

**JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL Novemeber 17, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** Angela Nunn, Albert Royster, DeWarren Langley, Brandon Morrisey, Tamala McDowell, Shannon Teamer, Lakeisha Blake, Kevin McIver, Kelvin Allen, Frederick Kearns, Rod Jenkins, Alexis Cooper, John Morris, Leah Selvy

**Programs Present:** Cynia Black, Arkeem Brooks, Monica Daye, Quillie Coath, Yasmin Boone, Sasha Vann, Raquel Dominquez, Sabrina Aguilar-Simon, Gwen Johnson

**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 new members introduce themselves.

**Review of October Minutes**

Chair Nisha Williams asked that all present review minutes, DeWarren Langley made the motion to approve the October minutes, this motion was seconded by Rod Jenkins. The motion carried unanimously.

**BUILD Presentation**

Arkeem Brooks Shared that Project BUILD is a gang intervention program that provides coordinated case management and intensive services to youth. Arkeem shared that from July 2021-November 2021 BUILD have had 6 youth complete probation, 8 youth connected to educational services, 6 youth connected to employment and 8 youth that have completed the program. BUILD currently has 62 active youth in their program. Arkeem shared that every year BUILD facilitates a spring break project, this year participants were provided with canvass and created works of art. Participants also worked with Favor Desserts to learn skills and they look forward to a continued partnership in the future. Build also completed their 8th Summer Camp that was open to all DJJ involved youth. This camp is a wonderful learning experience that the youth of the community look forward to yearly. Arkeem shared that they are currently utilizing the Teen Center through the Boy’s and Girl’s club to meet with their youth while they work on finding a permanent new home.

**Monitoring Updates**

Jennifer Meade notified via email that all teams are currently scheduled to complete monitoring and that everything is moving forward as it should. Jennifer also shared that all monitoring is to be completed by 12/31/2021. Nisha reminded all teams that Monitoring Reports need to be submitted to Kelley Waggy for distribution to the Board.

**DPS update**

Dr. Royster informed the Board that 1 day a week schools are holding testing for students and staff. Student Services have been hosting presentation on SEL for adults, this was done to help regulate emotions and productivity during this trying time. Dr. Royster also shared that he has been involved in voluntary culture walks with Principles in an effort to identify areas that need to be improved.

**Program Updates**

***POA-*** Cynia shared that POA is accepting referrals for PPP.

***El Futuro-*** Sabrina shared that their walk-in clinic has re-opened, and they are actively accepting referrals.

***PROUD-*** Yasmin informed the board that PROUD is still taking referrals. They are currently virtual and looking forward to moving towards in person in the new year.

***HHS-*** Rod Jenkins shared that while the COVID environment has improved they do expect a surge during the holidays. Vaccines and Boosters are available at several sites throughout the county and schools.

**Chief Court Counselor Update**

Nisha Williams Announced and Congratulated Tamala McDowell on her new appointment to Chief Court Counselor.

Tamala reminded all members that data was sent out for review, she noted there was an uptick of Juveniles receiving charges and on supervision. Tamala shared that her department hosted presentations on Senate Bill #207, specifically legislation on part 6 (Juvenile Court Mental Health Assessments) of the bill and the update of General Statute 7b2502, this includes several important components that will be a significant operational shift from mental health assessment providers. The different components include a mandated comprehensive clinical assessment, CCA or equivalent mental health assessment for all youth suspected to qualify. Presentations were recorded and can be forwarded upon request.

**Chair Update**

Nisha Williams shared that she along with many JCPC members participated in a Peace Rally organized by Judge Evans. Nisha addressed the desire of the Board to assist or apply for ARPA funds. Gudrun shared that the county had just opened the application process and suggested that JCPC come together to form a plan and application. DeWarren reiterated his desire to request funds for more intervention in Durham. The conclusion was to form a work group to come together and complete the application for intervention funds. DeWarren, Kelvin and Kevin volunteered and were approved to work with Gudrun to create a plan and apply for funding.

**Meeting Adjourned at 5:07 p.m.**