



CABARRUS COUNTY JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL

Regular Meeting held April 15, 2026

Governmental Center, Concord NC

MINUTES

MEMBERS ATTENDING IN PERSON:

Steven Ayers	Megan Baumgardner	Sonja Bohannon Thacker	Travis Burke
Carolyn Carpenter	Holly Edwards Thrift	Steve Grossman	Henrietta Jackson
Amy Jewell	Jeff Jones	Meghan Kabat-Newcomer	Eshan Korat
Heather Mobley	Aalece Pugh	Malisha Ross	Ashlie Shanley
Eric Young			

MEMBERS ATTENDING VIRTUALLY: Gayle Alston, Adrian Attaway, Taylor Holman-White, Megan Huffman, Rekita McDuffie, Alvarys Santana Chisholm, Lakesha Steele, Michelle Wilson

MEMBER ABSENT: Rosemary Gause

VACANT COUNCIL SEATS: None

JCPC ASSOCIATES PRESENT: Daniel Seigny, Joanie Bischer

GUESTS ATTENDING IN PERSON: Quanitta Brooks (TYM), Keith Brown (DPS), Erin Buell (DJJ), John Craven (DJJ), Rebecca Efird (DJJ), David Highsmith II (DJJ), Nicole Jenkins (Aspire), Heather Jones (TYM), Gracie Knight (Families First), Kristen McEvoy (CRC), Reggie McNeil (TYM), Sarimar Miller (DJJ), Kim Olige (YSF), Mary Swayze (CRC), Shemika Wood (DJJ), Parnell Woods (DJJ)

GUEST ATTENDING VIRTUALLY: Karen South Jones (RCYSB)

CALL TO ORDER and ATTENDANCE

Chair Megan Baumgardner welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:34 AM. Quorum was confirmed with 25 of 26 members in attendance. Seventeen members were seated in person and eight members joined via MS Teams audio/video connection. Megan then opened the floor to conduct routine business as follows:

- Discussion or a motion was requested regarding JCPC's March 18 meeting minutes. When no comments were heard, Holly Edwards Thrift motioned to approve the minutes as written. Vice Chair Heather Mobley seconded. Motion passed without opposition.
- Discussion or a motion was requested regarding the March 26 Allocations Committee meeting minutes. When no comments were heard, Heather Mobley motioned to approve the minutes as written. Malisha Ross seconded. Motion passed without opposition.
- Revisions or approval regarding the agenda was requested. When no further comments were heard, Holly Edwards Thrift motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Malisha Ross seconded. Motion passed without opposition.

UPDATES FROM DPS AREA CONSULTANT / ACTION ITEMS

The Chair yielded the floor to Daniel Sevigny who advised that third quarter accounting reports were submitted by deadline. He provided each program's percentage of total budget spent and added that five programs submitted budget revisions as a result of third quarter accounting and/or increases in revenue. The council then considered the following budget revisions.

1. CRC Truancy Court Mediation requested line item adjustments based on third quarter accounting. Funds will be moved from the budgets of Travel and Communications to Interpreter Services. The Chair called for discussion or a motion. Hearing no comments, Malisha Ross motioned to approved the revision as presented. Amy Jewell seconded. Motion carried without opposition.
2. CRC Teen Court requested line item adjustments based on third quarter accounting and an increase in other revenues. Funds will be moved from the budgets of Food & Provisions and TC Volunteer Coordinator to Teen Court Training and Interpreter Services. A Wells Fargo donation will be allocated to Insurance expenses. The Chair called for discussion or a motion. Hearing no comments, Heather Mobley motioned to approve the revision as presented. Holly Edwards Thrift seconded. Motion carried without opposition.
3. Families First NC Strengthening Families requested line item adjustments to rebalance multiple staffing cost centers based on third quarter accounting. Funds will be reallocated across specific Salary and Fringe Benefits budgets. The Chair called for discussion or a motion. Hearing no comments, Holly Edwards Thrift motioned to approve the revision as presented. Malisha Ross seconded. Motion carried without opposition.
4. Aspire Youth & Family Kids at Work requested line item adjustments due to third quarter accounting, component changes, a contracted service adjustment, a discretionary funds award, and cash from Aspire. Revenue increases provided opportunities to update kitchen equipment, uniforms, laptops, and staff training. The Chair called for discussion or a motion. Hearing no comments, Malisha Ross motioned to approve the revision as presented. Eric Young seconded. Motion carried without opposition.
5. TYM Transforming Futures requested line item adjustments following a discretionary funds award and an increase to local in-kind volunteer hours. DPS dollars will be allocated for maintenance/repairs to a 2016 Ford transit wagon. Following brief discussion between the distinctions for mileage and gas line items, the Chair called for further comments or a motion. Hearing no comments, Amy Jewell motioned to approve the revision as presented. Malisha Ross seconded. Motion carried without opposition.

Daniel announced that Cabarrus programs have served 222 youth this FY. Estimated youth to be served is 296. DJJ referred 110 youth. Three programs have met "youth served" goals and three programs are very close to meeting them. Daniel next announced that funding and resources were secured to establish a mental health unit at C.A. Dillon JDC for up to two years beginning this summer. He explained the significant benefits the unit will provide to youth in crisis. He also discussed IIS applications, training opportunities, and legislative updates. He encouraged members to review *DPS Talking Points* regarding info on transitional living facilities.

