

**JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL January 25, 2022, Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** Joseph Jackson, Kelvin Allen, Nisha Williams, Drew Cummings, Angela Nunn, Commissioner Nimasheena Burns, Judge Pat Evans, DeWarren Langley, Kevin McIver, Rod Jenkins, John Morris, Jennifer Meade, Brandon Morisson

**Programs Present:** Sabrina Aguilar-Simon, Cynia Black, Yasmin Boone, Lucretia Williams, Monica Daye, Arkeem Brooks, Stephanie Garcia,

**Guest Present:**

**Staff:** Gudrun Parmer, James Stuit, Eddie Crews, Kelley Waggy

**Welcome & Introductions**

Chair Nisha Williams called the meeting to order, welcomed all and asked that all members introduce themselves.

**Review of November Minutes**

Chair Nisha Williams asked that all present review minutes, . John Morris Made the Motion to approve the minutes, Kelvin Allen Seconded the motion and the board approved unanimously.

**El Futuro Presentation**

Sabrina Aguilar-Simon shared on behalf of El Futuro. El Futuro focuses on serving the Latino Community by offering Bilingual and Culturally appropriate Mental Health Services. El Futuro serves ages 6 and up.

Clinical Services (inside the walls) provided: Psychiatry, Psychotherapy, Substance Use Treatment(including DWI services), Case Management, Individual and Family, and Group.

Clinical Services (outside the walls) provided: School-Based, TeleFuturo, Green Space in Durham, Webinars focused on stress reduction and parenting skills.

El Futuro also provides the La Mesita Network. La Mesita connects people providing mental health services and substance use treatment to the Latinx community. More information can be found at la-mesita.co.

Over the last year El Futuro has treated 1776 individuals, held 13492 treatment appointments and have seen an 80% improvement rate. La Mesita currently has 866 health care professionals as members.

**Epic Presentation**

Monica Daye, Director, shared that Stand Up Speak Out Durham (SUSONC) has been a part of the Durham Community for 18 years. Empowering People Inspiring Communities (EPIC) was developed under the SUSONC umbrella around 7 years ago and is the foundation of their direct care services. EPIC is a holistic/whole person direct care program for children and adults. They provide therapeutic coaching, case management, safety planning, and therapeutic support groups. EPIC offers 1:1 therapeutic coaching utilizing Art Therapy in a safe, confidential space that does not feel like a traditional therapy environment. EPIC providers work with clients for a minimum of 6 months and uses MB\_CBT: Mindfulness-Based Cognitive Behavioral Therapy. EPIC services are broken into 3 phases and clients are provided wrap-around supports. EPIC serves youth 10 and up, who are witnesses of trauma or victims of domestic violence and/or sexual abuse.

**Proud Presentation**

Yasmin and Kylie shared that PROUD’s mission is to foster responsible behavior among Durham’s young people, deter Court-Referred youth from becoming repeat offenders, and decrease the dropout rate in Durham Public schools. Proud utilizes a 16-week life skills program for both Males and Females ages 13-17. PROUD is currently offering virtual session and utilizes the ARISE evidence-based curriculum. PROUD receives referrals from various sources. To date PROUD has received 55 total referrals in all provided programs: 26 referrals for the 16-week life skills program, 29 in DEAC. These referrals are comprised of the following: 9 juvenile court, 1 parent, 13 SRO/Law Enforcement, 3 Agencies. PROUD is contracted to serve 50 youth, they are on track to meet this goal.

**Monitoring Updates**

Jennifer Meade shared that all monitoring had been completed and received with the exclusion of EPIC. Jennifer also shared with the Board how amazing Durham County Court Counselors are.

**Chief Court Counselor Update**

Tamala shared that the data was emailed and there was no additional information

**Chair Update**

Nisha Williams reminded members that during funding last year we agreed to use the option of a 2-year funding cycle, once all monitoring reports are reviewed, we will hold a discussion and a vote as to moving forward with 2year funding and posting our RFP. Eddie provided a brief explanation of how these new funding process could/would work.

Nisha Also reminded the board that we would be given an update from the Risks/Needs Committee at the February meeting.

**Announcements**

Dewarren shared that a community conversation would be held tonight at 6pm via zoom and he will send invites. Saturday 1/28/2022- Let Freedom ring virtual quiz bowl winners will receive rewards. DeWarren also shared that he was elected to the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Juvenile Services.

Director Rod Jenkins shared that Durham County had N95 masks and programs should contact him for their needs.

**Meeting Adjourned at 5:16 p.m.**