

**JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL February 23, 2022, Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** Leah Selvy, Angela Nunn, Tamala McDowell, Pat Evans, Lakeisha Blake, Albert Royster, Joseph Jackson, Pearson Cost, Jennifer Meade, John Morris, Frederick Kearns, Kevin McIver, DeWarren Langley, Shannon Teamer, Blake Norman, Nimasheena Burns

**Programs Present:** Sabrina Aguilar-Simon, Cynia Black, Yasmin Boone, Lucretia Williams, Monica Daye, Arkeem Brooks, Stephanie Garcia, Gwendolyn Johnson, Quillie Coath, Raquel Dominguez, Alana Peterkin, Shapera

**Guest Present:**

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

**Welcome & Introductions**

Vice Chair Angela called the meeting to order, welcomed all and asked that all members introduce themselves.

**Review of January Minutes**

Vice Chair Angela Nunn asked that all present review minutes. DeWarren Langley Made the Motion to approve the minutes, Jennifer Meade Seconded the motion and the board approved unanimously.

**Teen Court and Restitution Presentation**

Alana Peterkin shared that Teen Court is a diversion program for first time offenders that are referred via DJJ, SRO’s and Schools. Teen Court participants are volunteers, Student Volunteers make up the vast majority of Teen Court. They fill the rolls of bailiffs, attorneys, clerks and jurors allowing them to get a real feel for the legal system.

First time offenders are tried by a group of their peers, admit guilt/responsibility, and are held accountable for their actions.

Teen Court continues to operate virtually, they have found that this is beneficial. The only drawback they have found is lack of stable internet access.

Shapera Williams Shared that Restitution is pay back to the community via money or community service. The Restitution Coordinator provides parents with community resource and victims with information when requested. All referrals come from the Department of Juvenile Justice.

Pay back is the monetary portion of Restitution. The maximum allowable amount is $200.00 which equals out to 28hrs of community service. Once this component has been fulfilled, a payment is issued to the victim.

Covid resulted in a decrease in numbers however, they are seeing a steady increase as everything opens back up. Restitution has continued with their virtual workshop and due to its success, they plan to continue them even post covid.

**Monitoring Review**

Jennifer Shared that all Monitoring Report have been received and submitted. Jennifer thanked all for their service.

**Risk/Needs Presentation**

Dewarren Differed his presentation to Eddie Crews.

Eddie Shared several forms to show the data provided and utilized to make a request for additional Durham County Funds to help address the increase in violent crime amongst the youth in Durham. The Data presented shows a significant increase over the last three years. Eddie did share that the data for 2019 was slightly skewed due to Raise the Age not being in effect yet. Raise the Age clearly effected the violent crime numbers in Durham and as a result it is imperative that the JCPC and Durham County must find new and innovative ways to reduce this violent epidemic.

**Year Two Funding Approval**

Angela Nunn reminded the Board that prior to starting this cycle, the Board voted unanimously to move to a two-year funding cycle. Angela Also reminded the Board that Epic was a first-time program and as such they are not included with the two-year cycle.

Angela Nunn entertained the motion to approve all current programs for their second year of funding, with the exception of Epic and they do not currently qualify for two-year funding. John Morris made the motion , Leah Selvy seconded, and the Board approved unanimously.

**RFP Approval**

The RFP for the 2022/20223 Fiscal Year was presented to the Board and approved for publication.

**Chief Court Counselor Update**

Tamala McDowell Shared that the form shared monthly does show violent offenses A-E, It was noted that these have seen a decline since January. Angela Shared that Detention numbers are high across the state and that this is a nationwide epidemic that is not exclusive to Durham County.

**Announcements**

DeWarren Shared a Black History Trivia Bowl, 1st place winners will receive $100.00.

**Meeting Adjourned at 5:00 p.m.**