



JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL

March 27, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Note Taker: Celia Jefferson

Members Present

Georgette O'Mary
George Roberson
Jennifer Rogers
Umar Muhammad
Angela Nunn
Lauren Wright
DeWarren K. Langley
David Addison
Herman Scott
Anna Lee Mosley
Karen K. Thompson
Fungai M. Bennett
Arnold Dennis
Stephanie Williams
Drew Cummings
Michael Becketts

Excused Absence

Tonya Griffis

Absent

Olivia Marks
Michelle H. Smith
Brenda Howerton
Stephen Watson
Johnnie Foster
Patricia Evans
Gayle B. Harris

Welcome

David Addison, chair opened the meeting with a welcome and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Approval of March Minutes

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

Official Monitoring Visits to Programs – JCPC Members

The P.R.O.U.D. Program- Jennifer Rogers, Stephen Watson, and Umar Muhamad monitored the P.R.O.U.D. Program. Jennifer stated that everything is going well. The program is very organized. Out of 44 referrals, 27 were juvenile court referred; 20 were from their regular program and 7 from the P.R.O.U.D. II program, coming back from YDC. They have implemented new ways to track client tracking. They are doing phone calls with parenting in 3, 6, 9, and 12 month intervals keeping track. They communicate weekly with the court counselors for updates. Quillie Coath, program executive director would like to see less copying of applications during JCPC funding process. Quillie stated that Durham County does not pay into their match and that is something he will be looking into. He would like to see the client tracking system allow for more break down options so that they can look through data. In February, the P.R.O.U.D. program will start educational testing with an educational consultant, Jim Polk to administer and interpret the tests, help parents, teachers, and implement strategies of their findings. Quillie is also concerned about the possibility of funding for the nonprofit programs will soon be done like the Governor's Crime Commission does their funding, through reimbursements. He also stated that JCPC needs to link

violence, etc., rates when providing assessment evidence. This program is recommended for consideration for continued funding.

Young Warrior - Brenda Howerton and David Addison monitored the Young Warriors Athlete Scholarship program. Nathan's new program site is located at 2615 Harvard Ave. in East Durham. Thanks to a new partnership he formed with Durham Parks and Rec. This is a long-term ongoing lease for an annual rental rate of \$0.00. The program promotes interpersonal skill-building for at-risk and court-referred youth through disciplined karate instruction and training. David stated that his numbers look good. Nathan is planning to hire a cognitive behavior specialist. David let him know that JCPC will not be able to fund his new ideas.

Juvenile Justice Project – Herman Scott monitored the Juvenile Justice Project. He reported that the program is on target with referrals. They are doing a good job even though their funding was cut. He did not really see any problems. Cindy Porterfield, our area consultant, saw a concern with the reporting of the data. Concerned that she is not closing out people that have been terminated. The program has a good relationship with the court counselors and routine attendance at their meetings. The report from the court counselors was very good.

Durham Housing Authority FAME - Celia and Angela monitored the FAME program. Their numbers were not in agreement with their program agreement. According to Ashley, program manager, they were only getting an average of 1 referral a month. However, since meeting with the staff of DJJ the referrals have been coming in. They served 14 clients, all new admissions. They had group discussions on how to make their program better and to find ways to improve their service. Two court counselors' reports rated them excellent and poor. This year they will open their program to the following communities: Cornwallis, Oxford Manor, and McDougald Terrace.

JCPC Public Awareness/Publicity

JCPC Public Awareness/Publicity committee is planning to make the community aware of JCPC through advertising, Durham County & City media programs, radio, herald sun. etc.

Anna Lee Mosley, chair of the committee stated that at the executive meeting we brainstormed that it is part of the risk assessment to work with parents, not only adjudicated youth. The plan is to hold a two hour parent oriented seminar to address what parents can do to help their children. The first seminar will be held at the Holton Career Center most likely to be on a week night from 6pm – 8pm. The second seminar will be held at Lyon Park facility on a Saturday morning TBD. The same information will be covered at both sessions. We will request JCPC program providers to attend to share resources parents can use.

We will also have promotional items to distribute at the seminars and at National Night Out, which is held the first Tuesday in August of each year. The promotional items will be frisbees, rubber bracelets, water bottles, a JCPC banner, t-shirts, bill boards, church fans. Refreshments will be served and our web page on the Durham County web site will be updated. It was suggested that Target would be a good place to go to shop for give away items.

We will look for more venues to advertise JCPC. Umar suggested low cost ways to advertise would be at sport events which will need more involvement from the board. Have someone to upload JCPC success stories on the website, and have an app for parents to use showing what resources are available for their children. Arnold will make sure that the small resource manuals will be available for parents. To make the resource manuals easily accessible to parents, it was suggested that the resource manuals should be kept at school counselor offices,

police departments, churches, court, social services, and mental health. If parents need a copy, it would be printed for them at the locations mentioned. Arnold asked if anyone has any additional programs that are not in the resource manual to please send to Celia so that it will be added. Gudrun informed the council that through the Board of County Commissions circular awards, a program could be nominated to be recognized.

NC Governor's Proposed Budget

Gudrun shared with the council that she read in the governor's proposed budget in the Public Safety section, that admin. money is being redirected to JCPC and contract services budget in the amount of \$700,000 +. We look forward to see the outcome.

JCPC Funding

David suggested that we should start making our providers aware of the possibility that our funding will go from allocations every month to reimbursements. He stated that if programs do not have enough operating funding, this will have a big negative impact on the program. David asked the council to pick up a funding packet of all applicants that have applied for JCPC funding. The applicants' presentations will be held on Wednesday, April 10 and Monday April 15 from 3:00pm – 5:30pm. David asked council members to review applications and to be prepared to make well-informed decisions at the presentations.

DMC Update

Arnold, David, Georgette, Angela, Celia, Meredith and one person from Durham Public Schools traveled to Greenville to learn about Project Equal. This project was initiated by the police department, and the school got involved. To deal with DMC they looked at the school suspension rate and how to lower it. When they brought the suspension down, there were fewer referrals to the court. There were some significant changes in terms of the number of days that were diverted for students being out of school and a number of them stayed in school. They had students do tasks in terms of working at the school, stuffing envelopes, and cleaning up; they would assign these tasks for a period of time instead of being suspended. This seemed to be successful. Arnold asked if we can think of any other ways we can be working with the school system.

Arnold will be traveling to Atlanta, Georgia with someone from the Department of Social Services and the court to the National Forum for Black Public Administrators. People come from all over the country, and the question to be discussed is what is DMC and do they have certain things going on in the city and how can agencies work together with DMC as a community problem. Georgette stated that one of the first things Pitt County recognized is the need to change over to uniforms for K-12. That made a huge difference in the number of suspensions. Arnold stated that once we have a clear picture of what that huge difference is, then we can begin to use what is making the difference. After the information session with the applicants in the county, nonprofit agencies had managed to get recidivism data for the kids in teen court. There is a public computer outside the clerk of court's office that can be used to check if youth are in their program or graduated or received any more charges. This may not be common knowledge for all non profits for youth 16 and above.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm.