

**JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL February 22, 2017 Minutes**

**Members Present:** Angela Nunn, Tasha Jones Butts, Allan Lang, Arnold Dennis, Umar Muhammad, Drew Cummings, Dr. Solina Richards, Brenda Howerton, Jeffrey C. Forde, Danielle Dolinski-Sloan, Latoya Bogan, Cpl. A. D. Hinton, Sgt. Frederick A. Kearns, Nicole Jimerson, Anita Daniels, Jessica Jones, Elizabeth Shearer

**Members Absent:** Dwight Whitaker, Triankeya Bond

**Members Excused:** Pastor Ronald Thomas, Ameshia Cooper, Eric Ireland, Judge Marcia Morey, Nisha Williams

**Guest:** Stephanie L. Green, Haruna Hamakawa, Eddie Crews, Wendy Clements, Jennifer Meade

**Staff:** Jim Stuit, Celia Jefferson

**PROGRAM PROVIDERS**

**Members Present:** Quillie Coath, Yasmin Boone (PROUD), Grace Marsh, Teka Dempson, Kerry Brock, Brenda Boldin, TaQuan Williams, (Teen Court), Laura Walter, Latasha Fuller (Youth Build), Deborah Reid Murphy, (Youth Build), Les Thompson

**Welcome & Introductions**

Angela Nunn, vice chair opened the meeting with a welcome and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

**Review and Approval of February Agenda**

Angela asked the Council to review the agenda. Allan moved that the agenda be accepted as presented. Umar properly Seconded the motion. Agenda Approved.

Angela asked the Council to review the Minutes.Allan moved that the minutes be accepted as presented with edits. Umar properly Seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

**DPI Consolidated Data Report 2017**

Drew shared the following data below that might be of interest to the JCPC from the DPI Consolidated Data Report 2017.

-          Durham approx. 15th highest for reportable crimes / 1,000 students;

-          Suspension rate for black students across the state is 3.17 per 10 enrolled; .72 per 10 for white students; .89 for Hispanic.

o   FYI – other state data tables on this topic show racially disaggregated *numbers* by LEA but note *rates.* Comparable rates *could* be calculated, but it would take a while;

-          Suspension rate disparity for males (black to white) is about 4:1 and for females (black to white) about 6:1. Same difficulty in calculating comparable rates for Durham;

-          Durham’s short-term suspension rate for all students is near the mid-point for school districts statewide (approximately 47 districts out of 110 had higher rates);

-          *Long-term suspension rate* disparity across the state, black to white, is about 5:1. Same difficulty in calculating comparable rates for Durham;

-          Male dropout rates are higher statewide across all racial and ethnic groups.  The statewide dropout rate for black students is 2.68% (3.31% for males) vs. 3.41% for Hispanic students (4.05% for males) vs. 1.85% for white students (2.21% for males);

-          DPS’ dropout rate increased somewhat last year.

Allan suggested that we organize a subcommittee to raise these issues, and ask Elizabeth to answer some of the questions we have at the March Meeting. The Council agreed to have Drew Cummings obtain all questions from members via email instead, so they could be sent to Elizabeth Shearer to address with the Council. This request was made of Ms. Shearer upon her arrival and she was in agreement to receive the questions.

**Feedback on Training Needs from JCPC Program Providers**

Angela noted that the Council wanted to know what type of training or skill set the program providers would need to better serve the juvenile population. The following training suggestions were shared: **System of Care Training, Motivational Interviewing, Federal Grant Training, Evaluation (Improving), Data Sets Small Nonprofits, Measuring Programs, DPS audit requirements.** Angela asked the Council/program providers to email any more training suggestions to Celia. Tasha suggested providers attend county provided CFT (Child and Family Team) trainings if possible. Danielle reminded providers that community Grant Writing Workshop info was shared, and Celia will send out again. Danielle is unaware if Federal Grants are covered, as asked by program staff, but will find out. Tasha asked the program providers to share any information they know that are happening in the community, and email to Celia to share with others.

**Program Presentation – Durham Triangle Literacy Council / YouthBUILD**

Les Thompson, program manager at Durham Triangle Literacy Center presented. He noted that they support the students in their supplemental education achievement. They serve at-risk and court-involved youth ages 10-16; provide One-on-One tutoring and small group tutoring and they partner with schools. He gave the number of students served in 15-16 (88) and current numbers they served in 16-17 is (90). The schools/agencies they serve now: Durham Juvenile Justice, Durham Public Middle Schools at Brogden, Githens, and Lowe’s Grove. He noted two of their program Major key notes: 95% of youth students pre-and post-tested improved their academic skills/performance. 95% of youth students showed a reduction in problem behaviors.

***What Is YouthBuild?*** Deborah Murphy, Program Manager and Latasha Fuller, Case Manager / Job Developer shared that YouthBuild is a drop-out recovery program designed to give youth ages 16-24 the opportunity to earn their high school equivalency and become highly employable through hands-on construction skills experience. They also shared that the mission of Bull City YouthBuild is to cultivate community leaders by providing inclusive and creative pathways for young adults to build the educational and job skills needed to be a positive force for change. More about their program and qualifications for participating in Bull City YouthBuild and contact information can be found at the following link: **YouthBuild Website Application Link:** [**http://www.triangleliteracy.org/bullcityyouthbuild/**](http://www.triangleliteracy.org/bullcityyouthbuild/)

**Report from DJJ Area Consultant**

Walter noted that coming from the State that we are ahead of schedule and that they really feel strongly that Raise the Age will be passed due to bipartisan support, sheriff and law enforcement that are pushing to get it passed this year. Angela asked how much programming funding would we get? Walter noted that the loose numbers are 24m state wide and will depend on your population. Tasha believes they are proposing that the first group is all 16-year-olds and will come through the juvenile justice system with lower level charges. Tasha noted that we need to start thinking about how we are going to serve these kids, as this will increase our population served.

**Announcements from JCPC Chair** Nicole reported that the federal house has voted to do away with the accountability regulations under Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). What that mean is No child left behind (NCLB). They want standards. She noted that they want to know how these population of marginalized kids are doing. How are the English language learners, how they progress and perform? African America kids or kids of color, kids with disability and there were six subjects of NCLB is measured. If your kids did not perform, you were penalized. Under Obama administration, they tweaked it some and that gave the State more flexibility. The current administration wants to roll everything back and that means no accountability. Nicole will send information to the Council, and she asked them to follow what is asked of them. You can look it up at HJ57.

**Announcements:**

Angela noted that this year the Durham County Youth Home will turn 70 years old. It was built in 1947and our kids were moved out of the adult jail to juvenile detention. A proclamation will be issued and they will commemorate the first Youth Home in North Carolina on a date in July.

**Jeffrey Forde**

DPR has some jobs on their website for kids 16 & up.

**Danielle Dolinski-Sloan**

The JCPC Vice Chair asked her to share they are providing a training to help all child welfare staff to identify victims of human trafficking. They are going to try and schedule a community training. Angela noted that she and Tasha have been invited.

**Les Thompson**

Les shared that he is recruiting volunteers, and if anyone have students or in your communitythat possess these skills would like to see them improve contact him.

**Meeting adjourned.**