

**JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL May 26, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** Nisha Williams, DeWarren Langley, Frederick Kearns, Leah Selvy, Tasha Jones Butts, Shannon Teamer, Kevin McIver, Judge Evans, Solina Richards, Andre Hinton, Drew Cummings, Chenelle McInnis, Kelvin Allen, Lindsey Spain

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

**Welcome & Introductions**

Chair Nisha Williams called the meeting to order and welcomed the full body.

**Review of March Minutes**

Chair Nisha Williams presented the April minutes and asked the Board to briefly review them. The board voted unanimously to approve. The motion carried.

**RSNNC Presentation-Megan Raymond**

Megan Raymond shared that through its Mentor Program, Youth Meetups, Community-based Partnerships and Resource Network, RSN helps youth develop positive relationships with their families, peers, teachers and others within their community. RSN staff and peer support mentors engage in promoting trust and self-acceptance with youth participants by advocating for youth, coordinating with existing service providers, and linking youth with community resources, thereby increasing the chances of a participant’s successful reintegration.SN receives referrals from schools, treatment programs, community partners, family members, as well as the justice system’s and currently serves Orange County and Durham counties. Megan shared that all new referrals will be for a group with individual support provided by the co-facilitators during the group. Whenever possible, group participants will be assigned a mentor to provide additional one-to-one support at the participant’s request. This will continue to increase the efficacy of our programming. Megan can be reach via email at [megan@rsnnc.org](mailto:megan@rsnnc.org) for questions and further information.

**Tarheel Challenge Presentation-Angelina Wilson**

Angelina shared the Tarheel Challenge Academy has been around for many years and their goal is to decrease the North Carolina drop out rates. They help 16-18-year-old boys and girls who are not thriving in their current school setting. These youth can come from any school background, previously expelled and those with judicial involvement. Tarheel Challenge Academy is part of the National Guards youth challenge program. Here is North Carolina they have two campuses that serve the academy. One is in Salemburg (Sampson county) and the other is New London (Stanley County). Angelina shared that she is one of 4 recruiters that serve 25 counties each. Angelina shared that their program is 17 ½ months long and is broken up into 2 phases. The first phase is 5 ½ months and the students live on campus. While living on campus they live militaristically, they focus on academics, are connected to a mentor and work on life skills. Students can be placed on 3 different tracts during this period. The first being individuals that are able to return to school and are close to graduating and are given their diploma on campus, the second being those that are not returning to school but are close to graduating. These students will be given an equivalency test, the third being students qualifying for credit recovery so that they can graduate with their class. The second phase lasts for 12 months. During this time youth are followed and assessed to ensure they are acclimating back to normal life and schooling. Referrals to Tarheel Challenge can come from anywhere. Applications can be filed both online and in person. For any further information or questions Angelina can be reached at [Angelina.Wilson@ncdps.gov](mailto:Angelina.Wilson@ncdps.gov).

**Tytos Consulting Presentation-Michelle Young**

Michelle shared that Durham has conducted a series of gang assessments over the last several years. These assessments have been done in conjunction with the Office of Juvenile Justice and delinquency prevention. Michelle is the contractor on this assessment. The assessment is completed to help policy makers in Durham understand the level, target prevention and establish a baseline of effects over time. Michelle shared that there are many types of data they collect for this assessment and they are hopeful to work with program providers as they move forward. The Data collected is as follows: Community Demographic Data, Community Perception Data, Police Data, School Data, and Gap Analysis. Michelle shared that as the goal is to identify existing resources in the community, identify gaps in services, and identify barriers to receiving services. Michelle stated that she will be reaching back out to the Board and Programs as the assessment moves forward.

**Nomination Committee-Leah Selvy and Albert Royster**

Leah Selvy and Albert Royster shared that they are currently accepting nominations for the JCPC Executive Committee and that they need this nomination no later that 06/09/2021. Leah Selvy and Albert Royster also informed the Board that Commissioner Brenda Howerton was nominated for the Karen K. Thompson Award. Albert Royster put the nomination before the Board and it was unanimously approved.

**Announcements**

Tasha Jones Butts announced that she would no longer be serving on the Board as she has taken a promotion and will no longer be in Durham, Nc. The Board thanked Tasha for all that she has done for Durham County and stated how much she will be missed.

Adjourned:4:50pm