

**JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL November 16, 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 and Sasha Vann (EBS), Crystal Harris (Project Build), Cynia Black (POA), S. Littlejohn-Dunston (POA)

**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.

**September and October Minutes**

DeWarren Langley presented the October minutes to the board. John Morris requested that the Monitoring Assignments be added to the minutes.

**Reports**

* **Area Consultant-** Eddie Crews shared that the Risks & Needs subcommittee would present at the December Meeting. Eddie reminded the board of the importance of voting on the unallocated funds.
* **Chief Juvenile Court Counselor-** Tamala McDowell presented the Data for the month of October. This data was submitted to the board prior to the meeting for review. It was shared that 126 juveniles were on supervision, 29 juveniles were received with 60 complaints, 32 of the complaints received were approved with 1 diversion, and 15 Detention Center admissions. Of the complaints received; 20 were violent offense a-e, 15 were serious offense F-I & A1, and 25 were minor offense class 1-3. The demographics for the month of October were as follows, 25 Black, 1 Hispanic, 2 White, 0 Asian, 1 biracial. 55 were Male and 4 were Female. Conversation was held surrounding the uptick and possible causes.
* **Chair-** DeWarren Langley held a moment of silence to honor the young life lost due to gun violence in Durham. DeWarren shared his desire for input regarding gathering data from other data sources, and if the Board was interested in a short survey being distributed throughout the youth serving agencies in the County for the purpose of helping in the development of the upcoming RFP. Seth Kandl shared that he is full support of this and offered his help in development and implementation of this. DeWarren impressed the importance of utilizing our voice as a Board to amplify the needs of the Youth in our community and to address the overwhelming gun violence within the community. Leah Selvy spoke on this matter in agreement with DeWarren. Leah agreed that additional funding would be beneficial to helping address the needs within the community. DaWarren circled back to previous discussions surrounding community program presentations and asked that the board as a whole email him with suggestions in regard to programs to reach out to. It was suggested that programs present a monthly summary of youth served in comparison to their program agreements, as well as a monthly report (table) submitted to the coordinator to maintain transparency. Measurable objectives will be presented to the board in January.
* **Risks & Needs Assessment Committee-** Tamala McDowell shared that the Risk & Needs Subcommittee met on 11/10/2022. The Subcommittee discussed what the risk factors looked like for juveniles in juvenile justice along with the positive things occurring in Durham County Schools. After reviewing data across the State, Durham has the lowest numbers of offenses in schools and the Durham SRO’s were applauded for their work in this arena. The Subcommittee will meet again prior to presenting the proposed RFP to the Board. Gudrun asked DeWarren to expand on what data he was looking to receive as this program stopped taking referrals in 2020. It was decided further discussion would be had at a later date.

**\*4:41p.m. Quorum was established and the Vote on the previously reviewed minutes was held**

DeWarren asked for a motion regarding the September minutes, John Morris asked that a summary of the RED proposal presented in this meeting be added to the presented minutes. Seth Kandl moved to accepted, this was seconded by Alex Hurdle, the Board voted unanimously, and the motion carried.

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**Project BUILD Presentation**

Arkeem Brooks presented on behalf of Project BUILD. Project Build is a gang intervention and prevention program that follows the evidence based Comprehensive Gang model. They provide coordinated case management and intensive services to youth and young adults between the ages of 14-21 who are at high risk of gang involvement. Project Build utilizes street outreach workers who work one-on-one with youth to model pro-social behavior, support positive decision-making, connect youth to school and employment, and support involvement in positive activities.

The Intervention Team is composed of a group of multidisciplinary professionals from the following fields: law enforcement, probation, outreach, education and social services and is the core of the Comprehensive Gang Model.

This team works together to case manage the intervention targets of the Model and to identify additional prevention, intervention and suppression activities needed in the target community.

From January 2022-November 2022 BUILD achieved the following Accomplishments: 4 individuals graduated from High School and 2 received their GED, 25 individuals were connected to educational services, 22 individuals were connected to employment, 11 individuals completed probation, 19 individuals successfully completed the program, 40 individuals attended PB pro-social activities. Arkeem shared that 82 youth are active as of 11/14/2022 (73 male and 9 females), the average age is 16, average length of stay is 14 months, and 9053 total contacts.

Currently Project Build is working with Dispute Settlement Center to provide Restorative Practices. Project Build youth and team meets twice a month with the DSC.

Stephanie Garcia shared that the team traveled to Houston, Texas for a site visit of the Mayor’s Office of Gang Prevention and Intervention Gang Outreach. Stephanie shared several pictures and a renewed sense of purpose with the Board. Project Build youth worked with Favor Dessert as well as many other activities and opportunities over the summer and not only gained various new life skills but, also were able to stay busy and off the streets.

**New Business**

* **Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol Scores (SPEP)-** Eddie shared SPEP scores and a deeper explanation of interpreting these scores with the Board. He asked that all be reminded that different program types receive different point assignments. This information will be disseminated via email to the board.
* **2021 Durham Gang Assessment-** Jim Stuit shared a brief presentation of the 2021 Durham Community Gang Assessment with the Board. These Assessments are done on a 7-year cycle and includes a community perceptions survey, community leader survey, youth-serving agencies survey, public safety survey, Police incident Report data, Community demographics and perceptions of gang-involved individuals. 40 individuals from 8 different gangs were interviewed. 73% reported having children, 85% had gang-involved family members, 80% had dropped out of school (10th grade most common), 65% were unemployed, 12 years of age was the most common to begin associating and 13/14 most common age to join a gang. When asked “why did you join a gang? “70% answered it was part of the neighborhood culture, 63% answered family members were in the gang, 95% answered the gang in like their family. When asked “What will reduce gang involvement?” 85% stated youth programs and recreation, 58% stated gang intervention/ prevention programs, 45% stated jobs and job training, 30% stated school support and assistance and 10% stated family assistance programs. Jim shared that after comprehensive review of the assessment the following recommendations were made; Address underlying social conditions, Comprehensive neighborhood-based service delivery for gang-involved youth, expand/localize gang prevention/intervention programming, aggressive data collection to assess progress and regular reporting on outcomes. Jim shared that they are now in the implementation phase and rather than implementing in the whole of Durham as was done previously, they are focusing on areas most impacted by gang violence. There is a coordinated effort throughout the community and the core of this effort is the Gang Reduction Steering Committee. Jim shared that based of his experience and deeply reviewing the data there is a need to focus on family, healing and providing parenting skills.
* **Resolution Honoring the Service of Drew Cummings-** DeWarren Langley sent out a resolution to honor Drew Cummings for his years of service to the JCPC and the Youth of Durham. He asked that a motion be made to approve the resolution. John Morris made a motion, Ahmed Ali seconded this motion, the board voted unanimously, and the motion carried.

**Old Business**

* **Unallocated Funds-** Dewarren Langley asked the programs interested in these funds please send request through immediately. This is the fourth time the board has issued this request to the programs. Eddie reminded DeWarren and the Board that we must make a decision by our 12/14/2022 meeting as these programs would need to do revisions and finalize the process by the end of December. DeWarren reminded the Board of the importance of attending and quorum.

**Announcements**

The Durham Public Schools Foundation will have a holistic wellness fair on Sunday November 20, 2022; registration is required.

The Durham Martin Luther King Jr. Steering Committee is continuing to accept nominations for the Keeper of the Dream award.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35pm. Additional discussion was held post meeting to schedule future Risks & Needs Committee meetings.

**Next Meeting will be held via zoom on January 25, 2023, at 4:00 pm**