



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

**Regular Meeting held May 21, 2025**

**Multi-Purpose Room, Governmental Center, Concord NC**

### **MINUTES**

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

Gayle Alston	Adrian Attaway	Steve Ayers	Megan Baumgardner
Carolyn Carpenter	Rosemary Gause	Amy Jewell	Meghan Kabat-Newcomer
Heather Mobley	Connie Philbeck	Aalece Pugh	Malisha Ross
Lakesha Steele			

**MEMBERS ATTENDING VIRTUALLY:** Sonja Bohannon-Thacker, Megan Huffman, Ashlie Shanley, Christy Wilhelm and Michelle Wilson

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Travis Burke, Ashley Fitch, Matthew Greer, Rekita McDuffie, Marta Meares and Roshini Selvakumar

**VACANT COUNCIL SEATS:** Member of the Business Community and County Commissioner

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

**GUESTS ATTENDING IN PERSON:** Kim Castano (Aspire); Heather Jones (TYM); Karen South Jones (RCYSB); Larry Jones (Families 1<sup>st</sup>); Kristen McEvoy (CRC); Sarimar Miller (DJJ); Jeannie Sherrill (Families 1st); Adam Smith (DJJ)

**GUEST ATTENDING VIRTUALLY:** Kim Olige (YSF); Christina Jarret (RHC Workforce Solutions)

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

Chair Megan Baumgardner welcomed all and called the meeting to order at 7:31 a.m. A quorum was established with 18 members present. Thirteen members attended in person and five joined via MS Teams audio/video. Megan proceeded with the following routine business:

- April Meeting Minutes The floor was opened for discussion or a motion regarding the April 16 minutes. With no comments heard, Carolyn Carpenter motioned to approve the minutes as written. Heather Mobley seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- Approval of Agenda The Chair advised that a budget revision was submitted yesterday by Aspire Kids at Work. She proposed it be added under *New Business* as Item D. Hearing no comments in opposition, Heather Mobley motioned to approve the amended agenda as proposed. Connie Philbeck seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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

The Chair yielded the floor to Daniel Sevigny who advised that 296 youths were estimated to be served and 281 have been served. DJJ referred 130 youths. He mentioned the deadline for final budget revisions this FY

falls before JCPC's next meeting on June 18. If a program submits a budget revision before June 15, Daniel advised that JCPC's Executive Committee could act on it with the Council's consent. The Chair called for discussion or a motion. Connie Philbeck motioned to allow JCPC's Executive Committee to act on minor line item adjustments submitted before June 15. Amy Jewell seconded. With no further comments, motion passed without opposition.

Daniel discussed a resolution to Commissioners in support of DJJDP legislative requests for increased funding. He suggested that Council consider a resolution early next FY. Daniel next provided information on DJJ items included in the Governor's March 19 budget, status of IIS RFP funding recommendations, TASK services, and upcoming deadlines. Daniel and Gayle Alston briefly discussed the NC SAFE awareness campaign. Lastly, Daniel advised photos will be taken during Council's June meeting for the DPS JCPC webpage.

### **OLD BUSINESS / UPDATES**

The Chair announced that JCPC's FY 2025-26 County Funding Plan was approved by the BOC at their May 19 meeting. Megan next identified two vacant council seats: *Member of the Business Community* and *County Commissioner*. Discussion ensued. It was noted that vacancies on BOC advisory boards/committees including JCPC will be determined through Commissioners' appointments.

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

Next, the Chair opened the floor to discuss three member terms expiring June 30. Megan fills the *Juvenile Defense Attorney* seat, Carolyn Carpenter fills the *Representative of a Non-Profit Agency* seat, and Connie Philbeck fills a *Member at Large* seat. Each member expressed a desire to continue serving and submitted Applications for Appointment. The Chair called for discussion or a motion. Gayle Alston motioned to recommend the renewal of the three expiring member terms for another two years. Officer Attaway seconded. With no further comments, motion passed unanimously. It was noted that Council's recommendations will be provided to the BOC for their consideration.

