

**JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL September 27, 2023, Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present: Ahmed Ali, L.A. Jones, John Morris, Alex Hurdle, Seth Kandal, Renee Hill, Kevin McIver, Laverne Mattocks, Adam Boudreault, Jonathan Wilson, Abigail Holloway, LiBria Stephens, Laylon Williams, Angela Nunn, Tamala McDowell**

**Programs Present: Juan Nelson (TLC), Lucretia Alston (TLC), Cynia Black (POA), Raquel Dominguez (EBS), Yasmin Boone (PROUD), Krystal Harris (BUILD), Tiffany Swoope (GRACED), Monica Daye (EPIC), Gwendolyn Johnson (Teen Court), Sonwanna Prim (POA), Randy Trice (BUILD)**

**Guest: Lety Bridges, DeWarren Langley**

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

**Welcome & Introductions**

Chair Kevin McIver called the meeting to order, welcomed the full body, and asked that all in attendance take a moment to introduce themselves.

**Review of June and August 2023 Minutes**

Chair Kevin McIver presented the June minutes which were approved unanimously. Kevin then asked that the board review the August minutes and asked the Board to briefly review them. Member Jonathan Wilson asked that the spelling of his name be corrected, correction was made, and minutes were approved unanimously.

**Durham County Match Funding update and vote**

Roshanna Parker, JSD Director, informed the board of the County’s updated guidance to utilize the funds as intended for Match only and of the Durham County Budget Office’s concern as to the need of this additional funding for both Project Build and Teen Court considering they already receive county funds. Roshanna shared that she held several conversations regarding this with County Finance and General Manager Dwane Brinson. Roshanna shared that Dwane Brinson shared he had no issue with funding in accordance with the Board’s decision to fund the aforementioned programs or to not fund them. Roshanna shared that this was brought forward during the JCPC Executive meeting and after in-depth discussion it was voted on to not fund BUILD and Teen Court as they receive county dollars and to leave the funding to programs that do not already receive county funds. Abigail Holloway, Vice Chair, expressed to the board that this decision was not made lightly, and it is in effort to provide the be stewardship of the funds given. Kevin McIver made the motion to divide the awarded funding between Youth Mediation Circles, EPIC, GRACED, Juvenile Literacy, Parenting of Adolescents and PROUD. The Board voted unanimously, and the motion was carried.

**Program Updates**

PROUD- Yasmin Boone shared that they currently have 12 youth enrolled. 8 youth are rolled over from FY23 and 4 newly enrolled in FY24. 1 youth completed in FY24 but, this youth was a rollover from FY23. Yasmin shared that PROUD is currently collaborating with a few local schools and are working with SROs to identify youth that would benefit from PROUD’s 16-week program. Quillie Coath shared that PROUD participates annually in National Night Out and are in talks to identify locations for setup this year.

BUILD- Randy Trice shared that they currently have 75 youth enrolled in their program, 4 youth have completed probation. 3 Youth are currently going through the referral process, 9 youth connected to educational services, 3 youth connected to employment and 12 youth participating in a contracted program with Stan Up-Speak Out. Randy shared that they will be holding an intervention block at Lake View High School aged youth.

**Parenting Of Adolescents-**

Cynia Black shared that they currently have 21 youth, 10 youth are carried over from FY23. 3 youth are in the intensive intervention program (6-month model), 8 are receiving Trauma focused behavioral therapy, 7 youth are newly enrolled and are currently working to assign services. 5 youth have been closed out and 11 youth are on their waitlist.

**Youth Build-**

Juan Nelson shared that they currently have 9 actively enrolled youth. Juan shared that they are currently working with 4 youth to complete their essential ED in order to take their GED. 2 are actively testing at Durham Tech. Juan shared that they have an OSHA training they will be attending in the next week. Juan shared they have an active waiting list and are working to enroll these individuals.

**Youth Mediation-**

Raquel Dominguez shared that they have not currently received any referrals but are currently working with schools and anticipate starting to work with youth in October.

**Graced-**

Tiffany Swoope shared that graced currently has 11 active youth. Tiffany shared that capacity is 15. They are seeing progress in the enrolled youth and are working to strengthen relationships within the Cornwallis neighborhood. Tiffany shared that she has several upcoming events and will be participating in the National Night Out.

**Confirmation of Monitoring Assignments**

Kelley Waggy, JCPC Coordinator, reviewed the monitoring assignments with the board to ensure that there were no conflicts of interest and that all individuals we aware of the importance of monitoring and stay in contact with your team. There were no listed conflicts, and all members acknowledged their understanding.

**Chair Update**

Kevin McIver shared that it is Early Voting and that it is important that we ensure that the community knows the importance of their voice to elicit policy change and provide a better future for our youth.

**State Updates and Program Refunds**

Eddie Walters shared that the State Budget passed and thanked the JCPC for helping to facilitate the passing of the step budget and that the pay bump should help to fill vacant positions. Eddie shared that final accounting reviews were completed and that Build, Triangle Literacy and Youth Mediation all have refunds to the state.

**Chief Court Counselor Update**

Tamala McDowell shared that in August they have 194 youth on supervision, 35 Juveniles received, 565 complaints received, 532 complaints approved. Tamala shared that these were primarily parking deck/auto related, new offenders and that they anticipate more complaints to come in regarding this. Tamala shared that there were 42 detention admissions, 18 new admissions and 1 youth in YDC.

**DPS Update**

Laverne Mattocks-Perry, Student Support Services, shared that there is no discipline update yet, those are not available until the end of each quarter after they have been verified. Laverne shared that truancy has been a large area of focus. DPS partners with Elna B. Spaulding to address this concern. Laverne shared that they follow the guidelines set forth by the state and use data to focus on youth with a history of truancy.

**Announcements**

Guest, DeWarren Langley, shared that he had a plethora of announcements, and he would be emailing them to the board.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:35pm