



CABARRUS COUNTY JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL

Regular Meeting held February 18, 2026

Governmental Center, Concord NC

MINUTES

MEMBERS ATTENDING IN PERSON:

Gayle Alston	Adrian Attaway	Steven Ayers	Megan Baumgardner
Travis Burke	Carolyn Carpenter	Steve Grossman	Megan Huffman
Henrietta Jackson	Amy Jewell	Jeff Jones	Meghan Kabat-Newcomer
Eshan Korat	Heather Mobley	Aalece Pugh	Malisha Ross
Alvarys Santana-Chisholm	Ashlie Shanley	Eric Young	

MEMBERS ATTENDING VIRTUALLY: Sonja Bohannon-Thacker, Rosemary Gause, Taylor Holman-White, Rekita McDuffie, Lakesha Steele, Michelle Wilson

MEMBER ABSENT: Holly Edwards

VACANT COUNCIL SEATS: None

JCPC ASSOCIATES PRESENT: Daniel Sevigny, Joanie Bischer

GUESTS ATTENDING IN PERSON: John Craven (DJJ); Rebecca Efird (DJJ); Chef Nicole Jenkins (Aspire); Larry Jones (Families First); Heather Jones (TYM); Grace Knight (Families First); LaDonte’K Lee (Healthy Blue); Kristen McEvoy (CRC); Jeremy McSwain (YDC); Sarimar Miller (DJJ); Tavarris Miller (MHA); Kim Olige (YSF); Karen South Jones (RCYSB); Kristin Stout (Healthy Blue); Mary Swayze (CRC); Shemika Wood (DJJ)

CALL TO ORDER and ATTENDANCE

Chair Megan Baumgardner welcomed attendees and called the meeting to order at 7:34 AM. Quorum was confirmed with 25 of 26 members in attendance. Nineteen members were seated in person and six members joined via MS Teams audio/video connection. Megan reminded virtual attendees that they must maintain audio and video connections in order to vote. She then opened the floor to conduct the following routine business:

- Discussion or a motion was requested regarding JCPC’s January 21 meeting minutes. When no comments were heard, Ashlie Shanley motioned to approve the minutes as written. Officer Attaway seconded. Motion passed without opposition.
- Discussion or a motion was requested regarding monitoring minutes presented as a slate for Aspire Kids at Work, YSF Interpersonal Fitness, and Families First NC Strengthening Families. When no comments were heard, Vice Chair Heather Mobley motioned to approve the minutes as written. Gayle Alston seconded. Motion passed without opposition.
- Regarding the agenda, the Chair recommended that Subsection A under *New Business/Action Items* be amended to include the scheduling of both Allocations Committee meetings in March rather than only the

first meeting. Michelle Wilson then requested an amendment to *Announcements* to include a By Laws status update. Megan suggested it be added as Subsection B. She then called for discussion or a motion. When no further comments were heard, Carolyn Carpenter motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Malisha Ross seconded. Motion passed without opposition.

UPDATES FROM DPS AREA CONSULTANT

The Chair yielded the floor to Daniel Sevigny who referred members to *DPS Talking Points*. He advised most programs are on track to meet or exceed projected goals this FY. Two hundred ninety-six youth were estimated to be served. As of February 4, 193 youth have been served. Daniel advised that the DPS IIS RFP submission deadline is Feb 27. Although several agencies expressed interest in surrounding counties, no submissions have been received to date for Cabarrus County. Daniel discussed third quarter accounting deadlines, budget revisions, and the potential for intercounty fund transfers; Piedmont Area Webex training dates; and status of state-contracted residential/transitional living facilities. He also advised that a small amount of discretionary funds will be available from the state this FY. More information will follow. Agencies interested should contact Daniel. He advised that the upcoming NCJSA Spring 2026 Conference has sold out.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair advised that JCPC's FY 26-27 RFP expired on February 6. She noted several new programs submitted applications for next FY's \$215,008 allocation and funds requested exceed funds available.

Megan then yielded the floor to Michelle Wilson who chairs the By Laws Committee. Michelle advised that the By Laws as amended and approved at JCPC's January 21 meeting were forwarded to county attorney Doug Hall for review. He reviewed and approved the council's amended language as written. Members will receive a copy of the amended By Laws.

NEW BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS

The Chair next opened the floor to schedule two meetings for the Allocations & Funding Committee. She advised the first meeting allows the committee to review funding submissions and develop questions for applicants. Applicants are encouraged to incorporate responses in their presentations at the council's March 18 meeting. After March 18, the committee will meet again to develop funding recommendations for the council's consideration at the April 15 meeting. Both committee meetings will be held virtually via MS Teams. Following a general consensus, two dates were scheduled in March. Megan added that all JCPC members are welcome to attend. Daniel and Megan suggested that members review funding submissions in advance of the first March meeting to get familiar with programs. It was noted that two submissions are ineligible for funding consideration next FY due to failing to comply with RFP requirements. JCPC members were encouraged to attend the March 18 and April 15 meetings in person if possible. Important information for next FY's program funding will be presented.

PRESENTATION OF MONITORING REPORTS

The Chair yielded the floor to monitoring committee chairs who proceeded with verbal reports as follows: Alvarys Santana-Chisholm for Aspire Kids at Work; Michelle Wilson for YSF Interpersonal Fitness; and Aalece Pugh for Families First NC Strengthening Families. Each Chair indicated overall favorable results from their monitoring sessions and described program strengths, areas for improvement, and potential challenges. The Chairs noted that no follow-up with programs by the Area Consultant was needed at this time.

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FUNDED PROGRAM REPORTS / COUNCIL MEMBER QUESTIONS

Megan then opened the floor for verbal reports from agency representatives who proceeded in the following order: Karen South Jones for RCYSB SOSE; Kim Olige for YSF Interpersonal Fitness; Heather Jones for TYM Transforming Futures: Career Exploration/Community Service; Chef Nicole for Aspire Kids at Work; Grace Knight for Families First Strengthening Families; and Kristen McEvoy for CRC Teen Court/Truancy Court Mediation. Information was provided regarding budget revisions, youth admissions, referral sources, successful/unsuccessful terminations, program cycle details, outreach efforts with area high schools, churches, and the community at large, collaboration among programs, transportation issues, weather challenges, youth success stories, ServSafe® certifications, agency re-branding, and cash donations. Parameters were discussed concerning for-profit businesses and youth in restitution/community service programs. Agency representatives responded to questions from guests and council members.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Gayle Alston introduced Kristin Stout and LaDonte Lee with Healthy Blue We Care. They spoke about program benefits for youth in custody and responded to multiple questions from council members.

ADJOURNMENT

Megan reminded everyone that the next meeting is March 18 and will likely run long due to presentations by funding applicants. Hearing no further comments, the Chair called for a motion. Gayle Alston motioned to adjourn. Malisha Ross seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 AM.

-Submitted by Joanie Bischer

Acronyms

1. BOC = Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners
2. CHA = Cabarrus Health Alliance
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. RFP = Request for Proposals
8. TASK = Treatment Alternatives for Sexualized Kids (Childrens Hope Alliance)
9. TYM = Transforming Youth Movement
10. YSF = Youth Style Fitness