The Chair advised that Judge Wilhelm has submitted her resignation effective June 30. Judge Wilhelm then thanked Council for its dedication and hard work. She recommended retired District Court Judge Steve Grossman be appointed as her Designee. It was noted that Judge Grossman served the JCPC as *Chief District Court Judge-Designee* prior to his retirement. The Chair called for further discussion or a motion. Amy Jewell motioned to accept Judge Wilhelm's resignation and to thank her for her service. Malisha Ross seconded. Hearing no further comments, motion passed unanimously. Next, Heather Mobley motioned to recommend the appointment of Judge Grossman as Judge Wilhelm's designee. Dr. Pugh seconded. Hearing no further comments, motion passed without opposition. Judge Wilhelm abstained.

Nominations for FY 2025-26 Chair, Vice-Chair, and Parliamentarian were next on the agenda. The floor was opened for discussion or motions. Amy Jewell motioned to nominate Megan Baumgardner to continue as Chair next year. Malisha Ross seconded. Megan accepted the nomination. Hearing no further discussion, motion passed unanimously. Gayle Alston then motioned to nominate Heather Mobley to continue as Vice-Chair next year. Malisha seconded. Heather accepted. Hearing no further discussion, motion passed unanimously. Discussion was then held around Parliamentarian duties. Gayle Alston volunteered to serve as Parliamentarian thereby nominating herself. Ashlie Shanley seconded her motion. Amy Jewell and Carolyn Carpenter volunteered to provide support for the role. Hearing no further comments, motion passed unanimously. Discussion followed around JCPC's internal committee structure. It was noted that the Membership & Nominations Committee's vetting process includes informing candidates of JCPC responsibilities. Several individuals commented on the vigorous activity required from all JCPCs and the unique level of engagement from this Council's members.

The Chair next opened the floor to consider Aspire's budget revision. Daniel explained the line item adjustments noting there were no changes to revenue sources. Megan called for discussion or a motion. Gayle Alston motioned to approve Aspire's budget revision as presented. Rosemary Gause seconded. Hearing no further comments, motion passed unanimously. The floor was next yielded to Kim Castano who requested permission to share the van awarded to Aspire's Cabarrus program with Aspire's Rowan program. She advised it takes at least two vans to transport youth across each county. She is requesting the same permission from Rowan's JCPC. Megan called for discussion or a motion. Heather Mobley motioned to approve Aspire's van-sharing request as presented. Officer Attaway seconded. Daniel added Aspire's request has DPS approval. Ms. Castano responded to questions regarding cost sharing and van maintenance. When no further comments were heard, the motion passed unanimously.

### **PROGRAM MONTHLY REPORTS / COUNCIL QUESTIONS**

The Chair next opened the floor for April program reports. Agency representatives proceeded as follows: Kristen McEvoy for CRC Teen Court/Truancy Court Mediation; Karen South Jones for RCYSB SOSE; Heather Jones for TYM Restitution & Community Service/Get Hired; Kim Castano for Aspire Kids at Work; Larry Jones for Families First Strengthening Families; and Kim Olige for YSF Interpersonal Fitness. Information provided included youth served/admitted, referrals, terminations, volunteer updates, staff training, curriculum cycles, success stories, upcoming graduations, summer camps, and fundraising events.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were none.

### **COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Pastor Ayers announced his upcoming retirement from McGill Baptist. Congratulations were offered and he was thanked for McGill's facilities for various youth programs. Gayle Alston announced that a human trafficking simulation will be offered in Troy on June 17 by DJJ and others. Invitation flyers are forthcoming. Connie Philbeck thanked all programs for their work and collaboration with each other. Megan mentioned that the June 18 meeting will serve as a FY wrap-up with breakfast fare provided by Aspire Kids at Work.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Hearing no further comments, the Chair called for a motion. Gayle Alston motioned to adjourn. Carolyn Carpenter seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 a.m.

*-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 = North Carolina Department of Public Safety
5. FY = Fiscal Year (JCPC's fiscal year begins July 1 and ends June 30)
6. NC SAFE = NC DPS's campaign to Secure All Firearms Effectively
7. RCYSB = Rowan County Youth Services Bureau
8. IIS RFP = Intensive Intervention Services Request for Proposals
9. SOSE = Sex Offence Specific Evaluation
10. TASK = Childrens Hope Alliance Treatment Alternatives for Sexualized Kids
11. TYM = Transforming Youth Movement
12. YSF = Youth Style Fitness