

# DURHAM COUNTY JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL

**May 23, 2012 Meeting Minutes**

**Note Taker: Celia Jefferson**

## **Members Present**

Herman Scott  
Jennifer Rogers  
Lauren Wright  
Georgette O'Mary  
Anna Lee Mosley  
David W. Addison  
Karen K. Thompson  
Arnold Dennis  
Fungai M. Bennett  
Rhonda B. Parker  
Drew Cummings  
Gail Perry  
Nancy Kent

## **Excused Members**

Julie Linelan  
Calvin Vaughan  
Gayle Harris

## **Others Present**

Gudrun Parmer, CJRC  
Jim Stuit, CJRC  
Tonya Griffis, DJJ  
Tricia Smar, Chapel Hill YMCA

## **Absent**

Brenda Howerton  
Sandra Davis  
Patricia Evans  
Michelle Smith  
Olivia Marks  
Christina Mattioli  
DeWarren K. Langley

## **Welcome, Announcements and Community Concerns**

David Addison, chair, called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm, welcomed everyone and asked them to share community concerns and announcements.

## **Gang Training Workshop**

At the JCPC Executive Committee meeting on May 16, David suggested JCPC sponsor a Gang Training Workshop and to use funds from the JCPC Administrative Budget before July 1<sup>st</sup>. The training will be extended to JCPC program providers, law enforcement, and anyone else who would like to attend. The suggested speaker is Dr. Mengi Parker, who at one time was a police officer, and has furthered his knowledge on this subject through education, and is very well versed in gang intelligence. David stated that the plans are to rent a space for a whole day and hold two sessions. Dr. Parker will have handouts of useful materials to give to everyone who attends. Calvin Vaughan suggested that we ask Nancy Kent to facilitate a Child & Family Teams training for court counselors.

Nancy Kent informed the council that this training is now been offered in the community. Ann Oshel would be someone who could schedule a specific training for the court counselors. Other training area needs are sexually aggressive and sexually reactors offender behavior. Nancy suggested Keith Hirsch, a local psychologist, who does treatment and training about safety for the Durham Center to lead the training.

Nancy stated that today is her last day to serve on the JCPC and that Alliance Behavioral Healthcare is the new multi-county area authority merging the Durham Center and Wake LME. Alliance will officially begin operations July 1. Ann Oshel will be the site director in Durham.

## **Minutes**

David asked the council to review the minutes. **Motion:** David motioned that the minutes be accepted as presented. **Action:** Seconded and Approved.

## **Nominating JCPC Officers**

Herman Scott presented a review of the Bylaws from **ARTICLE III: OFFICERS: Section 1, Officers:** The officers of the Durham JCPC shall include a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, and Parliamentarian. Additional vice-chairs and such other assistant officers as needed may be authorized by the Council. **Section 2. Election of Officers:** Officers shall be elected annually by a majority vote at a regular or special meeting in the spring, prior to the end of the fiscal year; and will assume office on the following July 1. The nominating committee shall present a proposed slate of officers to the JCPC, with additional nominations accepted from the floor. Voting will be accomplished by written ballot. **Section 3. Terms:** Officers shall be elected for one year terms and may succeed themselves.

The nominating committee proposed a slate of officers recommendations below whom all agreed to be officers on the JCPC. It was suggested by the committee that positions for assistant officers below should be elected as a backup. Drew Cummings volunteered to be the assistant treasurer. Other positions will be recommended from the floor. The reason for assistant positions is a method of spreading knowledge so that more than one person knows the function of the position, allows for smooth transition as officers rotate off the board, a possibility to use as succession planning, and allow persons to fill in for officers who are on the JCPC Executive Board when needed.

**Motion:** Karen motioned that we accept the recommendation from the nominating committee as presented: **Action:** Seconded and Approved.

