

**JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL March 22, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** DeWarren Langley, Kevin McIver, John Morris, Joseph Jackson, Alex Hurdle, Seth Kandl, Leah Selvy, Angela Nunn, Tamala McDowell, Frederick Kearns, Abigail Holloway, LiBria Stephens, Payton Garris

**Programs Present:** Quillie Coath, Yasmin Boone, Mariah Macon, Lucretia Williams, Raquel Dominguez, Stephanie Garcia, Arkeem Brooks, Cynia Black, Gwen Johnson, Monica Daye, Krystal Harris, Cynia Black, Sasha Vann, Leah Selvy

**Guest:** Kayla Merkel, Adreanna Williams

**Staff:** Gudrun Parmer, Kelley Waggy, Eddie Crews, Jim Stuit, Katie Conyers, Roshanna Parker

**Welcome & Introductions**

Chair DeWarren Langley called the meeting to order at 4:08pm and welcomed the full body. The Full Body introduced themselves.

**March 22, 2023, Minutes**

DeWarren Langley presented the January minutes to the board. Abigail moved to accept the March minutes with the discussed spelling correction. Seth seconded. The board voted unanimously.

**Community Intervention & Support Services Department (CISS)**

Krystal Harris, Director of CISS, shared that Community Intervention & Support Services Department was created in 2021 by former County Manager Wendell Davis. CISS is comprised of Bull City United, Project Build and My Brothers Keeper.

Bull City United (BCU) is a gun violence intervention program. BCU utilizes the CURE Model, which is a nationally recognized model that utilizes the following three concepts:

* Detect and Interrupt-detect and interrupt potentially violent conflicts and prevent retaliations
* Identify and Treat- identify and treat highest risk and access highest risk individuals
* Mobilize- Mobilize the community to change norms and respond to every shooting

BCU is comprised of Outreach Workers and Violence Interrupters. Outreach workers work with a participant caseload that is either high risk for gun violence or has already participated in gun violence. These participants have made the decision to put the gun down and become better citizens within their community. The average caseload is 8-10 Participants with a max of 15 per worker. Violence Interrupters aim to interrupt violence and prevent it from occurring, utilizing conflict mediation actively within the community. BCU facilitates a shooting response after every conflict and provides a helping hand to those affected. BCU has tripled in size in the last year, going from 2-6 census tracts and 7-25 employees. BCU has acquired 2 new units from Durham Housing Authority for BCU offices. BCU was awarded $250,000 for a research project from the House Appropriations Committee and have submitted all documents to initiate the project.

Project BUILD is a gang prevention and intervention program that follows an evidence based Comprehensive Gang Model. Project BUILD provides 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’s Street Outreach Workers work one-on-one with youth to model pro-social behavior, support decision making, connect youth to school and employment, and support involvement in positive activities.

Project BUILD utilizes a, Intervention Team that is at the core of the Comprehensive Gang Model. This team is comprised of a multidisciplinary group of professionals from law enforcement, probation, outreach, education, and social services. Their role is to work together to case manage the intervention targets of the model and to identify additional prevention, intervention and suppression activities needed in the target community.

My Brother’s Keeper (MBK) is President Obama’s initiative that looks at the gaps in services at a systems level for boys and young men of color. This program has been dormant in Durham for 2 year as the individual retired. Corey Rawlings was recently hired as the new program manager. MBK has changed from direct services to system change and policy. MBK Equity Framework is as follows:

* Collaboration
* Equity
* Vision
* Evidence
* Systems change
* Data driven decisions
* Sustainability
* Stakeholder engagement

MBK is currently working on a timeline to returning to a fully functioning program and they plan on having this timeline and plan of action in the next 2 weeks.

CISS partners with the City of Durham, Durham Public Schools, and Duke University Hospital.

DeWarren asked if CISS has identified measurable outcomes for MBL or BCU. Director Harris shared that BCU is tracked. There is a quarterly report as part of their ILA and they track number of persons shot, number of homicides, mediations, and referrals made. Currently they are working IS&T to create a forward-facing dashboard that will involve data from DPD as well as data they receive from CURE Violence. This dashboard is expected to be live in the next 6 weeks. MBK is not currently tracked as the program was dormant for 2 years. As MBK is re developed and brought back on-line they will start to collect this data.

Eddie asked Director Harris how our current JCPC Programs be of support to her agency. Director Harris shared that this was discussed during their last meeting as data shows a trend in younger offenders, as they move forward in their strategic planning, they will be reaching out to JCPC Programs to collaborate.

Seth asked if there were any concerns about capacity overload. Director Harris shared that Duke reached out to them directly and she was unsure is Duke Regional or Lincoln have hospital intervention at this time.

**Reports**

* **Area Consultant**- Eddie informed the board that 3rd quarter accounting would be completed by the end of march and available for review for funding decisions.
* **Chief Juvenile Court Counselor**- Tamala shared February’s complaint data: 12 Juveniles received, 18 complaints received, 5 complaints approved, 0 complaints diverted, 25 detention admissions, 5 detention admissions within the month, 0 YDC admissions, o violent offences a-e, 7 serious offenses f-I & a1, 11 minor offenses 1-3
* **Chair**- DeWarren shared that the resolution submitted to the BOCC on behalf of the justice system receiving a pay increase, passed unanimously. Governor Cooper issued executive order 279 on 03/14/2023 which creates the Office of Violence Prevention for the State of North Carolina. DeWarren shared that he attended the Governors Crime Commission Meeting and was alarmed to hear and see the sophisticated ways that gang are utilizing to approach our youth and the hear the way law enforcement is having to work to address this. It was shared that Durham Youth Works will have over 500 participants this summer and will be holding a career fair on 05/20/2023. DeWarren shared that we are still working to fill board vacancies and is following up with the DA, DPS and Sheriff’s office.

**New Business**

* + **FY 2023-2024 Request for Proposal Applicant Presentation Schedule & Process**

The board was informed that there are 11 programs that have been reviewed and approved for presentations. The board was presented with the 2-day schedule proposal and agreed unanimously. The board was asked to vote for either in-person presentations or virtual presentations, Gudrun reminded the board that Hybrid was a feasible option, the board unanimously agreed to hold presentations Hybrid.

* + **Supplemental Questions for applicants**

DeWarren shared that we wanted to ensure that programs were provided a list of questions that they were expected to answer prior to the presentations. The board was presented with the previously developed list of questions and added questions pertaining to monitoring and referral concerns. The board agreed to these questions being sent to the Presenting Programs unanimously.

* + **Request for Letter of Support for Level 2 Funding on behalf of POA**

DeWarren asked the board to review the letter submitted by Ms. Black with POA asking for support of Level 2 funding. The board agreed to send a letter of support. The motion was made by Angela, seconded by Leah and the board agreed unanimously.

**Announcements**

DeWarren asked that the Council look for his announcements via email.

Arkeem shared that on 04/11/2023 Leadership training via DPS would be provided, more information will be sent via email.

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:18pm

**Next Meeting**

**April 26, 2023**