

DURHAM COUNTY JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL

March 28, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Note Taker: Celia Jefferson

Members Present

Anna Lee Mosley
Jennifer Rogers
Drew Cummings
Nancy Kent
Georgette O'Mary
Rhonda B. Parker
Johnnie Foster
Herman Scott
Patricia Evans
Gayle Harris
Karen K. Thompson
Arnold Dennis
Fungai Bennett

Excused Members

Christina Mattioli
Michelle Smith
David Anderson
Calvin Vaughan
Gail Perry

Others Present

Gudrun Parmer, CJRC
Jim Stuit, CJRC
Angela Nunn, Detention Home
Peter Mazzei
Cindy Porterfield, DJJDP

Absent

Olivia Marks
Sandra Davis
Julie Linehan

Welcome, Announcements and Community Concerns

Anna Mosley, JCPC Secretary, called the meeting to order at 4:05pm, welcomed everyone and asked them to share community concerns and announcements.

Arnold Dennis informed the council about Juvenile Justice Institute presenting the following subjects: Erica Synder to discuss Human/Child Trafficking on March 28 at 6:00pm and Dr. Margaret A Zahn & Jacob Day will discuss Gender Specific Programming & Crime on April 2 at 2:00pm at the Whiting Criminal Justice Building room 201.

Conflict of Interest Form

Anna requested all members to complete a conflict of interest form. The purpose of disclosure of financial and personal interests (business, professional, or political) of JCPC members is to avoid conflicts of interest, potential conflicts of interest and the appearance of conflicts of interest between the member's private interest and his/her public duties.

Minutes

Motion: Anna motioned that minutes from December 21 be accepted as presented. **Action:** Seconded and Approved.

JCPC Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Calendar

David Addison presented FY 2012-2013 calendar at the Executive Committee. He asked that it be used as a guideline to stay on track for all of JCPC duties. If anyone has any questions or recognize any duties that were left off, please send an email with information to Celia.

DMC Funding

Arnold informed the council that DMC do not have any ongoing funding. He has received a donation from JCPC and the Department of Social Service for help in printing the Juvenile and Family Resource Manual. Jane Volland chair of DMC Awareness subcommittee is planning a community fair and will need a budget of \$3,000 - \$5,000 in September after Labor Day. Arnold stated that he and Jim Ullman, DMC facilitator is searching for grants funding for the committee.

Monitoring Presentation

Parenting of Adolescent (POA)

Nancy Kent presented that POA is on track with the total number agreed to serve per current program agreement. Some of the program **strengths** are: they use an evidenced based in-home family therapy model, services are available in English and Spanish, Home-based services, therefore no client transportation barriers, flexible meeting times and days; after work and after school so as not to interfere with family's responsibilities. **Program Weaknesses:** They are not able to serve clients immediately upon referral due to their wait list for services, Their current evidence based family therapy model (Functional Family Therapy) has high maintenance and training costs and does not allow agencies the opportunity to eventually become trainers in the model, in order for the agency to become self-sufficient. It was suggested to fund program without conditions.

Adolescent of Parenting (DSS)

Jennifer Rogers presented that the program reports was organized and the clients are very respectful of Desiree, program manager because she does so much for the young girls. Total number agreed to serve is in line with the program agreement. Some of the program's **strength:** ease of access, juvenile/family satisfaction, level of satisfaction. **Weaknesses:** The assigned court counselor has been out on leave and no one notified program manager of change nor assigned another court counselor. It was suggested to fund program without conditions.

Evidenced Based Trauma Assessment & Treatment

Gayle Harris presented that the program reports were in order and the number of youth agreed to serve is on track with the program agreement. Expenditures and revenues are consistent with the program agreement. **Program Strengths:** Great preventative measures, referrals from other sources (SRO, DPS, DSS, etc), providing lots of channels to intervene before becoming court involved. Court counselor reported: The unique EBP for mental health services help the family to address the needs of the juvenile, contact with the juvenile court counselor when family is accepted and regular contact, The early intervention with schools, law enforcement is a great asset. They also screen and will refer out if the family/juvenile needs cannot be addressed. Most court counselors have to refer juveniles to have a JJSAMPH. **Weaknesses:** Need to assure referrals source receives info on assessment outcome. Court counselor reported two referrals to agency and no feedback. It was suggested to fund program without conditions.

The P.R.O.U.D. Program

Herman Scott presented that the PROUD Program reports were in order and the number of youth served and expenditures were in line with the program agreement. The program is now using ARISE life skills lessons & staff training. PROUD has a good record of developing responsible

behavior of referred youth and deterring court referred youth from becoming repeat offenders? PROUD has worked regularly with court counselors, parents and Durham County Schools to help young people court involved youth and youth at risk from becoming court involved. This agency has regular interaction with court counselors, monthly meetings with parents and regular follow-up with school officials. **Program Strengths:** PROUD staff goes way beyond the call of duty to help youth often sacrificing their own time. **Program Weaknesses:** Additional funding would allow PROUD to service additional youth that now have to be turned away. It was suggested to fund program without conditions.

Teen Court & Restitution

This program is doing well, excellent documentation. Total youth agreed to serve and expenditures are in line with the current program agreement. **Program Strengths:** The Restitution Program provides community service options for court adjudicated youth. The payback program allows youth to perform community service and earn up to \$200 toward their monetary obligation to the victim. **Program Weaknesses:** Some of their issues are related to the new NC Allies system. This system does not generate any of the reports needed (statistics & demographic). The program could always use more funding. It was suggested to fund program without conditions.

Psychological Assessments

Arnold Dennis & Johnnie Foster presented that the numbers served year to date is on track with program agreement projections and spending is on track. The overall report by court counselors is that service is good to excellent. They would like to have more of the psychologist's time. His time is 85%. **Program Strengths:** Accessibility and flexibility; provides more direction in referrals for juvenile treatment. **Program Weaknesses:** There is no backup for Dr. Vandevusse, especially when the referrals are heavy. They also have fewer community options since there have been many community resources reduced due to budget cuts. It was suggested to fund program without conditions.

Project BUILD

David Addison, Drew Cummings, and Tiketha Collins visited this program. It was reported that this program does an outstanding job with documenting every step of the clients in their program. Total number agreed to serve and expenditures are in line with the program agreement. **Program Strengths:** Client follow up and contact. **Program Weaknesses:** The program is in need of more space to accommodate meetings and counseling sessions. As always, more funding is greatly needed to serve more youth.

Rites of Passage

Anna Lee Mosley reported on the following: **Program Strengths:** Rites of Passage provide African American juveniles with access to a positive program that is lead by positive male mentors. Families appreciate the staff's concern and support. **Program Weaknesses:** The overwhelming consensus among court counselors that have been able to successfully refer juveniles is difficulty getting updates and feedback on the juveniles in the program. Better communication is need regarding youth that are referred. One court counselor noted they referred three youth and none of them started the program. Anna suggested that the Program Director must work on pro-active communication with court counselors and provide them with

updates on the juveniles under their supervision. A greater effort needs to be made to accommodate JCPC youth referred to the program.

Application Packets

Application packets from people who applied for FY 2012-2013 funding were distributed at the meeting. The council was asked to review each application for upcoming presentations on March 16th and 20th.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.