

**JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL Feb 24, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:Nisha Williams, Angela Nunn, DeWarren Langley, Frederick Kearns, Jennifer Meade, Leah Selvy, Tasha Jones Butts, Shannon Teamer, Kevin McIver, Judge Evans, Solina Richards, Andre Hinton, Drew Cummings, Chenelle McInnis,**

**Members Absent:**

**Program Providers: Nicole Moore, Yasmin Boone, Arkeem Brooks, Quillie Coath, Courtney Crawford, Blair Frazier, Cory Rawlinson, Stephanie Garcia, Jacqueline West, Gwendolyn Johnson, Kerry Brock, Sabrina Aguilar-simon, Jannai Johnson, Raquel Dominguez**

**Guest: Raquelle Hawkins, Darryl Smith**

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

**Welcome & Introductions**  Chairperson Nisha Williams called the meeting to order at 4:00pm. Chairperson Nisha Williams welcomed all attendees and asked all to introduce themselves. Nisha Williams Also acknowledged Darryl Smith with Durham HeadStart. Mr. Smith introduced himself and shared his excitement to launch Hour 365.

**Review of January Minutes**

Chairperson Nisha Williams presented a motion to accept the minutes. DeWarren moved to approve the minutes with updated announcements: Contract for updated Gang Assessment and Youth Home, Angela Seconded the minutes with proposed amendments. Motion Carried.

**Third Quarter Accounting**

Eddie Crews reviewed Third Quarter Accounting. Eddie Explained that this covers accounting through February 28, 2021. Eddie Reminded the programs that Durham County does require a general ledger to be submitted.

**Program Revision Options**

Eddie Crews informed the programs that will not reach 66% of their budget that they can release funds back to the JCPC to be utilized by other programs. The deadline for this is May 15, 2021. The JCPC Board will review and approve the transfer of funds.

**NC Allies Video**

Eddie Crews shared that the DPS Area Consultants came together and created a YouTube video for application guidance. Eddie Shared that he would send the link to Kelley Waggy and from there she would share it with all applicants.

**TLC Program Presentation**

Blair Fraizer Shared that the Juvenile Literacy Council (JLC) works in conjunction with Youth City Youth Build. JLC offers two programs: ELA prep course for middle school students. This is an in-school program offered at Brogden and Githens and there are 5-7 students per class. This is for students that are identified by the schools as being on the standard cusp. After School Tutoring is offered for youth referred by Court Counselors. The age range for this program is 6-21, the average age is high school aged. The curriculum for both is NC Common Core based. Zoom and Google meet are both utilized to reach the students participating in the program. Blair shared that JLC is constantly working to keep these participants engaged and overcoming the current fatigue so many are experiencing during online education. A silver lining in being virtual has been the ability to involve more volunteers with assisting their youth.

Jacqulyn West shared that she is the mentor and coordinator with Bull City Youth Build. Bull City is a full-time, 9-month programs that helps participants earn their high school equivalency/diploma with giving hands-on job skills training in the construction industry, also a certificate in IT. Currently they are pursuing a CAN pathway. They currently accept Males and Females, ages 16-24. They serve Durham Residents in zip codes 27701, 27703, 27704 and a percentage from surrounding Durham areas. Participants are qualified by being a high school drop out or having low literacy levels. Durham City Youth Build operates Tuesday-Thursday 9-4p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday students’ academics, Thursday and Friday students are working on career pathways. Students receive a stipend for 80% attendance.

**Monitoring Review**

Nisha Williams took a moment to thank everyone for their time and participation

Jennifer Meade shared how much she appreciated everyone’s willingness to step up and get monitoring done in a timely manner. Jennifer also shared how grateful she was for Tasha and Her team. The reports were submitted to the State.

Nisha explained that each group would give a brief synopsis of their overall experience with their assigned programs

Teen Court and Restitution- Jennifer shared that this program is doing great and are on the right track even with the challenges that COVID has presented.

TLC- Shannon shared that this program is doing extremely well with all of the challenges present in the current year.

Youth Mediation and Restorative Practices- Angela shared that they found that everything was in order and operating smoothly. While they have had trouble with referrals due to school closure during COVID, they feel referrals will pick up with schools re-opening.

El Futuro- Nisha Shared that Dr. Richards stated that everything was in order.

PROUD- Chenelle Shared that monitoring went smoothly, everything was in order and she took time to applaud the PROUD team for their work during COVID.

Project BUILD- Sgt. Hinton shared that earlier in the year BUILD Staff was utilized in other capacities but since getting back to their normal workload everything is running smoothly.

Parenting of Adolescence- Kelvin Allen was unavailable today. Nisha shared that she had reviewed the report and that POA continues to perform and operate smoothly.

**RFP/Advertising Update**

Kelley Shared that the RFP was live and posted on the JCPC website. The RFP was also emailed to a list serve of around 600 people. Nisha Williams also brought attention to the current RFP via a WNCN JCPC Spotlight that has brought in quite a bit of traffic and inquiries.

Nisha Shared that a reporter reached out about the Durham County’s JCPC and the current RFP. Nisha was interviewed via zoom and Proud opened their facility to Crystal Price (reporter) to tour and better understand what a funded program does within the county.

**Funding Process Updates and Dates**

Nisha Shared the funding team is comprised of Kelvin Allen, Drew Cummings, Angela Nunn and Kevin McIver. The JCPC Funding Process Principles were emailed out to the board for utilization during funding.

Important Funding Dates:

March 17, 2021 @ 1:30pm Application Training session

March 31, 2021 All applications must be submitted in Allies

April 7-8, 2021 Applicant Presentations (recommended that all Board members attend)

April 12, 2021 Board Member Recommendations due

April 13, 2021 Funding Committee Meeting

April 28, 2021 Closed Session funding Meeting

**POA Level II Letter of Support**

Nisha Shared that a letter of support has been requested and issued for the last several years on behalf of POA. Nisha asked that, if the Board so chooses, a motion be made to approve a letter of support. Angela Nunn made a motion; Tasha Jones Butts seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Kelley Waggy will send the letter for signature via docusign.

In reference to letters of Support DeWarren Langley asked if any programs are applying for the Participatory Budgeting Process with the City of Durham. Part of the eligibility is a letter from a funding entity. Nisha Williams asked the Board for motions in regard to letters of support for the following programs:

Teen Court and Restitution- DeWarren Langley made a motion, Sgt. Hinton Seconded, the motion carries.

PROUD- DeWarren Langley made a motion, Tasha Jones Butts seconded, the motion carries.

Exchange Family Center- Dewarren Langley made a motion, Angela Nunn seconded, the motion carries.

TLC- DeWarren made a motion, Jennifer seconded, the motion carries.

**COVID-19 Program Update**

El Futuro- Kerry Introduced Sabrina, a clinical project manager who will be helping with JCPC programs.

**Chief Court Counselor Report**

Tasha Jones Butts shared that the report was sent via email. Tasha shared that the numbers are still low. They have less than 100 but, they do anticipate that numbers will rise as the state opens back up.

**Announcements**

Nicole Moore stated that POA is offering Parenting intervention for any JCPC youth that could benefit.

Gudrun Parmer reminded everyone that the School to Prison Pipeline town hall with Southern Coalition for justice is tonight.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:35pm