

**JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL September 28, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present: Leah Selvy, Alex Hurdle, Seth Kandl, DeWarren Langley, Joseph Jackson, Lakiesha Blake, Abigail Holloway, Blake Norman, Ahmed Ali, Angela Nunn, John Morris, Kevin McIver, Tamala McDowell, Pearson Cost, Lauren Norton, Kevin McIver**

**Programs Present:** Arkeem Brooks (BUILD), Mandi Lattie (POA), Cynia Black (POA), Quillie Coath and Yasmin Boone (PROUD), Stephanie Garcia (BUILD), Raquel Dominguez (Elna B Spaulding), Gwen Johnson (Teen Court), Kee’Shon Brooks (POA), Elizabeth (EBS), Crystal Harris (Project Build), Cynia Black

**Guest:** Kayla Merkel (AIMkids)

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

**Welcome & Introductions**

Chair DeWarren Langley called the meeting to order at 4:04pm and welcomed the full body. The Full Body introduced themselves.

**Proud Program Presentation**

The Durham Proud Program is a Life Skills program for at risk youth in Durham County. This is a 12–16-week program for males and females between the ages of 12-17 and they attend twice a week. Proud is referral based and operates on a rolling enrollment, utilizing evidence-based curriculum. Curriculum topics are as follows: Goals & Values, Self Esteem, decision making, Juvenile Justice& Criminal Justice System, DEAC, Bullying, Gang Intervention, Anger & Conflict management, Communication skills, Dropout prevention, Work readiness.

Yasmin shared that in FY 21-22 Proud had 65 youth enrolled in their 16wk program. 14 were court referrals, 46 were law enforcement/SRO referrals, 5 were agency referrals. Of these enrollees 55 were Black, 8 were Hispanic, 2 were white and of these 47 were male and 18 were female.

Proud is in year 2 of their 2year funding cycle and their goals for FY 22-23 are to slow the increased rate of crime amongst Juveniles, serve as a diversion from court and L.E., Provide Life skills with positive structure and activities. They plan to Focus on youth with school behavior problems and expand curriculum topics.

Quillie shared that they have seen a need for increased focus on soft skills to aid in maintaining their employment and help them in the future.

Yasmin shared that Proud is returning to in-person groups on Mondays and Tuesdays from 5-6:30 pm. Proud is also collaborating with LEOs and SROs in Charter Schools along with increasing partnerships and collaborations with other community agencies and organizations.

DeWarren asked what some of the factors are that are driving the increase in numbers and any recommendations Proud may have for JCPC going forward. Quillie shared that in working with the SROs and various other groups is aiding them to divert prior to individuals going through the system. Mr. Coath also shared the importance of focusing on soft skills and developing relationships with parents to ensure that participants are present.

Seth Kandl asked if there were selection criteria for admittance into the Proud Program and a deeper explanation of soft skills. Mr. Coath shared that aside from aggressive sexual offenses, they take everyone. In regards to soft skills, PROUD focuses on communication skills, how to dress and present themselves, and the importance of interaction with employers.

**Review of August Minutes**

Chair DeWarren Langley presented the August minutes and asked the Board to briefly review them, DeWarren Langley Requested a modification of listing everyone’s stated goals for the year. It was also requested the conversation pertaining to RED be added “Tis was brought to the bodies attention prior to being brought to the Executive Board. This will be discussed at the Executive meeting and then brought back to the Board at a later meeting.”. Alex Hurdle Motioned to approve, Kevin McIver seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve and the Motion Carried

**Reports**

-Eddie Crews shared that the state changed assessment tools and are now utilizing YASI, this is much more complex than previous tools. They have been working to work out kinks and will present in-depth at the November meeting. Eddie also addressed unallocated funds in the amount of $25,000. These funds must be allocated or returned by 12/31/2022. Eddies recommendation was to distribute amongst current programs as we will be listing a formal RFP in February. Eddie also shared that Raquel would be presenting exciting new information at the October meeting.

Seth asked if we have received funding request from current programs. It was shared that we had previous requests and that the coordinator would ask for updated request and once received they would be forwarded to the Chair and disseminated to the full board.

-Tamala Mcdowell shared DJJ Data for August 2022. There were 116 juveniles on various types of supervision. DJJ received 20 juveniles and 53 complaints. Of those complaints 26 were approved and 3 were diverted, and There were 15 detention admissions there were 19 males and 1 female. (the board was provided data for further review)

-Dewarren Langley shared that he attended the CJAC meeting, and he was pleasantly surprised to find their focus aligned with RED. Dewarren also shared his desire for Durham to hold annual informational event in an effort to continue Diversion and education within the community.

**Sub-Committee Review**

The Board was reminded what committees they volunteered for and the importance and purpose of each individual committee.

