



## JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL

### September 25, 2024: Meeting Minutes

**Members Present:** Kevin McIver, Abigail Holloway, Jonathan Wilson, Laylon Williams, Alexis Cooper, Renee Hill, Dr. Melissa Watson

**Members On-line:** Angela Nunn, LiBria Stephens, John Morris, Alex Hurdle, Quanesha Archer, Seth Kandl, Maggie Clapp, Sgt. Adam Boudreault, Duane Brinson, Monica Burnette

**Programs Present:** Jeff Michalski (Project Build), Randy Trice (Project Build)

**Programs On-line:** Quillie Coath (PROUD), Cynia Black (POA), Yasmine Boone (PROUD), Raquel Dominguez (Elna B. Spaulding Conflict Resolution Center), Gwendolyn Johnson (Teen Court & Restitution), Tiffany Swoope (GRACED Inc.), Jazell Carty (PROUD), Monica Daye (EPIC)

**Guests Present:** Jennifer McRant, (RYSE Program Manager), Laura Pena Bruno (RYSE Case Manager), Raven Walters (RYSE-Diversion Coordinator), Dr. Ernetta Cagle (DPS), Tamala McDowell (Citizen), Matthew Rierson (DJJ)

**Guests On-Line:** DeWarren Langley (Charles Hamilton Houston Foundation)

**Staff Present:** Roshanna Parker, Viveca Deans, Janice Williams

**Staff Online:** Eddie Crews

**Excused Absences:** Arkeem Brooks (Project Build)

#### **I. Welcome & Introductions**

Chair Kevin McIver called the meeting to order at 4:06pm, welcomed all attendees, and asked all in attendance to introduce themselves, starting with in-house attendees followed by on-line attendees.

A quorum was present.

#### **II. Plaque Presentation – Tamala McDowell**

Chair McIver presented a recognition plaque to Tamala McDowell, retired Chief Court Counselor, NCDPS and long-standing member of the of this JCPC Board. Ms. McDowell graciously accepted the plaque and stated that she will remain working in the Durham community, which she has passionately served since the 1990's.

#### **III. August 2024 Minutes Approval:**

Chair McIver acknowledged that a correction was noted by DeWarren Langley in Houston Taft's participation in 'The Young Men of Excellence Program' as opposed to 'The Gentlemen of Interest Program'.

Mr. Crews aired the correction to his Consultant Update replacing 'Yancey' County with 'Caswell' County where the facility is located that will serve as a resource for Durham court services.

The motion to approve the August 2024 minutes was moved, seconded and unanimously approved with the noted corrections.

#### **IV. Approval of JCPC FY '24-'25 Workplan – Chair McIver**

Chair McIver noted the date of the November meeting has been changed from November 27<sup>th</sup> to November 20<sup>th</sup> and the December 2024 meeting has not been scheduled.

The motion was moved, seconded and approved to accept the JCPC FY '24 – '25 Workplan.

**Noted for the record: John Morris voiced an inquiry regarding the workplan which was not heard at the time of the vote due to technical difficulties. Chair McIver stated that this item will be reopened for discussion and vote during the Chair Update.**

#### **V. Community Program Presentation – RYSE – Resources for Youth Success & Empowerment Assessment Center: presented by Jennifer McRant-RYSE Program Manager, Raven Walters RYSE-Diversion Coordinator, and Laura Pena Bruno RYSE-Case Manager**

Chair McIver introduced JCPC'S first program presentation (since COVID restrictions were implemented) by RYSE. Chair McIver stated that reinstating community presentations will offer the programs that JCPC serves insight about other programs outside of JCPC. There are times when organizations duplicate services for not knowing what services are already implemented in the community. Having these community presentations will help the eight (8) JCPC programs that we serve benefit by possibly partnering with these programs.

Raven Walters, RYSE Diversion Coordinator and Laura Pena Bruno, RYSE Case Manager, began narration of the Power Point presentation (which is available upon request to all board members).