NEW BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS

The Chair next opened the floor to Kim Olige who requested a letter from council in support of YSF's application for IIS funding. It was noted that IIS funds are supplied by the state and have no connection with or effect on JCPC funding. DPS recommends letters of support from the program's JCPC home county. YSF seeks to provide a supplemental service for youth that is unrelated to physical fitness. This component will offer comprehensive psychiatric diagnostic assessments by a staff LSW and psychiatric nurse practitioner for DJJ-involved youth in Cabarrus, Gaston, Mecklenburg, and Union counties. Discussion ensued around need for the service. The Chair called for further discussion or a motion. Ashlie Shanley motioned to approve council's letter of support for YSF's IIS application. Malisha Ross seconded. Hearing no further comments, motion passed with the majority of votes in support. One vote was cast in opposition. Council's letter of support will be prepared for the Chair's signature and forwarded to Mr. Olige.

The Chair next opened the floor for FY 26-27 funding discussions. She advised that when the Allocations Committee met again on March 26, multiple funding options were developed. The Committee's worksheet was provided to all members. Megan explained that FY 26-27 will be the second year of Cabarrus JCPC's "first time ever" two-year funding cycle. Three programs (Transforming Futures, Truancy Court Mediation, JCPC Admin) were ineligible for two-year funding and were therefore funded for only FY 25-26. That left \$215,008 unallocated for the second year of the two-year cycle. The Committee's recommendation was Option 2 on the worksheet. It provided two programs (Transforming Futures, JCPC Admin) at full request. Truancy Court Mediation was allocated partial funding. Two programs (Kids at Work, Strengthening Families) were allocated funds in addition to last FY's dollars pursuant to their specific requests. Funding was not recommended for new program LCC Inc. A.R.I.S.E. Two additional new submissions were not funded due to failing to meet RFP requirements.

Megan further advised that following the March 26 meeting, CRC Director Kristen McEvoy notified JCPC leadership that a careful review of its budget Truancy Court Mediation would be unable to operate with partial funding. Council members then discussed several funding possibilities while considering the need for specific services, expanding services, and rising operational costs with increasing numbers of youth to be served. Program representatives responded to multiple council questions. It was noted that Cabarrus JCPC's allocation of **\$459,927** has remained unchanged since FY 2020-21. It is unknown whether the NC legislature will increase JCPC allocations in future FYs. Funding for FY 26-27 was ultimately proposed as follows:

\$164,208 to TYM Transforming Futures
\$ 27,650 to CRC Truancy Court Mediation
\$ 3,825 to Aspire Youth & Family Kids at Work
\$ 3,825 to Families First NC Strengthening Families
\$ 15,500 to JCPC Admin
\$215,008

Programs funded for FYs 25-26 and 26-27:
\$107,385 to CRC Teen Court
\$ 50,528 to YSF Holistic Fitness Interpersonal Fitness
\$ 3,604 to RCYSB SOSE
\$ 60,902 to Aspire Youth & Family Kids at Work
\$ 22,500 to Families First NC Strengthening Families.
\$244,919

The Chair called for additional discussion or a motion. Hearing no further comments, Malisha Ross motioned to approve the FY 26-27 funding plan as proposed. Aalece Pugh seconded. The motion passed with the majority of votes in support. One vote was cast in opposition. JCPC's funding plan will be presented to the BOC for final approval.

PROGRAM MONTHLY REPORTS / COUNCIL MEMBER QUESTIONS

The Chair then opened the floor for verbal reports from agency representatives who proceeded in the following order: Kim Olige for YSF Interpersonal Fitness; Quanitta Brooks for TYM Transforming Futures Community Service/Career Exploration; Chef Nicole Jenkins for Aspire Kids at Work; Gracie Knight for Families First Strengthening Families; Kristen McEvoy for CRC Truancy Court Mediation/Teen Court, and Karen South Jones for RCYSB SOSE. Information was provided regarding youth served to date, a potential collaboration with the Bryce Young Foundation, TYM's restitution bank balance, youth success stories, program graduations, community partnerships/volunteers, program outreach, and fundraising efforts.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Daniel Sevigny spoke about BCBS Healthy Blue's plan to post an RFP for \$250,000 geared toward capacity building with juvenile justice, diversion, and transitional youth. Further details will be provided when available.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Carolyn Carpenter spoke about the first annual *Toast of the Town* dinner and fundraiser to benefit the Salvation Army in Cabarrus and Stanly Counties. Ms. Carpenter will be the guest of honor and "Roastee." A flyer will be distributed.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair mentioned that JCPC's next meeting is May 20. Hearing no additional comments, she called for a motion. Malisha Ross motioned to adjourn. Aalece Pugh seconded. Motion carried with no opposition.

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 AM.

-Submitted by Joanie Bischer

Acronyms

1. A.R.I.S.E. = Achieving Resilience and Inspiring Self-Expression
2. BCBS = Blue Cross Blue Shield NC
3. CRC = Conflict Resolution Center Inc. of Cabarrus County
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 (formerly known as DPS Level II funding)
7. JDC = Juvenile Detention Center
8. LCC = Life Connections of the Carolinas Inc.
9. LSC = Licensed Social Worker
10. RFP = Request for Proposals
11. TYM = Transforming Youth Movement Inc.
12. YSF = Youth Style Fitness Inc.