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**JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL**

October 26, 2016 Minutes

**Members Present:** Pastor Ron Thomas, Umar Muhammad, Jeff Forde, Arnold Dennis, Tasha Jones Butts, Allan Lang, Danielle Dolinski, Drew Cummings, Dwight Whitaker II, Umar Muhammad, Brenda Howerton, Anita Daniels

**Members Absent:** Angela Nunn, Nisha Williams, Solina Richard, Frederick A. Kearns, Jessie Jones

**Members Excused:** Andre’ Hinton, Nicole Jimerson, Ameshia Cooper, Eric Ireland, Judge Marcia Morey,

**Guests:** Kiatan Blalock, Tierra Burkett, Elena Rumer, Peggy Nicholson, Shalondra Greenlee

**Staff:** Celia Jefferson, Gudrun Parmer, Eddie Crews

**JCPC Program Providers Present:** Les W. Thompson, Vaughn Cole, Shannon LaRance, Linda Bolding, Quillie Coath, Grace Marsh, Nicole Moore

**Teen Court & Restitution Program**

Vaughn Cole, Restitution Coordinator presented on Teen Court and the Restitution Program.   Teen Court is an alternative court for youth who commit first-time, misdemeanor offenses. Youth admitted to this court are defended, prosecuted and judged by their peers. Teen court holds youth accountable for their actions. The Restitution Program provides community service options for court involved youth, (both adjudicated and diverted). This program also gives youth an opportunity to repay victims in their case. The Payback Program allows youth to perform community service and earn up to $200 toward their monetary obligation to the victim. This program provides community service and restitution services. Vaughn distributed detailed informational sheets about the program to the Council. Danielle asked Vaughn if he had any insight or feedback, or how JCPC can be more supportive of the program.  Vaughn replied that more funds are always needed, and that JCPC has been very supportive.  Drew noted that if anyone would like to sit in on a Teen Court session, the program meets at the court house every Thursday on the sixth floor starting at 6pm.

**Youth Justice Project**

Peggy Nicholson, Co-Director of the Youth Justice Project (YJP), a project of the Southern Coalition for Social Justice.  Peggy shared that they ensure equity, fairness, and justice for youth in high-quality education, juvenile, and criminal systems.  The YJP’s current focus is on dismantling the school-to-prison pipeline, a system of laws, policies, and practices that push students out of school and into the juvenile and criminal systems through collaboration, community education, communication, and resource development.  Peggy shared that the Youth Justice Project works to support innovative partnerships and programs that keep youth out of the court system. In North Carolina, an example of this is their work with pre-arrest Misdemeanor Diversion Programs (MDPs). MDPs are diversion programs for 16- and 17-year old’s that operate pre-arrest and pre-charge, before a child must face all the pitfalls of entering the adult criminal system.  Tasha asked Peggy to send her presentation to Nicole for the benefits of the council members not present.  Tasha noted that Peggy will present an informational session about the Misdemeanor Diversion Program on Friday.

**Approval of Minutes**

Umar moved that the Council accept June 22 minutes with corrections. Motion was made and properly seconded. Minutes approved.  Umar moved that the Council accept August 24 minutes with corrections. Motion was made and properly seconded. Minutes approved.

**Report from Chief Court Counselor**

Tasha shared updates from the court counselor’s office.  Their numbers continue to declines as relates to complaints being filed in their office.  Their office has about 70 kids on some type of supervision.  The ones on supervision all have high risks, and needs or medium needs of services.  She noted that her staff should be more created on how to work with these family and youth and provide more intensive intervention and action services by working with them.   In Durham, their school base offences have decline.  Her staff has provided training for SROs in different district and given them resources of services and now they file their complaints in her office.  The total number of complaints received in FY 15-16 they had a total of 457 complaints received and 105 school base offences, lower than the state average of 231.   Only 11 juveniles were submitted to their YDC last year. The level of complaints in Durham has declined, but the level of service needs is increasing.   She added that the JCPC Program Providers are instrumental in working with the juveniles.

**Monitoring Committee Training**

Eddie did an overview of the monitoring process. The on-site monitoring shall occur at least annually to monitor program compliance and includes completing a JCPC Monitoring Report.

Schedule an on-site visit with the Program Manager to review the following: The current program agreement and revisions, if applicable, Juvenile records, NC ALLIES client tracking data, and Agency last financial records and documentation of expenditures (including in-kind, if applicable). Complete financial and accounting statements that include: The programs last financial report, actual or total income and expenses in comparison to the budget for the program, The program’s fundraising activities, if any; and other sources of income available to the program. Complete the JCPC Monitoring Report and provide a copy of this report to the Program Manager in advance of submitting a copy to the JCPC; and present a full report to the JCPC at the next scheduled meeting. Review the report and take appropriate board action(s) as needed, regarding the report(s). Submit the JCPC Monitoring Report and documentation of board action(s) to the DPS Area Office assigned to the sponsoring agency within 30 calendar days of the JCPC meeting.

**Announcements**

Drew reminded everyone that James Davis, Executive Director of the Milestone Culinary Institute Program withdrew their Program Agreement and was effective immediately on 10/10/16. All unused funds will be returned properly to the State.  James withdrawal letter was emailed to the Council. Our deadline to reallocate $15,500 is by the end of FY 16-17 December 31st to one or more currently funded programs. Celia will email the criteria needed when requesting additional funds.

Drew shared that the Council will pay $1,614 back to the state due to NCDPS calculations in FY 15-16. The Council had set aside $8,240 for the Summer Youth Program. Based on actual attendance, we only spent $4,605 on wages and FICA which left a balance of $3,635. Unfortunately, we were not notified of the refund until after Durham County had closed its books for FY16 which means we must pull the money from our FY17 County allocation.

Umar shared that he has been approached by the NC Council for Women and Youth Involvement Administration to coordinate a men and boys summit in March. The focus will be on domestic violence and family violence. The police department has already come abroad. Umar reached out to JCPC program providers to partner with this program for presenting purposes.

Tasha shared that her department has an annual hot dog fundraiser every year. You can get a two hot dogs combo: chips, cookie, and a drink for $5. The annual event will be held on November 4th from 11am until 2pm. Located at 201 N. Roxboro St. – 2nd floor (919-560-6824). Delivery available within a 10-mile radius on orders of 5 or more. All proceeds will be donated through a State Employees Combined Campaign local charity.

Shalondra shared that her position with Durham County is My Brother’s Keeper Initiative. Her focus is court involved. The program is based on boys and men of color, helping them stay on track, speaks to education, speaks to crime, job placement and training. Gather community leaders on recommendations, talk to youth and coordinate a youth summit. She is also assisting Kelly Andrews through the Misdemeanor Diversion Program.

**Meeting adjourned.**