The Assessment Center services youths 10-17 years of age who reside in Durham County. The center's goal is to provide referral services to youth who are not part of the Juvenile Justice System who would otherwise not have access to these preventative resources. Case managers will conduct screenings at the Assessment Center to determine eligibility/entry into the program and will follow-up with participants up to 90 days.

The Diversion Program is a 90–120-day program that will provide referrals for at-risk youth who encounter law enforcement and receive a complaint. Exclusionary criteria for diversion are traffic violations, sexual and firearm related offenses. Youths who complete this program will have their complaint(s) dropped and no further legal action will take place.

The Assessment Center is not opened yet; announcements will be made throughout the community when the center is open for operation.

The PowerPoint presentation is available upon request.

#### **VI. Election for Risk & Needs Assessment Committee FY '24 – '25:**

Mr. Crews commented via chat that the Risk & Needs Assessment Committee primary responsibility is to analyze local data and determine service needs. He will present the juvenile court data and other community data is welcome. This is information that will determine what is put in the RFP.

Chair McIver made the correction that this is not an election and asked for volunteers.

**It was discovered at this time that technical difficulties were being experienced where the boardroom was unable to hear the on-line participants and vice versa. The system was rebooted, and the meeting resumed.**

## VII. Consultant Update – Eddie Crews, Central Area Consultant

Mr. Crews reported the following:

- All programs have now submitted their final accounting for FY 23-24; final accounting is a report that requires programs to submit a general ledger of all expenses for FY 23-24 that compares to their budget
- All COI forms have been submitted
- The department continues to stress Safe Storage of Firearms; gun locks and printed materials are available free of charge. Safe Storage events are scheduled in Vance and Granville Counties – we can have one in Durham if desired.
- The Risk & Needs juvenile court data will be available soon and Mr. Crews will work with the sub-committee in order to present a report in the November board meeting; this information will go into RFP for 2025

## VIII. Juvenile Law Change Update – Abigail Holloway, Vice Chair

Ms. Holloway reported that there has been a change in legislation regarding the classification of who is considered a juvenile and who is considered an adult. Effective December 1, 2024, 16-17-year-olds charged with an A – E felony can still go into custody in juvenile detention however, they will go straight to adult court.

The current law says that 16- and 17-year-olds accused of the most serious felonies, from murder and rape to violent assaults and burglary, must be transferred to Superior Court after the notice of an indictment being handed up or when a hearing determines there is probable cause a crime was committed. Prosecutors have discretion in keeping cases for some of the lower-grade felonies in juvenile court.

## IX. Chief Court Counselor Update – presented by Alexis Cooper, Court Counselor Supervisor

2024-2025 MONTH	Juveniles on Supervision previous month	Juveniles Received	Complaints Received	Complaints Approved	Complaints Diverted	Detention Admission	Detention Admission within the month	YDC Admission	Violent Offense A-E	Serious Offense F & G1	Minor Offense Class 1-3	Status	Black	Hispanic	White	Asian	Other	Male	Female	Age 6 to 10 Years	Age 11 to 15 Years	Age 16 & Over
JULY	154	11	88	80	0	30	7	1	7	42	39	0	7	2	2	0	0	9	2	0	4	7
AUGUST	153	34	52	18	0	17	4	0	11	17	24	0	27	1	5	0	1	28	6	0	16	18
SEPTEMBER	149	29	80	51	1	21	11	0	11	30	39	0	24	5	0	0	0	23	6	0	18	11
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Year to Date	456	74	220	149	1	68	22	1	29	89	102	0	58	8	7	0	1	60	14	0	38	36

## X. DPS Update: presented by Dr. Melissa Watson, Director of Student Support Services

Dr. Watson opened with stating that DPS is going to continue to work on strengthening communication, transparency, and partnerships in serving scholars. Dr. Watson re-introduced Dr. Ernetta Cagle, who leads DPS' community partnership efforts.

