

**JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL May 24, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present: Leah Selvy, DeWarren Langley, Kevin Mciver, Tamala McDowell, John Morris, Alex Hurdle, Ahmed Ali, Angela Nunn, Seth Kandl, Laylon Williams, LiBria Stephens, Judge Clayton Jones, Abigail Holloway, Shannon Trapp**

**Programs Present: Lisa Rowe (TLC), Quillie Coath (PROUD), Lucretia Alston (TLC), Shereka Littlejohn (POA), Cynia Black (POA), Raquel Dominguez (EBS),**

**Staff:** Roshanna Parker, Kelley Waggy, Katie Conyers, Eddie Crews

**Welcome & Introductions**

Chair DeWarren Langley called the meeting to order and welcomed the full body.

**Review of March Minutes**

Chair DeWarren Langley presented the April minutes and asked the Board to briefly review them. The Board requested additional explanation added to funding portion of the minutes and would vote on them once these additions were added.

**Reports**

**Area Consultant**- Eddie Crews shared that the board was on track with funding and closing out FY23. Eddie shared that the state is still in the budget process, and they are still advocating for pay increases. Eddie shared that the state has started advocating via social media for firearm safety.

**Chief Juvenile Court Counselor**- Tamala Mcdowell shared the following data: 169 Juveniles on supervision, 47 Juveniles Received, 102 Complaints received, 44 Complaints Approved, 10 Complaints Diverted, 29 Detention Admissions, 1 YDC admissions, 23 violent offenses A-E, 44 Serious Offenses F-I&A1, 36 individuals were Black, 3 individual was Hispanic, 7 individuals were white, 0 individuals were Asian, 1 individual was Other, 35 were Male, 12 were Female, 26 were ages 11-15 and 21 were age 16 and over.

Seth Kandl noted a spike in violent offenses and asked if there was an explanation behind this. Tamala shared that youth in the month of April had multiple complaints. Seth asked how many charged individuals had access to services beforehand? Tamala explained that is a hard call as some individuals may not make it through their system, but she would look into recidivism data and add date of offense to the report for the board.

DeWarren Langley stated that the reality is that we need to be looking at intervention. Numbers will only get worse with the summer coming and lack of enriching structured environments we will continue to see these numbers increase.

LiBria Stephens inquired about staffing stressors and how we may be able to help. Eddie shared that what we have seen over the last 12 months is an almost 50% decrease in staffing. The state responded by asking for pay increases, holding job fairs and shorten the hiring process. Tamala shared that they are struggling to maintain staff even after hiring and that her staff is working diligently to assist their youth.

**Chair**- DeWarren Langley shared that the County Manager included the requested 30% match in the budget. DeWarren asked the board to utilize the portal to support this match. DeWarren informed the board that this response from the county is proof that fighting for what is needed is always beneficial and encouraged to board to think of ways to enhance the work that JCPC does.

Roshanna shared that while JCPC asked for a 30% match the County Manager put a 15% match in the budget.

DeWarren opened the floor for discussion on accepting the 15% match or the Board sending a letter requesting the full ask of 30%. Seth Kandl asked if there was a plan for how the board would spend the funding. Roshanna shared that since this year’s funding cycle is complete the board would need to decide on releasing an RFP or disbursing to currently funded programs. Eddie shared that this was somewhat unprecedented, and he would look into how to appropriately handle at the state level. There was robust discussion regarding this potential funding expressing the need for funding. The vote was held, and the board was 7 ayes and 5 abstentions for a formal letter asking for the full 30%. DeWarren will send the formal letter requesting a 30% match.

**New Business**

**Funding Reallocation Request of JLC-** DeWarren shared that JCPC had received an Email from Lisa Rowe asking that the board allow the $20,000 awarded to the Youth Build portion of their programing be reallocated to JLC for funding an instructor position. This position would also serve youth in Youth Build. John Morris shared that he was part of the JLC monitoring team and championed funding for JLC but understood the boards ultimate funding decision, he asked would moving these funds over go against the ultimate decision made during the funding meeting. Lucretia Alston shared that JLC has added 16 youth and expects to be at 39 by July, JLC’s new CEO is giving them more freedom than they had previously had to accept referrals. Eddie raised the question as to whether the money is being used fully for JLC or if it is a portion of the salary. The Board decided to hold this discussion until they were able to discuss further with the new CEO.

**Review & Evaluation of 2023/2024 funding discussion & allocation-** DeWarren asked the Board to share their feelings on the budget process and if there were any changes they would like to see going forward. Ahmed shared his appreciation for the support o the board of him as treasurer. The board as a whole was pleased with the process and did request any changes be made for future funding. Leah Selvy shared her hopes for the ability to be in person for monitoring in the next fiscal year.

**Resolution for Honoring Gudrun Parmer-** DeWarren Langley read through the proposed resolution honoring Gudrun Parmer for her 25 years of service to Durham County. The Board voted unanimously in acceptance of the resolution.

**Election of Officers for FY 2023/2024-** DeWarren read through the slate and asked if those on the slate accepted their nominations. The Slate was shared via the screen and read as follows:

DeWarren Langley- Chair

Seth Kandl- Chair

Kevin McIver- Vice Chair

Leah Selvy- Secretary

Ahmed Ali- Treasurer

Angela Nunn- Parliamentarian

Members attending via zoom were asked to vote via chat. Members voting for Seth Kandl were asked to raise their hands. Seth received 2 votes. Members voting for DeWarren Langley were asked to raise their hands. DeWarren received 7 votes. DeWarren was announced as Chair for FY23/24. The motion was made and seconded to vote for the rest of the slate as presented. Members were asked for a voice vote. The slate was approved unanimously. Shannon Trapp abstained from voting.

**Announcements**

Alex Hurdle shared that PALS basketball league was starting soon and those interested to go to the website to sign up.

DeWarren Langley asked that the board watch their emails for several announcements.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:46pm