

**JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL November 18, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present: Angela Nunn, Eddie Crews, Rod Jenkins, Drew Cummings, DeWarren Langley, Jennifer Meade, Kelvin Allen, Shannon Teamer, Kevin McIver, Raquelle Hawkinss, Solina Richards, Chenelle McInnis, Leah Selvy, Judge Patricia Evans, Rodney Jenkins,**

**Members Absent: Nisha Williams, Albert Royster, Brenda Howerton, Tasha Jones Butts**

**Program Providers: Nicole Moore, Yasmin Boone, Arkeem Brooks, Quillie Coath, Courtney Crawford, Blair Frazier, Cory Rawlinson, Stephanie Garcia**

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

**Welcome & Introductions** Vice Chairperson Angela Nunn called the meeting to order at 4:00pm. Vice Chairperson Angela Nunn welcomed all attendees and asked all to introduce themselves.

**Review of October Minutes**

Vice Chairperson Angela Nunn presented a motion to accept the minutes. Angela Nunn moved to approve, approval was supported and passed by Board.

**BUILD Program Presentation**

Arkeem Brooks shared that 63 total youth have been served, 13 youth admitted to the program (11 Males and 2 Females), the average age is 16, the average length of stay is 14 months. BUILD has made 6,091 contacts. Of those contacts 1811 contact with other, 1320 contact with attempt, 1260 phone contact, 861 face-to-face contact, 797 text contact, 42 email contacts.

Arkeem Brooks shared that due to being assigned to surveillance with Public Health their face-to-face numbers were lower than normal. The majority of their referrals come from school and outreach teams.

Mr. Brooks shared that back before COVID hit BUILD participated in a 2 day conference with the National Gang Center team. They meet twice a month to discuss youth and ensure they are providing all that is needed.

Stephanie shared a Success story from their past year (prior to COVID) through constant contact and work they shared the experience of one of their youth graduating from Tarheel Challenge.

Arkeem Brooks explained how BUILD has survived throughout the COVID Pandemic. BUILD ensured that they maintained contact with their youth and that the youth, and their families were fed throughout the Pandemic. BUILD also assisted with meal delivery for DPS. BUILD also prepared COVID 19 kits for their employees to be fully prepared for home visits. Arkeem Shared that they had two of their youth shot over the summer and how hard Stephanie worked to provide one of the youths with a wheelchair. Stephanie shared that one of their youth’s family lost everything due to an apartment fire and how Build was able to provide everything the family needed to get back on their feet.

**Risk/Needs Presentation**

Eddie Crews shared several reports comprised of data from 7/1/2019-6/30/2020. JCPC System Flow shows that our Numbers are fairly consistent with a slight uptick due to Raise the Age. (see attached Handouts for numerical review) Eddie covered the highlights of the Risk Comparison data. He pointed out that Durham youth were 12 and up which is better than the state average, Substance abuse was slightly higher than the state average. Drew pointed out that because we do such a good job of weeding out youth who don’t belong in court our offence levels would be higher. Eddie agreed that this is a good point and that we should be using this data to better understand the bigger picture and to start collecting data from other sources. Eddie shared that we continue to see elevated numbers in gang involvement compared to the State. Eddie suggested that we find a parent specific program based on numbers. Eddie briefly reviewed the needs assessment. Eddie pointed out that the mental health and parenting skills needs are a bit higher than the state average and may be something we want to address via the RFP. Eddie shared that he now has access to a new report, the complaint data report. This report shows us the overall complaint data, where they are coming from and gives us a better idea of how many kids we are really looking at. Edie also reviewed the Raise the Age report, the most concerning area is the number of A-G(Homicides, Armed robbery etc) complaint numbers. The final report reviewed was the School Based Complaints. Eddie shared that we continue to see reductions in school complaints. Based on the report we continue to see disproportionate numbers.

**Monitoring Team Updates**

Jennifer Meade shared that all should have received correspondence from her and that visits need to have be completed by Dec so that we can stay on schedule for the final monitoring. Jennifer Meade shared a request for the previous monitoring reports, and it was confirmed that those could be sent via email.

**COVID-19 Program Updates-**

Teen Court-Gwen Johnson shared that no changes have been made since last meeting, they continue to do everything virtually. They will start their workshops virtually as well.

El Futuro-Kerri reported no big changes have occurred. They are taking baby steps to reopen physically to clients. They will bring in 1 client at a time to connect with staff via video in office. This way clients who do not have access to computers or connections will be able to access help.

Proud- Yasmin shared that they are still virtual with the option of a parent and child to come in if the need arises. They are still serving their 12 youth and working to receive other referrals.

POA- Nicole shared that they are starting to work towards socially distant sessions. They are also working with 2 youth in the youth home. They are still working to schedule family sessions

BUILD- Arkeem shared everything continues to be virtual; their Monday group has been moved to the 1st and 3rd Mondays. All groups are virtual.

Bull City youth- Corey shared they are still serving youth in person. As the numbers rise, they will convert to cohorts

TLC-Blair shared they continue to work virtually and are working with Middle Schools to set up spring virtual EOG/ELA classes as they have previously done.

**Chief Court Counselors Report**

Raquelle Hawkins, presenting on behalf of Tasha Jones Butts, shared that in the month of October they saw 101 youth on supervision, 21 referrals received, 61 complaints received, 45 youth approved, 0 youth diverted, 16 youth admitted to detention, 0 YDC admissions. (report attached)

**Chair Report**

Vice Chairperson Angela Nunn shared that the December meeting would be cancelled. We will meet again January 28, 2021 at 4:00pm. It was shared that under new legislation we are now allowed a 2yr funding cycle. We will cover this in depth at the next meeting and vote on adopting this new policy. \*note that the Board and Programs were very receptive to this new option.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:16pm