting minutes which were tabled from the October meeting due to requested revisions. After confirming the revisions were acceptable, Megan called for a motion. Aalece Pugh motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Malisha Ross seconded. Motion passed without opposition.

Approval of Oct 16 Meeting Minutes Megan opened the floor for discussion or a motion regarding the October meeting minutes. Carolyn Carpenter motioned to approve the minutes as written. Marta Meares seconded. Motion passed without opposition.

Approval of Agenda Megan next called for changes or a motion regarding the agenda. Gayle Alston motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Chris Measmer seconded. Motion passed without opposition.

## **UPDATES FROM DPS AREA CONSULTANT**

Megan yielded the floor to Daniel Sevigny. He advised that program referrals thus far have been steady. Daniel mentioned that District 19, which includes Cabarrus County, is the number one district across the state for DJJ referrals. Cabarrus and Randolph JCPC programs are District 19 top performers. With the county's FY 23-24 YASI report on screen, Daniel reviewed specific data points. Malisha Ross shared disability and overdose data approved for distribution by Partners. Amy Jewell shared discipline data from CCS. Discussion followed while Daniel responded to multiple questions. Kannapolis City Schools data was requested. Sonja Bohannon-Thacker commented that CHA will undertake data collection through youth-serving organizations in early 2025 for CHA's Youth Risk Survey. Daniel briefly described items he plans to review at JCPC's next meeting. He also asked JCPC Programs to watch for emails from council members to schedule monitoring sessions.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Megan advised that JCPC's amended FY 24-25 funding plan was formally approved by BOC at its November 18 meeting. All JCPC funding for FY 24-25 has now been allocated with the addition of CRC's Truancy Court Mediation program.

Megan stated the Membership & Nominations Committee has recently been active following two member resignations. Heather Mobley chairs the Committee and added that candidates for one vacancy will be considered during a virtual committee meeting planned for next month. Anyone who would like to join or be removed from the Membership Committee may contact Heather or the admin.

## **NEW BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS**

Megan announced that Sharon Reese resigned from her council seat as the DSS Director's designee effective December 1. Ms. Reese served as the Director's designee since 2019 and will retire from DSS on December 31. This position is statutorily designated and DSS Deputy Director Rekita McDuffie applied to fill the vacancy. Megan noted that Ms. McDuffie was in attendance today. She then called for discussion or a motion. Gayle Alston motioned to recommend Ms. McDuffie's appointment. Malisha Ross seconded. Motion passed without opposition. Judge Wilhelm then motioned to accept Ms. Reese's resignation. Carolyn Carpenter seconded. Motion passed without opposition. Ms. Reese was thanked for her service.

Megan next announced that Melissa Dixon resigned from her council seat as Member of the Business Community effective November 18 due to an increasing workload and scheduling conflicts. It was noted this position is also statutorily designated. Heather added that the Membership Committee seeks to fill the vacancy from applications currently on file. Megan then called for a motion or discussion. Amy Jewell motioned to accept Ms. Dixon's resignation. Marta Meares seconded. Motion passed without opposition. Ms. Dixon was thanked for her service.

Megan advised that JCPC's FY 25-26 RFP is ready for approval. The RFP has been fine-tuned over several years to reflect services specific to Cabarrus County's at-risk youth. Daniel confirmed next year's RFP is identical to last year's and noted that programs are eligible for a two-year funding cycle beginning in 2025 if Council so chooses. With the proposed RFP on screen a discussion followed around posting dates, mandatory information sessions, distinctions between crisis beds and specialized foster care, and a foster care group home. Megan called for a motion or further discussion. Malisha Ross motioned to approve FY 25-26 RFP for posting as proposed, with the addition of two dates for mandatory information sessions. Connie Philbeck seconded. Motion passed without opposition. The RFP will be posted on county websites beginning January 3, 2025 through February 3, 2025.

Megan exited the meeting at this time due to court scheduling. Vice Chair Heather Mobley then assumed the Chair's duties for the duration of the meeting.

Heather advised that the updated JCPC outreach brochure requires Council approval and called for questions or comments. Teen Court will revise its program description. Hearing nothing further, Heather called for a motion. Judge Wilhelm motioned to approve the brochure as presented to include Teen Court's revisions. Carolyn Carpenter seconded. Motion passed without opposition.

The final item under New Business/Action Items was the cancellation of the December 18 meeting. Heather called for discussion or a motion. Connie Philbeck motioned to cancel the meeting. Carolyn Carpenter seconded. Motion passed without opposition. The next regular JCPC meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2025.

### **PROGRAM REPORTS / COUNCIL MEMBER QUESTIONS**

Heather opened the floor for programs' monthly reports. Program representatives proceeded in the following order: Quanitta Kelly for TYM *Get Hired* and *Restitution & Community Service*; Larry Jones for Families First-NC *Strengthening Families*; Kim Olige for YSF *Interpersonal Fitness*; Chef Kimberly Townsend and Chef Timothy Gray for *Aspire-Cabarrus Kids at Work*; and Kristen McEvoy for CRC *Teen Court* and *Truancy Court Mediation*. Information included referrals counts, referral sources, youth success stories, staff workshops and training, measurable objectives, curriculum objectives, volunteer feedback, plus fundraising and outreach opportunities.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were none.

### **COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Heather reminded everyone to sign the attendance log so accurate records can be maintained. She also mentioned that the Membership & Nominations Committee welcomes new members. Daniel requested that Monitoring Committee chairs begin contacting programs to schedule sessions.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Everyone was wished a safe and happy holiday season. Hearing no further comments, Heather called for a motion. Malisha Ross motioned to adjourn. Connie Philbeck seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:46 a.m.

*-Submitted by Joanie Bischer*

### **Acronyms**

1. BOC = Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners
2. CCS = Cabarrus County Schools
3. CHA = Cabarrus Health Alliance
4. CRC = Conflict Resolution Center
5. DJJ = Division of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
6. DPS = NC Dept of Public Safety
7. DSS = Cabarrus County Dept of Social Services
8. FY = Fiscal Year (JCPC's fiscal year begins July 1 and ends June 30)
9. RFP = Request for Proposals
10. TYM = Transforming Youth Movement
11. YASI = Youth Assessment & Screening Instrument
12. YSF = Youth Style Fitness