### **DPS Family Academy Overview**

- Presenter: Dr. Ernetta Cagle, Title I & Family Outreach Coordinator, Family Academy Project Manager
  - In current role for about a year and a half

- Family Academy was developed 12 years ago based on the need to provide resources to families to support their child(ren) at home with their academics
- Family Academy offers Signature and Community Partner classes from September through May each school year
  - Classes are developed/revised each year based on feedback from families and the current needs of the district
- The focus over the past year has been to increase Community Partnerships to get information and resources out to as many families as possible
- Last year, the inaugural Family & Community Engagement Summit was launched
  - The focus of the summit is to bridge the gap between school, home and community
  - As Durham is rich with resources, we want families to know and have as much access to these resources as possible
- Due to unforeseen circumstances, we have postponed our Second Annual Family & Community Engagement Summit from October 2024 until April 2025
  - Information will be sent out in January to identify vendors and workshop presenters
  - We ask that if you receive an invitation, please do not share it with others
  - ***If someone is interested in supporting the event, please have them contact me directly***

## **XI. Program Updates - September 2024**

**Project BUILD:** reported by Randy Trice

- Current number of enrolled students: 96
- Number of new referrals: 14 (August and September)
- Number of successful completions: 6

Programmatic changes: None

Programmatic issues: None

Programmatic achievements: 5 participants completed probation, 5 participants got employed, 3 connected to education, Mental Health Success 2.

**Durham PROUD Program:** reported by Quille Coath and Yasmine Boone

- Current number of enrolled youths: 1 youth, finishing up in the next couple of weeks
- Number of new referrals: 10
- Number of successful completions: 11

Programmatic changes: Getting ready to incorporate the new violence curriculum and focus on more vaping related DEACs as well.

Programmatic issues: None

Programmatic achievements: This month we just started three new interns from the Psychology Department at NCCU and are preparing them to facilitate the new group of referrals in the upcoming month. We have been focusing on our current male participant gaining employment. Staff have been able to assist him in securing multiple identification documents, including a social security card and identification. Our other programs have begun with Durham Public Schools for suspensions alternatives.

**Parenting of Adolescents:** reported by Cynia Black

- Current number of enrolled students: 12 Students (Staff currently attempting to open 3 MDFT cases, 1 TFCBT case)
- Number of new referrals: 2
- Number of successful completions: 1 successful completion

Programmatic changes: Agency hired full- time Finance Manager.

Programmatic issues: N/A

Programmatic achievements: N/A

Ms. Black announced that there will be a 'Trunk or Treat' event held on October 26<sup>th</sup>.

**GRACED, Inc.:** reported by Tiffany Swoope

- Current number of enrolled students: 16
- Number of new referrals: 1
- Number of successful completions: 2

Programmatic changes: Relaunched our high-fidelity in-house Tutoring Program @ Weaver Street; last night seven (7) of our youth received reading and math support.

Programmatic issues: None new

Programmatic achievements:

- a) Engaged the youth and mentors in a group activity with a professional therapist to support our matchmaking process's success.
- b) A successful mentor-mentee outing to Urban Air took place this past Saturday. This was our first outing of the year with the new cohort of mentors.
- c) Launched an Entrepreneurship and Financial Literacy Program for the community with a partnering organization

Committed one of our young men to support our efforts as a member of the Durham Youth Mentoring Alliance Core Team. This is a great opportunity to support the City of Durham's Office of Youth Service's efforts in assessing the city's expansion of mentoring initiatives that promote the health and well-being of young people. He will have an opportunity to advocate for teens city-wide but most importantly from his perspective as a youth from a historically marginalized community that is typically invisible and lacks the opportunity to be heard

**Teen Court & Restitution:** reported by Gwendolyn Brooks

**Teen Court:**

- Referrals: 4
- Termination: 0
- Successful Terminations 0
- Unsuccessful Terminations 0

Teen Court is preparing for their annual training on October 17<sup>th</sup>, and October 24<sup>th</sup> and are currently seeking volunteers from high school and middle school. The training will be held in the Durham County Courthouse.

