



## **CABARRUS COUNTY JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL**

**Regular Meeting held February 19, 2025**

**Governmental Center, Concord NC**

### **MINUTES**

#### **MEMBERS ATTENDING IN PERSON:**

Gayle Alston	Adrian Attaway	Megan Baumgardner	Sonja Bohannon-Thacker
Travis Burke	Carolyn Carpenter	Matthew Greer	Amy Jewell
Rekita McDuffie	Chris Measmer	Heather Mobley	Connie Philbeck
Aalece Pugh	Malisha Ross	Lakesha Steele	Christy Wilhelm
Michelle Wilson			

**MEMBERS ATTENDING VIRTUALLY:** Steve Ayers, Ashley Fitch, Rosemary Gause, Megan Huffman, Megan Kabat-Newcomer, Marta Meares, Roshini Selvakumar, Ashlie Shanley

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

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

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

**GUESTS ATTENDING IN PERSON:** Erin Buell (DJJ); Chef Timothy Gray (Aspire); Dr. Frances Hall (Cabarrus Trade School); David Highsmith II (DJJ); Larry Jones (Families 1st); Reggie McNeil (TYM); Sarimar Miller (DJJ); Kim Olige (YSF)

**GUESTS ATTENDING VIRTUALLY:** Barbara Baker (MHA CC); Douglas Greene (KRE8ivU); Ashley Henderson (MHA CC); Kristen McEvoy (CRC); Jeff Phillips, Karen South Jones (RCYSB); Chef Kimberly Townsend (Aspire); Jerel Wilson (Monarch)

#### **CALL TO ORDER and ATTENDANCE**

Chair Megan Baumgardner called the meeting to order at 7:32 a.m. and welcomed everyone. Quorum was established with 25 members in attendance. Seventeen members attended in person; five members via MS Teams audio/video; three members via audio only.

Approval of January 15 Meeting Minutes Megan opened the floor for discussion or a motion regarding the January meeting minutes. Carolyn Carpenter motioned to approve the minutes as written. Deputy Travis Burke and Officer Adrian Attaway seconded simultaneously. Motion carried without opposition.

Approval of Monitoring Committee Meeting Minutes Megan opened the floor for discussion or a motion regarding five sets of monitoring committee meeting minutes presented as a slate. Monitoring sessions for Teen Court, Strengthening Families, Kids at Work, Interpersonal Fitness, Get Hired, and Restitution &

Community Service were held January 24, January 28, February 4, February 6, and February 10; respectively. Ashlie Shanley motioned to approve the minutes as written in a slate. Chris Measmer 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. Commissioner Measmer seconded. Motion passed without opposition.

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

Daniel Sevigny referred members to *DPS Talking Points* included in the meeting packet. In response to Cabarrus JCPC's FY 25-26 RFP, Daniel advised that 10 agencies submitted applications for 13 individual programs. JCPC funding requested totals \$777,654 with available funding at \$459,927. Daniel mentioned that NCDPS' IIS RFP (previously known as Level II dollars) is currently posted with a deadline of February 26. Applicants must request letters of support from host-county JCPCs. Other information included dates/times for program training and New Member Orientation being held virtually, legislative updates, youth residential programs, expanded TASK services, and upcoming local events sponsored by CCS and Safe Kids NC where DJJ will have booths.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

The Chair welcomed new member Rekita McDuffie, Cabarrus County DSS Deputy Director. She fills the seat vacated by Sharon Reese. Ms. McDuffie was formally appointed to council by the BOC in December.

#### **NEW BUSINESS / ACTION ITEM**

Megan advised that two agencies requested Cabarrus JCPC letters of support for their NCDPS IIS RFP applications. One agency director was unable to attend today. At the director's request, her presentation was rescheduled to JCPC's March meeting. Megan then introduced Dr. Frances Hall, Executive Director & Founder of Beatties Ford Road Vocational Trade Center Inc. dba Cabarrus Trade School. Dr. Hall spoke on the agency's mission, its association with Cabarrus Youth Detention Center, and responded to multiple questions. Council discussion followed. Megan called for a motion or further discussion. Malisha Ross motioned to approve the request for JCPC's letter of support. Michelle Wilson seconded. Additional discussion ensued regarding referral sources. When no more comments were heard, the Chair called for a vote. Motion passed with no opposing votes. One member abstained citing a need for additional research.

Megan opened the floor to schedule council's first Allocations & Funding Committee meeting. A general consensus was reached for a virtual meeting on Wednesday, March 5 at 7:30 a.m. Megan encouraged all JCPC members and FY 25-26 funding applicants to attend as questions will be developed for agency presentations at the March 19 meeting.

#### **PRESENTATION OF MONITORING REPORTS**

The floor was opened for FY 24-25 program monitoring reports. The Chairs of each Monitoring Committee presented in the following order: Officer Attaway for CRC Teen Court; Dr. Pugh for Families 1<sup>st</sup> Strengthening Families; Ashley Fitch for Aspire Kids at Work; Michelle Wilson for YSF Interpersonal Fitness; and Megan Baumgardner for TYM Get Hired and Restitution & Community Service. Information included youth served and admitted during first six months, operational details, program strengths, areas of improvement identified, and committee recommendations.

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

The Chair opened the floor for monthly program reports. Agency representatives proceeded in the following order: Kristen McEvoy for CRC Teen Court and Truancy Court Mediation; Karen South Jones for RCYSB SOSE;

Chef Kimberly Townsend for Aspire Kids at Work; Larry Jones for Families 1<sup>st</sup> Strengthening Families; Kim Olige for YSF Interpersonal Fitness; and Reggie McNeil for TYM Get Hired and Restitution & Community Service. Updates included new referrals and referral sources, number of youth/families served, new funding streams secured, volunteer training, transportation issues, upcoming budget revisions, program schedule changes, sustainability plans, increasing partnerships, and success stories. Agency representatives responded to questions and comments from council.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were none.

#### **COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Deputy Burke mentioned that council members are invited to a retirement celebration for former JCPC member Brian Heintz to be held on March 31 at 10:30 a.m. in the Sherriff's Office Multi-Purpose Room A. Gayle Alston introduced new DJJ Court Counselor Erin Buell. She fills a newly-created staff position. She also announced that DJJ will hold another culinary camp this year. Scheduled for June 9-13, the camp is a collaboration of many JCPC programs for a farm-to-table experience. More details will follow. Daniel responded to Michelle Wilson's question regarding possible JCPC funding increases.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Megan reminded everyone that the March 19 meeting will run long with 10 program presentations. It will be held in the BOC Chambers. Hearing no further comments, the Chair called for a motion. Michelle Wilson motioned to adjourn. Officer Attaway seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 a.m.

*-Submitted by Joanie Bischer*

#### **Acronyms**

1. BOC = Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners
2. CCS = Cabarrus County Schools
3. CRC = Conflict Resolution Center
4. DJJ = Division of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
5. FY = Fiscal Year (JCPC's fiscal year begins July 1 and ends June 30)
6. IIS = Intensive Intervention Services
7. NCDPS = North Carolina Department of Public Safety
8. RFP = Request for Proposals
9. RCYSB SOSE = Rowan County Youth Services Bureau – Sex Offence Specific Evaluations
10. TASK = Children's Hope Alliance Treatment Alternatives for Sexualized Kids
11. TYM = Transforming Youth Movement
12. YSF = Youth Style Fitness