



JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL

November 19, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Cpl. Tisha, Faye Paige, DeWarren L. Langley, Drew Cummings, Allan Lang, Anita Daniels, Gayle Harris, Tasha Jones, Herman Scotts, Stephanie Williams, Fungai M. Bennett, Umar Muhammad, Ronald Thomas, Sr.

Members Excused Absent: Michael Becketts, Michelle Smith, Angela Nunn, Brenda Howerton, Arnold Dennis, Judge Patricia D. Evans, Jeffrey Forde, Jennifer Rogers,

Members Absent: Nicole Jimerson

Staff Present: Jim Stuit, Gudrun Parmer, Celia Jefferson

Welcome

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

DJJ Update

Cindy Porterfield was congratulated on her new position at the Department of Public Safety as the Director of Community Services. She will be overseeing all the consultant work through the counties of NC for JCPC funded programs, all the level II monies, and contractual services. She noted that Durham County submitted four proposals for the NC Department of Public Safety of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice Division FY 2014-2015 Alternatives to Commitment Programs Request for Proposals. She commented that the department will meet on Monday to make decisions on who will be grant awards. The programs that applied from Durham: PROUD, Parenting of Adolescent, and Project Build. They also, are prompting to produce a 2% budget reduction by each section, facilities, court services, and community programs to absorb the entire 2 million dollar cut for the division, or either the 2% the way of the funds per section. The purpose is to safe guard the entire Adult Corrections in juvenile justice division.

Approval of Minutes

DeWarren asked everyone to review the minutes for any additions or modifications. **Motion:** Umar motion that the minutes be accepted as presented. **Action:** Seconded and approve.

RFP Discussion of New Services or / Extension of Current services

DeWarren noted that the Rites of Passage withdrew their FY 2014-2015 funding recommendation and that freed up \$8,400. After a long discussion at the September meeting, it was decided to send out a RFP to our current funded program providers. The funds in the amount of \$8,400 has to be re-allocated by December 31st. Cindy shared two options on how to re-allocate the funds. 1). the funds can be offered to existing programs to enhance their program or 2). Advertise just as we have always done it with 30 days before closures. We received proposals from the PROUD program, Parenting of Adolescents, and Rebound, Alternatives for

Youth program. (A copy of the proposals were distributed at the meeting). After a discussion of who could use the allocation of funds more effectively, a motion was made. **Motion:** Drew motion that the funds in the amount of \$8,400 would be allocated to the Rebound, Alternative for Youth program. **Action:** Seconded and Approved.

A Presentation from JCPC Program Providers

The Juvenile Justice Project – Grace Marsh, Director of the program and is from the Elna B. Spalding Conflict Resolution Center. She reported that JCPC is funding the Restorative Model under the Juvenile Justice Project. They do victim offender mediation with juveniles who are referred to them from the court counselor's office. They are also doing some mediation at the Rebound, Alternative for Youth program. The students that get suspended for fighting, Grace Program mediates between those students. Victim Offender Mediation is an opportunity for victims to have their say; why this happen, how to restore the relationships, or how to bring closure to it. They also do offender debriefing which allows the offender to talk about why they did what they did, how they did it, what were they thinking before they did it and what they would do differently the next time. Grace noted that they tracked their 2012-2013 kids to see if any of the kids had reoffended. They had 31 kids from July 3, 2012 – June 30, 2013. Of the 31 kids, only 5 had new charges. Their quarterly report for this FY show June, July & August as having only 8 kids. As of now, they have much more kids than they estimated to serve. There are many kids that need their services. They run a school base Truancy program. They are in all the Durham Public Schools. She noted that they have volunteer judges, and if anyone is interested in participating as a judge, they are welcomed. They use a conferencing model to address attendance. They also create an action plan to make sure they get the resource needed. They also do people & criminal district court when a warrant is taken out by a civilian, and they do parenting plans for parents who have a child together or married. Visitations are a big issue.

The PROUD Program – Quillie Coath, Director of the program reported that the program has been in business going on 19 years. Their mission is to foster responsible behavior among Durham's young people, to deter court-referred youth from becoming repeat offenders, and to decrease the dropout rate of students in Durham schools. Quillie distributed an information sheet with a brief overview of the PROUD program. He noted that in June of the last FY, they had 20 kids who started the program and they rolled them over in the new FY to make sure that they get the services they needed. PROUD has estimated to serve around 50 JCPC kids in the new FY and the 20 kids mentioned earlier are not included in the new FY count. The second quarterly report will show the close out of the kids that started in June. The PROUD program is now located at 118 ½ Main St. The bus stop is in the front of the building. The bonus part of the new space is that there is a full working music studio. Their goal is to get it operating and use it to keep the young men active. Umar stated that with the kind of referrals the PROUD program get, if they had any suggestions about ways JCPC can help lower suspension and getting to the core of the issue. Jim Polk, Education Consultant commented that if you want to make a difference in the lives of young people, you will have to change the nature of public education. They go to school without the skills to navigate that environment that is systemic. They come to school where teachers are not adequately trained to intervene on multicultural kinds of things, meaning the life style they live in their community. Drew shared that through a JCPC email, the Board of Education shared a presentation from a Duke Professor who was looking at the suspension data.

He had noted that there are some very easy things Durham Public School can do that would reduce about 80% of out of school suspension. The school Board is looking very careful at some of the recommendations.

Juvenile data for Durham County

Tasha Jones shared with the Council juvenile data that she and Cindy presented at the Durham Crime Cabinet meeting. Tasha distributed a copy of the Complaint Statistics report effective from January 1, 2014 – June 30, 2014. The report shows how many complaint they have received for youth under the age of 15. She also distributed a Durham County Juvenile Statistics Report that provides juvenile data elements in summary form for Durham compared to the State over the past three fiscal years.

Meeting adjourned.