

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF DURHAM COUNTY
JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL**

*Held at the Criminal Justice Resource Center on
Wednesday, 25th July 2012 at 4:00pm*

Members Present

Brenda Howerton
Drew Cummings
Umar Muhammad
Jennifer Rogers
Patricia Evans
Karen K. Thompson
Olivia Marks
Arnold Dennis
Julie Linehan
Calvin Vaughan
Fungai Bennett
Gayle Harris
Michelle H. Smith
Herman Scott
Anna Lee Mosley

Excused Members

David Addison
Georgette O'Mary

Absent

Johnnie Foster
Christina Mattioli
Lauren Wright

Others Present

James R. Allen, *Fidelity Community Support*
Andre Purvis, *Fidelity Community Support*
Cindy Porterfield, *DJJ*
Jim Stuit, *CJRC*
Celia Jefferson, *CJRC*

Welcome, Announcements and Community Concerns

Jennifer Rogers, co-chair, called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm, welcomed everyone and asked them to share community concerns and announcements.

Announcements

Arnold Dennis informed the council that the Governor's Crime Commission has contracted with Winston Salem State University to do an assessment on Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) across the state of NC. They are doing focus groups in four regions. Durham was asked to participate. Many of the members on the DMC subcommittee will be a part of that focus group. He extended an invitation to the JCPC to come out and be a part of the focus group and talk with them about over representation of minorities in NC.

After the data is gathered, a report will be completed and presented to the Governor's Crime Commission stating what the status of DMC is across the state of NC. A report will be sent to each region. Arnold informed the council that DMC is an ad hoc committee that originated from JCPC and meets the 3rd Friday of each month from 1pm to 3pm at CJRC. Calvin Vaughan asked the council to come out and learn what the ad hoc committee is doing. A DMC Conference will be held on October 19th at 9am until 4:00pm at the Staff Development Center located on Hillandale Rd.

Drew Cummings informed the council that he and Calvin Vaughan met with Kedrick Lowery, Director of Project BUILD and discussed interest in longer term recidivism data from the

programs that are funded by JCPC. He stated that data is gathered as part of the grant funding application about what court involvement levels are for kids while they are in these programs. Drew is trying to figure out with the least effort how we can help our agencies that we fund get access and crunch medium and longer term recidivism data so that they will know a year or two after kids graduate from a program, and on an average, if they are staying out of the court system more than kids who did not have any intervention at all. He hopes that in the next couple of years we can get feedback at funding time so that JCPC will be able to direct more of the funds to programs that can demonstrate longer term impact. Drew stated that he hopes others on the council will join him in this effort. Jennifer stated that we will be interested in hearing more about the direction this effort will take.

Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Jennifer asked the council to review the minutes. **Motion:** Jennifer moved that the minutes of the meeting held on May 23rd, 2012 be adopted as presented. **Action:** Seconded and Approved.

Wytha Balance Yoga

Ingrid Saddler Walker presented on Wytha BalanceYoga, a Counseling Service/Creative Summer Camp. WBYoga has taught students in Durham Parks and Recreational Centers, the PROUD Program, Durham Public Schools, the Durham Center at the Children's Mental Health Awareness Day, Youth Extensions Day Treatment Program, Top Priority Mental Health, and Diverse Family Services Mental Health.

Her position today is to see how she can connect with JCPC in helping juveniles learn the importance of yoga. The focus for JCPC would be to teach Street Yoga. Street Yoga is a tool juveniles can use anytime and anywhere. Street Yoga can be used on or off a mat; you do not have to be in a class room to use street yoga. The mission of WBYoga is to provide yoga therapy to children, teenagers and young adults in learning how their body, mind and spirit can benefit from yoga and how breathing and practicing mindfulness helps to control their emotions. More detailed information regarding when the program was started and what the program is designed to do can be found in the handout that was distributed at the meeting.

Durham County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Member Orientation

Cindy Porterfield, from the Division of Juvenile Justice presented a general overview of JCPC. Cindy reported the following:

- Juvenile Justice Reform Act of 1998 established for the first time in the State of NC an exclusive child/family serving cabinet – level represented Department.
- Merged the division of youth services of DHHS and the Juvenile Services Division, AOC.
- Revised juvenile code to place greater emphasis on community protection and graduated sanctions.
- Established Juvenile Crime Prevention councils in each county for comprehensive planning of service to children.

In 2012, the Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention merged with the Department of Corrections and the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety to become

the Department of Public Safety. **We are now the Division of Juvenile Justice, Community Programs Section.**

The Legislative Intent for JCPC:

- To develop community based alternatives to youth development centers.
- To provide community-based delinquency and substance abuse strategies and programs.
- To provide non-institutional dispositional alternatives that will protect the community and juveniles
- Planning by local representative.

Other detailed information such as JCPC Membership, Powers and Duties, Framework for JCPC Planning, NC Comprehensive Strategy, JCPC Certification, Funding for Programs, The Annual Planning Process, The Multi-Year JCPC Planning Process, Risk and Needs Data, The Resource Assessment, Determine Priority Needs for County Funding, Other Potential Funding Streams, and JCPC on-going duties can be found from the handout distributed at the meeting.

PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act)

Cindy presented a brief review of PREA. The **Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003** is the first United States federal law passed dealing with the sexual assault of prisoners. The bill was signed into law on September 4, 2003. PREA is designed to protect incarcerated individuals from sexual abuse in correctional and detention facilities. The proposed juvenile justice standards require the training of agency staff, volunteers and contractors to provide knowledge and skills to prevent sexual abuse and to take appropriate action when sexual abuse is discovered. In addition, resident education in an age appropriate fashion will be required by the proposed standards to ensure resident awareness of reporting mechanisms and enhance their ability to protect themselves against sexual abuse. To learn more and to track the progress of this project, visit the Division's web www.ncdjdp.org.

Division of Juvenile Justice New Name

Arnold raised a question concerning why the Division of Juvenile Justice left off the wording "and Delinquency Prevention" on the division's new name. It was asked if this meant we can no longer provide prevention services for juveniles. Cindy stated that this was a legislative move and that they rallied hard to keep the wording and delinquency prevention in the new name. Arnold stated that if the Durham community knew about this change, they would have joined in to advocate. Cindy stated that nothing has been laid out from the legislature that suggests we cannot provide prevention service for our juveniles. Note, your priority is to provide disposition option programs. Our mission is still the same, to promote public safety and juvenile delinquency prevention, intervention, and treatment through the operation of a seamless, comprehensive juvenile justice system.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned.