

**JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL**

**December 18, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** Kelvin Allen, Drew Cummings, Andre Hinton, Frederick Kearns, Allan Lang, Kevin McIver, Solina Richards, Albert Royster, Leah Selvy, Nisha Williams

**Members Absent:** Tara Blackely, Pat Evans, Lesly Gonzales, Dwain Green, Brenda Howerton, Tasha Jones-Butts, Chenelle McInnis, Jennifer Meade, Angela Nunn, Shannon Teamer

**Program Providers:** Yasmin Boone, Shepeara Williams, Gwendolyn Johnson, John Hunt, Nicole Moore, Arkeem Brooks

**Guest:** Tamala McDowell, Alexis Cooper

**Staff:** Kelley Waggy, Jim Stuit

**Welcome & Introductions** Chairperson Nisha Williams called the meeting to order at 4:10pm. Nisha Williams welcomed attendees and asked them to introduce themselves. All present introduced themselves, quorum was not established and as a result items IV, VII, X were postponed to the next regularly scheduled meeting.

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Minutes were reviewed but, as quorum was not met, minutes will be approved at the next meeting.

**Program Presentation-Teen Court**

Ms. Williams shared that this year most of their cases have been for assault. There has been one opened for drugs, and one for theft. They are on target for the year at 42 served. Last year Teen Court referrals slowed. However, this year (post training) they have seen an upswing in attendance and volunteers. They are in talks with a UNCC work shop once a month to help 16-17-year-old population

It was explained that there are two parts of restitution. The first: youth are ordered to pay back their debt. The Second: They are ordered to Community Service. Teen Court receives referrals from DJJ only. It was stated that 24 youth have been served so far this year. These numbers appear to be picking up. One of the biggest challenges Restitution faces is finding willing Community Service cites. The average time served by youth varies based on their individual support systems. The average time is 30-60 days working around school schedules.

**Chair Report-DJJ**

Ms. Cooper addressed the Department of Juvenile Justice’s take on the communities current Risk/Needs and what they feel are the top categories that will need aid in the coming years. These categories, in order of risk are: Truancy, Substance Abuse, Mental Health, Supervision Skills, Family Criminality

Truancy is one of the hardest areas to tackle as they have little recourse. Truancy court is currently suspended per Durham Counties District Attorney.

It was explained that Supervision skills fall both on the Gaudian and the youths living situations. And addresses such as “What was the child’s consequence based on their actions.” And “Is the juvenile being actively supervised.”

The consensus being that Truancy is the largest problem and the following risks are in part die to a “trickledown effect”

**Risk Needs Analysis**

Mr. Crews shared that at time of intake there is a **Risk Assessment** and a **Needs Assessment** that must be completed. This data is collected annually, and this is the info that feeds our Request for Proposals (RFP). Mr. Crews referred those in attendance to the handout he brought as well as the handout Mr. Stuit provided and proceeded to review the Summary report of the Durham County risk and Needs.

The 3-year analysis shows that Juvenile Court is getting the highest risk level while, Durham County is successfully diverting the majority of their youth clients.

Meeting adjourned at 6:38pm