



**CABARRUS COUNTY JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting held October 16, 2024**  
**Governmental Center, Concord NC**  
**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS ATTENDING IN PERSON:**

Megan Baumgardner	Sonja Bohannon-Thacker	Carolyn Carpenter	Rosemary Gause
Megan Huffman	Amy Jewell	Marta Meares	Heather Mobley
Connie Philbeck	Aalece Pugh	Sharon Reece	Malisha Ross
Ashlie Shanley	Lakesha Steele	Christy Wilhelm	

**MEMBERS ATTENDING VIRTUALLY:** Gayle Alston, Ashley Fitch, Matthew Greer, Roshini Selvakumar, and Michelle Wilson

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Adrian Attaway, Steve Ayers, Travis Burke, Melissa Dixon, and Chris Measmer

**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); Douglas Greene (KRE8ivU); Maxine Greene (KRE8ivU); David Highsmith II (DJJ); Tracy Irish (DPS); Anissa Jones (CRC); Karen South Jones (RCYSB); Larry Jones (Families First); Meghan Kabat-Newcomer (ALPS); Quanitta Kelly (TYM); Reggie McNeil (TYM); Sarimar Miller (DJJ); Kim Olige (YSF); and Chef Kimberly Townsend (Aspire)

**CALL TO ORDER and ATTENDANCE**

Chairperson Megan Baumgardner welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:38 a.m. Quorum was established with 20 of 25 members attending. Fifteen members attended in person; two members joined via MS Teams audio/video; and three members joined via MS Teams audio. Members attending via audio only abstained from voting.

Approval of Sept 18 Meeting Minutes The Chair opened the floor for discussion or a motion on the September meeting minutes. Ashlie Shanley motioned to approve the minutes as written. Sonja Bohannon-Thacker seconded. Motion passed with no opposition.

Approval of Oct 9 Allocation Committee Meeting Minutes The Chair opened the floor for discussion or a motion on the Allocation & Funding Committee minutes. Vice Chair Heather Mobley motioned to approve the minutes as written. Connie Philbeck requested more commentary in the minutes regarding the Committee’s funding deliberations. Discussion followed. With no second, the motion on the floor was lost. The Chair called for further discussion or another motion. The Vice Chair then motioned to table the Committee minutes to the

November meeting when amended minutes could be presented for consideration. Connie seconded. Motion passed with no opposition.

Approval of Agenda The Chair next called for changes or a motion regarding the agenda. Gayle Alston motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Carolyn Carpenter seconded. Motion passed with no opposition.

### **UPDATES FROM DPS AREA CONSULTANT**

The Chair yielded the floor to Daniel Sevigny. He shared client count and referral data. Daniel asked members to review programs' FY 23-24 measurable objectives, SPEPs, and PEPs included in the meeting packet along with the county's FY 23-24 YASI data. Discussion ensued around collecting broader county-specific data so the Risk & Needs Committee could gain a clearer picture of community issues, gaps in services, and barriers to mental health/substance abuse treatment. Daniel referred members to *DPS Talking Points* for more information including legislative updates, training opportunities, and public awareness events.

### **OLD BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS**

The Chair reminded Monitoring Committee Chairs to begin scheduling their sessions with programs and committee members. Program monitoring should be completed and reported to the full Council before funding decisions in March. She called for a volunteer to chair the monitoring committee for *Strengthening Families*. Aalece Pugh volunteered.

### **NEW BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS**

The Chair next opened the floor for five-minute presentations by two program applicants for \$41,695 in unallocated FY 24-25 funding. She advised that both applicants requested the full amount. Members were provided with questions developed by the Allocation Committee and both programs' written responses. Douglas Greene of KRE8ivU then went first with a video presentation for *A.R.I.S.E.* Anissa Jones of CRC followed with a verbal presentation for *Truancy Court Mediation*. Mr. Greene and Ms. Jones also answered multiple questions from council members.

Extensive discussion followed around the Allocation Committee's recommendation, the advantages of each program's services, their referral sources, Triple P provider status, outcome data, and the need to fund diverse services. Several members shared personal experiences as parents of teens. When no further comments were heard, the Chair opened the floor for a motion. Aalece Pugh motioned to fund *Truancy Court Mediation* at the amount requested. Ashlie Shanley seconded. Malisha Ross requested a friendly amendment to ensure the program could receive DJJ referrals. Daniel advised that referral language in *Truancy Court Mediation's* Program Agreement is sufficient for DJJ referrals. Dr. Pugh then joined this amendment to her motion. D.A. Shanley concurred. Two members had left the meeting by this time however a quorum remained. Eleven members voted aye. Three members voted nay. Motion passed.

Due to time constraints, the Chair suggested that review of last FY's measurable objectives, SPEPs, PEPs, and YASI data be tabled for a later meeting. There was no opposition to this suggestion.

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

The Chair opened the floor for monthly reports. Program representatives proceeded as follows: Chef Kimberly Townsend for *Aspire Kids at Work*; Karen South Jones for *RCYSB Sex Offense Specific Evaluations*; Anissa Jones for *CRC Teen Court*; Larry Jones for *Families First Strengthening Families*; Kim Olige for *YSF Interpersonal Fitness*; and Quanitta Kelly for *TYM Get Hired and Restitution & Community Service*. Information provided

included new referral counts, referral sources, funding expended, class participation, staffing updates, fundraising events, donations, and one program's graduation event.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were none.

### **COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Lakesha Steele commented on issues with the courthouse cell phone policy. Several members expressed similar issues and mentioned upcoming policy changes. Megan and Daniel mentioned the Risk & Needs Committee could meet virtually in advance of the November meeting to review YASI data and other program metrics. All members were encouraged to attend the virtual committee meeting. It was anticipated that the full Council will review and approve the FY 25-26 RFP at the November meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Hearing no further comments, the Chair called for a motion. Malisha Ross motioned to adjourn. Marta Meares seconded. Motion passed without opposition. Meeting adjourned at 9:22 a.m.

*-Submitted by Joanie Bischer*

### **Acronyms**

1. A.R.I.S.E. = Arts Related Innovative Student Empowerment
2. BOC = Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners
3. CRC = Conflict Resolution Center
4. DJJ = 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. PEP = Program Enhancement Plan (outlines an agency's plan for improvement based on its program's SPEP scores)
8. RCYSB = Rowan County Youth Services Bureau
9. RFP = Request for Proposals (a public document that solicits proposals for DPS-funded youth programs)
10. SPEP = Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol (a tool used to help evaluate a program's effectiveness at reducing recidivism)
11. TYM = Transforming Youth Movement
12. YASI = Youth Assessment & Screening Instrument
13. YSF = Youth Style Fitness-Holistic Fitness