***Committees***

***The standing committees of the JCPC and how committees are appointed are defined by the By-Laws. The JCPC may establish any committees that it deems necessary; however, most have the following committees:***

***Risk and Needs Assessment: Responsible for assessing the Risk Factors, Needed Services, Community Resources and recommending Funding Priorities. These activities comprise a major part of developing the county’s annual plan.***

***Monitoring Committee: Reviews each funded program annually for program performance and the degree to which the program operation is consistent with the program agreement. Chair is responsible for Creating monitoring teams and ensuring that deadlines are met.***

***Funding and Review: Reviews Proposals for Funding (Program Agreement) and makes recommendations for funding to the full Council.***

***Nominating Committee: Nominates officers to serve in the roles of Chair, Vice Chair, and Parliamentarian***

***Public Awareness/Special Events: promote awareness of the functions of JCPC and the Programs it funds. Also, to celebrate accomplishments of youth and families who have been helped by JCPC programs.***

**RED Proposal**

DeWarren shared a proposal he developed in reference to creating a RED Committee (This document ais attached to these minutes for full in-depth review by the Board). Dewarren explained that Wake County has already developed this committee and he would very much like for Durham to adopt this committee as well. Dewarren read through the proposal at length.

Kevin Mciver spoke on behalf of the development of a RED Committee and the needs within the Durham community as a whole.

John Morris requested an explanation of committee expectation pertaining to the responsibilities of the JCPC as we are a monetary flow through. Programs themselves address RED and his concern is how the JCPC Board would be actionable.

Angela Nunn spoke in line with Mr. Morris. She stated her concerns were the broadness of the proposal and how it is applicable to JCPC. Angela suggested that we invite the States RED employee to come in and present RED at the State level and in an effort for full body understanding as well as understand how it would be applicable to the Board.

Dewarren stated his appreciation of their views but, that the establishment of this committee does not require full clarity of purpose and that the clarity could be established as the RED Committee moves forward, Dewarren shared that while the JCPC is responsible for funding but, in his view, that should not be the end all of the JCPC.

Kevin McIver asked that a motion be made, during this discussion, Leah Selvy brought to Dewarren’s attention that in moving agenda items around Quorum was never established. At this point the agenda was adopted and all previous motions were voted on and approved.

After in-depth discussion amongst the JCPC Board as a whole John Morris made a motion that prior to moving forward we form an adhoc committee to bring clarity to the formal proposal presented to the board today. Leah Selvy seconded the motion. Dewarren interjected, the following question: Mr. Morris what exactly the adhoc committee would achieve that the discussion and proposal made today didn’t address?

The Motion Carried.

Dewarren then asked that individuals volunteer for this committee. Dewarren, Kevin, John and Abigail volunteered. Dewarren stated that due to the pushback from the Board in regard to immediate development of a RED Committee his expectation of volunteers was equal to those who voted for this committee. Leah pointed out that there was no established numerical expectation for the adhoc committee. Dewarren stated that he was puzzled in regards to the request for an adhoc committee while the board does not have any requested points of clarity.

Seth Kandl stated that he would like action points and goals to be achieved. Seth also pointed out that this is not an independent committee. The proposal is for a SUB-Committee to aid the overall council in its efforts and should not be given free reign to go out and gather information that the sub committee deems pertinent. The Council needs to guide to sub-committee in some manor with action points. The issue is what are those action points.

Ahmed Ali shared his desire to see success from other previous committees. Dewarren interjected, sharing a history of failed attempts and lack of follow through in Durham and his desire to move forward with this rather than be added to the list of programs that stuttered and came to complete stops.

Angela Nunn shared that the JCPC held a Racial Disparity Committee many years ago. They formed a committee that reached out to Durham as a whole. They held a fireside chat and moved forward working with individual programs and groups to decrease the numbers. JCPC can and has effectively acted to bring change, going forward we need to establish what exactly we want from this proposal and time to absorb the information provided.

Leah Selvy made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Dewarren denied the motion and asked for announcements from the board.

**Announcements**

Leah shared that Jen Meade with Alliance was no longer serving the board and the position was currently unfilled.

Alex Hurdle shared that Durham Parks and Rec Teen afterschool program is Mon-Fri from 3-7pm, for further info visit MYDURHAM.com; flyers are forthcoming.

Dewarren shared that Project (DEWARREN PLEASE IN PUT YOUR INFO I COULD NOT HEAR THE FIRST AOUNCEMENT) There is a Boys of Color summit on Saturday 10/08/2022, information will be sent out. The Charles Hamilton Foundations Young Men of Excellence has the capacity to take on 20 boys of color in middle and high school, in-depth information on this will be sent out. Lastly, The Durham Martin Luther King Jr. Steering Committee is accepting nominations for the 2023 Durham Keeper of the Dream Award. Nominations close 10/31/2022.

Eddie Crews Acknowledged the email sent by Drew Cummings, Drew Cummings is now the County Manager for Granville. Dewarren shared his desire for a resolution honor Drew’s service to Durham and the JCPC.

The Motion to adjourn was again made by Leah Selvy, seconded by Seth Kandl and approved by the Board.

Adjourned-5:57pm

**Next Meeting will be held via zoom on October 26, 2022, at 4:00 pm**