

**JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL**

**November 15, 2023, Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** Kevin McIver, Alex Hurdle, Angela Nunn, Renee Hill, Laylon Williams, Seth Kandl, LiBria Stephens, Abigail Holloway, Jonathan Wilson, Ahmed Ali, John Morris, Adam Boudreault, Laura Toptine, Adam Boudreault, Frederick Kearns, Shannon Trapp, Melissa Watson

**Programs Present:** Quillie Coath (PROUD), Cynia Black (POA), Yasmin Boone (Proud), Arkeem Brooks (BUILD), Qwendolyn Johnson (Teen Court), Raquel Dominquez (Sentencing Circles), Tiffany Swoope (GRACED)

**Guest:** Dwane Brinson

**Staff:** Roshanna Parker, Kelley Waggy, Katie Conyers, Eddie Crews

**Welcome & Introductions**

Chair Kevin McIver called the meeting to order, welcomed the full body, and asked that all in attendance take a moment to introduce themselves.

**Review of June and October 2023 Minutes**

Chair Kevin McIver Presented the September minutes and asked the Council to briefly review them, and minutes were approved unanimously.

**Monitoring Progress Update**

Kevin McIver reminded the Council that Monitoring is required to be completed by December 31, 2023. Members have all touched based with Programs they are Scheduled for their primary monitoring visits.

**Program Updates**

**PROUD-**

Current Number of Youth Enrolled – 13

Number of New Referrals – 17

Number of Successful Completions – 3

Programmatic Changes – None

Issues the Program is Facing – None Currently

Programmatic Achievements – The program has been participating in weekly staff development trainings by the state and local community agencies.

**Project BUILD-**

63 youth currently active

2 connected to education services.

4 completed job applications.

1 connected to employment.

9 youth attend Project BUILD Group Session on 11/6 & 11/13

4 youth completed the 5-week session with “Creating Youth Voices with Change” with StandUp-SpeakOut

3 youth were discharged from the Project BUILD Program (2-Success, 1-noncompliance).

1 new referral and acceptance this month in November.

**Parenting Of Adolescents-**

POA staff is currently actively working with 15 JCPC funded families (3 of which opened within the last month)

We are currently attempting to open 6 additional families.

There are currently 4 JCPC funded families on the waitlist.

Number of new referrals: 4 in October; 0 thus far in November

Number of Successful completions: 1 family successfully completed services in October.

Case Closures: 3 referrals were closed out due to inability to contact the family/refusal of services.

Programmatic changes: NA

Issues the program may be facing: N/A

Programmatic Achievements: N/A

**Youth Build-**

Number of current students. 6 students.

Number of upcoming referrals

DHA- 1

Project Build- 0

JCPC -2

We have five students actively doing the OSHA-10 training.

three are halfway and two done.

We have one student taking all 4 courses at Durham Tech Pre-GED.

another student taking his Math with Durham Tech

Upcoming projects- more HBI training and a field trip with Habitat

We are also planning a new partnership with Habitat.

**Youth Mediation-**

**Graced-**

Current number of youths enrolled - 11

 Number of new referrals – 2

 Number of Successful completions – 9

Committed- ongoing.

participants; 2 newly onboarded.

Programmatic changes – None.

Issues the program may be facing – Still facing challenges getting committed men to join the program as mentors. I am now networking with the corporate sector at this time to try and overcome this obstacle.

 Programmatic Achievements -

a) a 14 y/o female mentee who is very timid and has a history of suicidal ideation, being bullied, and has had to defend herself as a result is starting to show signs of becoming more confident and resilient. She is beautifully gifted with the voice of an angel. Her mentor encouraged her to share her gift with a few (5) of us last month. Since then, I have found a local, professional opera singer who is currently performing at the MET in NYC to gift her a few voice lessons. Her committed and awesome mentor is committed to supporting this life changing opportunity and provide transportation as her mother does not drive.

b) a 14 y/o male mentee who has been committed from the start in his relationship with his mentor is proving to show huge strides of improvement via his academic accomplishments this year. Over the past couple of years, he has had some struggles after losing a very close family member in a car accident. As a result, he began withdrawing, falling behind in school and would not engage in conversation with his family much. His mom is very involved, and she showed up last week to thank us for helping him break through because she feels she now has her son back as she was unable to “reach him” for some time. Her fear was if she couldn't reach him, the gangs may steal him from her. This reporting period, he made the A honor roll and is looking forward to trying out for basketball, has made new friendships (huge), smiling more and talking, which is all good! Successful alignment!

c) Referred a second family to therapy with our new licensed therapy partner. Received confirmation that the first family has started receiving services.

**RISK/ NEEDS Assessments**

Eddie Crews, Area Consultant, shared Juvenile data from July 1, 2022-July 1, 2023. This data can be found attached. Eddie walked those present through this information and addressed the various concerns about the influx of serious offenses.

**Chair Update**

Kevin McIver shared his concern for the awareness of youth who will be entering the holiday season and having no way to celebrate and provide for their families and their willingness to be able to do these things at any and all cost. Kevin asked that all be aware of these issues and his hopes that programs can help these youth navigate the stresses of the season. Kevin also reminded the everyone that we would not be meeting in December, regular meetings will resume in January.

**Chief Court Counselor Update**

Tamala McDowell shared the October Report:

Juveniles on supervision 175, Juveniles Received 38, Complaints received 180, Complaints approved 103, Complaints diverted 0, Detention Admissions 43, Detention admission within the month 9, YDC admission 0, Violent offenses A-E 10, Serious Offense F-I&A1 66, Minor Offense Class 1-3 104.

Demographics:

27 Black, 6 Hispanic, 1 White, 0 Asian, 4 Other, 25 Male, 13 Female, 28 ages 11-15, 15 Age 16 and over.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Video available upon request

Meeting Adjourned: 5:30pm

\***RISK NEEDS DATA\***



























