



CABARRUS COUNTY JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL
Regular Meeting held September 18, 2024
Governmental Center, Concord NC
MINUTES

MEMBERS ATTENDING IN PERSON:

Gayle Alston	Adrian Attaway	Steven Ayers	Megan Baumgardner
Sonja Bohannon-Thacker	Travis Burke	Carolyn Carpenter	Ashley Fitch
Megan Huffman	Marta Meares	Chris Measmer	Heather Mobley
Connie Philbeck	Aalece Pugh	Sharon Reece	Malisha Ross
Ashlie Shanley	Christy Wilhelm		

MEMBERS ATTENDING REMOTELY: Melissa Dixon, Rosemary Gause, Matthew Greer, and Amy Jewell

MEMBERS ABSENT: Roshini Selvakumar, Lakesha Steele, and Michelle Wilson

VACANT COUNCIL SEAT: Active Living & Parks Department Representative

JCPC ASSOCIATES PRESENT: Daniel Sevigny and Joanie Bischer

OTHERS ATTENDING: Sheryl Conrad (DJJ); Chef Timothy Gray (Aspire); David Highsmith II (DJJ); Karen South Jones (RCYSB); Larry Jones (Families First); Quanitta Kelly (TYM); Kristen McEvoy (CRC); Reggie McNeil (TYM); Sarimar Miller (DJJ); Kim Olige (YSF); Jeannie Sherrill (Families First); Chef Kimberly Townsend (Aspire)

CALL TO ORDER and ATTENDANCE

Chairperson Megan Baumgardner welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:35 am. Quorum was established with 22 of 25 members present. Eighteen members were seated in person; one member joined via MS Teams audio/video; and three members joined via MS Teams audio. Members attending via audio-only abstained from voting.

Approval of Aug 21 Meeting Minutes The Chair opened the floor for discussion or a motion for August meeting minutes. Carolyn Carpenter motioned to approve the minutes as written. Marta Meares seconded. Motion passed without opposition.

Approval of Sept 4 By Laws Committee Meeting Minutes The Chair opened the floor for discussion or a motion for By Laws Committee minutes. Sonja Bohannon-Thacker motioned to approve the minutes as written. Officer Attaway seconded. Motion passed without opposition.

Approval of Agenda The Chair next called for changes or a motion regarding the agenda. Carolyn Carpenter motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Dr. Pugh seconded. Motion passed without opposition.

TARHEEL CHALLENGE ACADEMY PRESENTATION

The Chair next introduced DPS employee Angelina Wilson, Recruiter and Ambassador for Community Relations with the Tarheel Challenge Academy. Ms. Wilson spoke about the academy's structured program, goals, and successes. She distributed program material and responded to council's questions.

UPDATES FROM DPS AREA CONSULTANT

The Chair yielded the floor to Daniel Sevigny. He referred members to *DPS Talking Points* for client tracking data. He advised that multiple programs have accepted referrals despite the absence of funding. He added that disbursements in arrears are on the way. Other information provided included a summary of last year's final accounting; JCPC program announcements/deadlines, training opportunities; legislative updates; highlights of House Bills 186 and 834; and data from Teen Courts' statewide evaluation by Montreat College. Brief discussion was held around the collection and reporting of Teen Court referral/recidivism data.

OLD BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS

The Chair next opened the floor for discussion on proposed amendments to By Laws, including the virtual attendance option. The amendments have been reviewed and approved by the county attorney. Discussion ensued. It was noted JCPC's virtual attendance option mirrors the BOC's policy. After no further comments were heard, the Chair called for a motion. Judge Wilhelm motioned to approve the amendments as presented. Malisha Ross seconded. Eighteen aye votes were cast, and one vote was cast in opposition. Motion passed. JCPC By Laws will be considered by the BOC at their October 21 meeting.