### **Primary Officers:**

Chair – David Addison  
Vice Chair – Jennifer Rogers  
Secretary – Anna Lee Mosley  
Treasurer – Karen K. Thompson  
Palarmilitarian – Herman Scott

### **Assistant Officers:**

Secretary – Rhonda Parker  
Treasurer – Drew Cummings  
Palarmilitarian – Arnold Dennis

Herman opened the floor for recommendations. There were no recommendations from the floor. Gudrun Parmer and Celia Jefferson tallied all ballots. The outcome of the votes were unanimous.

## **Duties of Officers**

*Chair* – Provide guidance for the Board meeting agenda and preparation, make sure the Board completes its duties and responsibilities according to the Bylaws, and is responsible for the operation of the Council on behalf of Board members.

*Vice Chair* – Serves as backup person when the chair is not available.

*Secretary*- Serves as a backup person to the JCPC coordinator and to make sure that information in the minutes are recorded accurately and are edited.

*Treasurer* – The treasurer’s main responsibility is to oversee the RFP process and to be available for technical assistance for the programs and the County if there are changes in the state. It will take a lot of time and historical knowledge.

Parliamentarian – The person in this position is to learn the Bylaws of the JCPC. The rules for parliamentary procedure shall be those of the latest edition of “Robert’s Rules of Order.”

Arnold suggested that a workshop regarding officer positions be held. Karen, Arnold, and Rhonda will prepare a draft before the next meeting in July. Orientation for new members have been scheduled in July.

### **Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Presentation**

Tricia Smar, Prevention Specialist from the YMCA in Chapel Hill, stated that 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys are sexually abused before their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. In 90% of these cases, the abuser is someone the child, and likely their family knows and trusts. Children are victims in nearly 70% of all sexual assault cases reported in the US. One in 5 children is sexually assaulted while on the Internet. Survivors of child sexual abuse have a higher likelihood of psychological disorders, excessive drug and alcohol use, eating disorders, suicidal tendencies, and violence.

Darkness to Light, is a national organization based in Charleston SC. Their mission is to empower people to prevent child sexual abuse, especially adults who have the power to create policy, to advocate & protect children. Darkness to Light brings the Stewards of Children child sexual abuse prevention training to Orange and Chatham counties. Stewards of Children are the only evidence-based training available nationally that is proven to increase knowledge and change child protective behavior.

The YMCA is working with schools, day cares, community organizations, faith groups, and more to train community members to keep our children safe. The goal is to train 7300 people in our community by the year 2016. When adults actively seek to make a difference, a cultural change can occur. Tricia stated that they are working to shift from a norm where child sexual abuse is kept hidden in fear and denial and children are easy targets, to a community where every child is protected through a community of trained and aware adults.

Except for murder, child sexual abuse is the most expensive victim crime in the US. In NC \$82 million dollars is spent each year on the direct and immediate cost, in Durham \$2.3 million dollars is spent. Tricia asked everyone to think about the amount of money that is being spent that could have been saved through prevention. Sexual abuse is the root cause of a lot of other problems. Teen pregnancy is not always by choice or the involvement of a willing partner. Young girls who are sexually abused are 3 times most likely to develop psychiatric disorder, substance abuse problems into adulthood, increase crime as a victim and decrease their input into society. Male survivors are 70% more likely to seek psychological treatment.

All over the country these sexual abuse prevention initiatives are forming. Darkness to Light is helping organizations in the communities across the country to implement initiatives about child sexual abuse prevention focusing on those who serve youth and every adult in the community that have some interaction with children and youth. They are trying to create a cultural shift. They feel once they get 5% of the adult population in the community trained, child sexual abuse prevention should become 2<sup>nd</sup> nature the same way as seatbelt usage has become after its first implementation. Nancy informed the Council that the P.R.O.U.D. program staff has gone through the training. There is no cost, and babysitting is available. Training is also available in Spanish.

A question was raised about what type of policy the state has in place for guidance on such an important issue. It was suggested that further discussion with Cindy Porterfield, our area consultant should take place at our next executive committee meeting in June.

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With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.