



JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL

January 23rd, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Note Taker: Celia Jefferson

Members Present

DeWarren K. Langley
Johnnie Foster
Drew Cumming
Angela Nunn
Georgette O'Mary
Herman Scott
David Addison
Arnold Dennis
Olivia Marks
Karen K. Thompson
Anna Lee Mosley
Fungai M. Bennett

Excused Members

Gayle Harris
Judge Patricia D. Evans
Umar Muhammad
Jennifer Rogers
Michelle Smith
Stephen Watson
Lauren Wright
Brenda Howerton

Others Present

Cindy Porterfield, DJJ
Tonya Griffis, DJJ

Staff

Gudrun Parmer
Celia Jefferson
Jim Stuit

Absent

George Roberson

Welcome

David Addison, chair called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Introductions

Approval of January Minutes

David asked the council to review the minutes. **Motion:** DeWarren Langley motioned that the minutes be adopted as presented. **Action:** Seconded and Approved.

DJJ Updates

Cindy informed the council that Kieran Shanahan has been appointed as the Secretary of the N.C. Department of Public Safety (DPS). Also, when you access the old DJJ website page, you will be redirected to the DPS sections. Deputy Secretary, Bennie Aikens under the division of administration has been replaced. The community programs are under the division of administration.

Cindy shared a letter written by Buddy Howell in the News & Observer January 4, 2013, talking about misguided juvenile cuts. He talks about how DJJDP is viewed as a national model, and how it has been moved to the DPS and downsized, and the budget has been greatly cut. He also talked about how services provided through DJJDP have been proven effective in reducing recidivism for high-risk offenders and saving the state millions of dollars. Cindy also shared the following articles: Guest columnist: We're losing a state juvenile justice system that works; this article is sharing how juvenile justice remarkable outcomes have been achieved and how the juvenile justice system is being dismantled. Full plate awaits local legislative members: Juvenile Services. Cindy asked Celia to share

the articles with the council. Cindy informed the council that she now has a processing assistant, Lynn Fleetwood.

JCPC Funding Process Calendar

Karen Thompson briefly presented an overview of the JCPC six months & funding process calendar. See attached calendar for details. David asked council members to review the calendar and to attend the dates for the presentations by selected programs. He stated that if you have any questions about where the gaps are, refer back to the Risks/Needs Assessment report distributed at the November meeting. This will help you make an informed decision on what the needs of the youth are in Durham County and what programs JCPC will need to fund.

Request for Proposal (RFP)

Karen briefly presented an overview of the RFP. (See attached RFP) Drew Cummings, JCPC assistant treasure, hopes to find a way to collect better outcome data from the non-profits that we fund. He distributed a guidance sheet that the county uses for non-profits to give them the opportunity to choose the best data that they have about the efficacy of their program and submit that along with their application. He will revise the guidance sheet to better fit JCPC. He suggested that the non-profits should demonstrate the effectiveness of their program that reduces juvenile crime. In addition to approving what we have as an RFP, Drew will need a green light from the board that he and Karen will work on a prompt for non-profit applicants responding to this RFP to submit a couple of measures that can demonstrate the good work they do in the community. It was suggested that Drew send the updated guidance sheet through email to the council for feedback. Drew suggested that the prompt could be built into the three hour training workshop on March 6th. Cindy saw no problem with adding an addendum in the RFP stating all non profit applicants are required to submit performance measures. **Motion:** Angela Nunn motioned that we accept the RFP as written with an addendum that will prompt non-profit applicants who are responding to the RFP to submit performance measures. **Action:** Seconded and Approved.

JCPC Monitoring Presentations

Parenting of Adolescent (POA)

Angela Nunn reported that she, Lauren Wright, and Tonya Griffis visited the Parenting of Adolescents program. She stated that the staff is doing a good job. The monitoring team was pleased with their information gathering. The program utilizes a Multidimensional Family Therapy model (MDFT) through a sixteen week two times per week contact with parents and children. MDFT is evidence-based family intervention developed primarily for African American and Latino at-risk youth. They are still having to pay an annual certification fee. With this new model, they can now do "train the trainer" and all the staff can be trained. Under the old model, staff had to be trained under that model and was very costly. They are working on their first six months of data and will be stronger in the next 12 months. The program strengths are using a model that meets the needs of the court counselor's behaviors of juveniles. They are in need of Latino staff. They currently have a waiting list for this population. This is an excellent program.

Tonya stated that they are not able to serve the Hispanic population as they would like to. POA constantly has a waiting list for this population and they really work closely with the court counselor clients. The majority of the families that the court counselors refer to POA are the ones we do not see coming back into the system and they are runaways. This seems to be an ongoing issue in the Hispanic community. Tonya said her department is thinking about having another counselor in place for that

agency. Cindy shared the following program service statistics: New admissions 14; Total agreed to serve per current program 50; total juvenile court referred 8; Total Law Enforcement/SRO referred 5; total other referred: 4; Total number youth served year-to-date 27. This program is recommended without conditions.

Rites of Passage (ROP)

Drew Cummings and Johnnie Foster visited the ROP program. They had a good visit with Rev. Herndon and finance director Ken Chavis. They were not able to get the names of the juvenile court counselor that referred clients to ROP. The program had some female traffic they had prepared in their stack of documents. Everything was in order, on track with the number of court referred from the SRO's and law enforcement officers. The program receives \$800 from JCPC and the rest of their funding is in-kind. They were under budget, because most of their activities happen in the spring. Cindy shared the following program service statistics: New admissions 7; Total agreed to serve per current program 15; total juvenile court referred 0; Total Law Enforcement/SRO referred 2; total other referred: 5. This program is recommended without conditions.

Meeting adjourned.