**Restitution:**

- Referrals:0
- Terminated: 1
- Successful termination: 1
- Unsuccessful termination: 0

## EPIC: September report submitted

<b>September 2024</b>		
Agency: StandUp SpeakOut NC-EPIC		
Report	#	Notes
Youth in Services:	9	9 Youth are in services
Open Referrals:	3	3 open referrals (new clients waiting to be scheduled for intake or waiting for paperwork)
Active JCPC Clients:	3	
JCPC Referrals this month:	1	1 youth referred this month (September)
Terminations	2	2 terminated
Closed Referrals:	0	
Waitlisted Clients:	5	5 currently on the waitlist due to scheduling coordination or missed intakes sessions
Groups	0	No youth groups are held at this time due to students returning to school, will resume after first 9 weeks.
Outreach Group	1	We are hosting Creating Youth Voices with Project Build
<p>In September, StandUp SpeakOut NC-EPIC served 9 youth, with 3 open referrals and 5 on the waitlist. There are 3 active JCPC clients, with 1 new referral and 2 terminations this month. No youth groups were held due to the school year starting, but they will resume after the first 9 weeks. Outreach continues with the <i>Creating Youth Voices</i> group in partnership with Project Build.</p>		

### Youth Build: reported by Lucretia Alston

- Current number of enrolled students: 11
- Number of new referrals: 2
- Number of successful completions: None currently

### Programmatic changes: None

### Programmatic issues:

- Transportation is still an issue. We thought that we had a partnership with an organization, but the communication has fallen off. Students were really looking forward to having reliable transportation again.
- Students are ready to take certain components of their test but do not have IDs, so they are unable to test. We have now incorporated this question into our application process asking, 'could students obtain an ID within 30 days of enrolling?'
- Also, along with not having IDs to test, we weren't able to take them to the museum for free because they had no way to prove that they were indeed Durham County residents.

### Programmatic achievements:

- Students are enrolled to attend StepUp Durhams 4-day workforce training next month.
- We have a student who attended the NC Works orientation this month and is moving forward with the next steps to find employment.
- We were able to bring on another staff member to help students with their soft skills and to help with community outreach

**Elna B. Spaulding Conflict Resolution Center:** reported by Raquel Dominguez

- Current number of enrolled students: 7 (6 –Truancy Mediation and 1 for Youth Mediation)
- Number of new referrals: 3
- Number of successful completions: A student was referred in the last school year. We have conducted two sessions this school year and the student has improved attendance. The student has missed only one day since the beginning of the school year. The parents are making sure that the student arrives at school on time and does all her homework. Both parents are involved in the mediation sessions and have asked if we can continue monitoring.

Programmatic changes: None

Programmatic issues: None

Programmatic achievements:

- We are working with families to connect them with school and resources in the community.
- We are continuing meeting with DPS personnel and community agencies to promote our youth program.
- We are planning to participate in the National Night Out on October 1, 2024.
- We are organizing a community event on November 9, 2024, at Holton Career Center. The target population for our event will be youth and families. We will be celebrating Conflict Resolution Month.

**XII. Chair Update – Chair Mclver**

Chair Mclver reopened the approval of the workplan discussion item.

John Morris stated that he believed the ‘Monitoring Committee Training’ (December’s second bulleted item) was done earlier in the previous fiscal year. It was noted that it was listed in the same time frame as last fiscal year. Mr. Crews will conduct training on an as needed basis.

The previous motion carried with unanimous approval.

Chair Mclver reopened the Risk & Needs Assessment Committee appointments and again asked for volunteers .  
The committee members are as follows:

Walter ‘Eddie’ Crews
Kevin Mclver
Abigail Holloway
Jonathan Wilson
John Morris

Chair Mclver again noted the date of the November meeting has been changed from November 27<sup>th</sup> to November 20<sup>th</sup> and the December 2024 meeting has not been scheduled.

**XIII. Other Business/Announcements:**

- The DPS Community Engagement Summit will be held on October 12<sup>th</sup> from 8am – 12:30pm at Northern High School
- The Boys of Color Power Summit will take place on October 19<sup>th</sup> @ The Minnie Forte Brown Staff Development Center – limited to boys of color either living and/or attending school in Durham

**XIV. Adjournment**

Chair Mclver thanked everyone for their patience and attendance and adjourned the meeting.