The Chair yielded the floor to Daniel who provided status of the posted RFP. Both mandatory informational sessions were held. Of three potential applicants, one application has been submitted at this time. Daniel advised that December 31 is the deadline for approval of unallocated DPS funding; otherwise it must be returned to the state. To accommodate the tight deadline, discussion ensued around completing the Allocation & Funding Committee's process before JCPC's October 16 meeting so the full Council can hear applicant presentations and vote on funding. A virtual committee meeting date and time was agreed upon. All Council members were encouraged to attend the committee meeting and the October 16 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS

The Chair next opened the floor for discussion or a motion on the Membership & Nominations Committee's recommendation of Meghan Kabat-Newcomer to fill the Active Living & Parks Department seat vacated by Jacob Wentink. It was noted that Ms. Kabat-Newcomer attended JCPC's August meeting, and her application was included in the meeting packet. Judge Wilhelm motioned to approve the Committee's recommendation. Marta Meares seconded. Motion passed without opposition. New member appointments to BOC advisory boards will be considered at their October 21 meeting.

The Chair yielded the floor to Daniel who presented three Program Agreement revisions as follows:

- (1) The JCPC Admin program requested budget line item adjustments to reflect the county's cash contribution to FICA and to increase the amount for outreach brochures. After brief discussion, the Chair called for a motion. Sonja Bohannon-Thacker motioned to approve the budget adjustments as presented. Dr. Pugh seconded. Motion passed without opposition.
- (2) TYM requested identical budget line item adjustments for SHIFT Restitution & Community Service and Get Hired due to a reclassification of two administrative roles from W-2 to 1099 status. Daniel noted that TYM made these changes across all its Piedmont programs, but the changes weren't reflected in FY 24-25 Program Agreements. After brief discussion, the Chair called for a motion. Malisha Ross motioned to approve the budget adjustments as presented. Ashley Fitch seconded. Motion passed without opposition.

(3) CRC requested a revision to Teen Court's Program Agreement to reflect its new location in the Courthouse. The county moved Teen Court offices from the Basement to Suite 116. Following comments, the Chair called for a motion. Officer Attaway motioned to approve the revision as presented. Judge Wilhelm seconded. Motion passed without opposition.

The Chair next asked members to review this year's Committee rosters and request changes thru the admin if needed. Volunteers were requested for Strengthening Families' monitoring committee. She reminded members that monitorings should be conducted around the holiday season and conclude in January. All monitoring reports should be provided to the full Council before funding season begins in March.

PROGRAM REPORTS / COUNCIL MEMBER QUESTIONS

The Chair opened the floor for program monthly reports. Representatives reported as follows: Kim Olige for YSF/Interpersonal Fitness; Quanitta Kelly for TYM/SHIFT Restitution & Community Service and Get Hired; Karen South Jones for RCYSB/SOSE; Chef Kimberly Townsend and Chef Tim Gray for Aspire/Kids at Work; Kristen McEvoy for CRC/Teen Court; and Larry Jones for Families First-NC/Strengthening Families. Program updates included referrals and terminations, referral sources, employment networking, new staff additions. Each representative also provided the days, times, and locations for program operations and welcomed members to drop by. Daniel mentioned that recent DPS audits of several programs went well.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None were heard.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Daniel advised there is one final New Member Orientation and encouraged all members to join. Malisha Ross spoke on a joint effort between Mental Health America of the Central Carolinas and Partners Health Management to sponsor an October 27 community discussion about suicide and mental health awareness. Several members mentioned they will be absent at JCPC's October meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further comments, the Chair called for a motion. Carolyn Carpenter motioned to adjourn. Marta Meares seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:49 am.

-Submitted by Joanie Bischer

Acronyms

1. BOC = Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners
2. CRC = Conflict Resolution Center
3. DJJ = Division of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
4. DPS = Department of Public Safety
5. FY = Fiscal Year (JCPC's fiscal year begins July 1 and ends June 30)
6. RCYSB = Rowan County Youth Services Bureau
7. RFP = Request for Proposals (a public document that solicits proposals for DPS-funded youth programs)
8. SOSE = Sex Offense Specific Evaluations
9. TYM = Transforming Youth Movement
10. YSF = Youth Style Fitness-Holistic Fitness