



## JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL

February 27, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Note Taker: Celia Jefferson

### Members Present

George Roberson  
Arnold Dennis  
Jennifer Rogers  
Drew Cummings  
Gayle B. Harris  
David W. Addison  
Anna Lee Mosley  
Herman Scott  
Olivia Marks  
Stephanie L. Williams (sitting in for Ann Oshel)  
Michelle H. Smith  
Angela Nunn  
Brenda Howerton  
Lauren Wright  
Fungai M. Bennett  
Karen K. Thompson

### Excused Absence

Georgette O'Mary  
DeWarren Langley  
Tonya Griffis  
Michael Becketts  
Stephen Watson

### Absent

Johnnie Foster  
Umar Muhammad  
Patricia Evans

### Others Present

Meredith Weinstein, NCCU JJI  
Cindy C. Porterfield, JJI

### Staff

Jim Stuit  
Gudrun Parmer

### Welcome

David Addison, chair called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm.

### DJJ Updates

Cindy Porterfield reported that the Department of Public Safety has another appointment, Lori Dollars, chief deputy secretary of administration. Linda Hayes position, Secretary of Juvenile Justice has been eliminated. Her position will not be replaced, nor will Mike Reader, court services or Teresa Price, community programs. Cindy stated she will be doing some training on Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol (SPEP). Buddy Howell, Senior Research Associate with the National Gang Center in Tallahassee, Florida, and Mark Lipsey, Research Professor has been asked to come and do a second roll map of the SPEP template and engagement. Mark Lipsey is very well known in the juvenile justice world in regards to the meta-analysis study. He actually folded our programs with their characteristics to evaluate how well our programs matched against those characteristics that he had found especially in recidivism. In our state we came up with 10 templates for programs funding services that lay across the kind of programming we fund in our state. We have been teaching from that template based on what you deliver in your program type and what other services that you provided as supplemental service and how to blend that kind of services frequency duration, target population to get the most effect from these programs. We will build on what we know.

Cindy stated that this funding cycle will have electronic signature, (DocuSign). She will talk about it at the training next week. Below is the way this process will work:

1. JCPC awards JCPC funds to program providers with/without conditions for funding. The local JCPC notifies the program provider of the award and conditions for funding. This may require **Edits** to the program application.
2. Division of Juvenile Justice returns all JCPC program applications electronically in NC Allies to the program provider in order to perform the necessary edits to components, summaries, narratives, and/or budgets.
3. Notify the consultant that your corrections have been made and the corrected application is ready for the consultant to review.
4. RESUBMIT THE PROGRAM APPLICATION IN NC ALLIES.
5. The consultant reviews for correction and the electronic signature process begins with a correct application. The consultant enters the JCPC application approval date and completes the area consultant review requirements. The document is then sent to four recipients in routing order for DocuSign:
  - Program Manager
  - JCPC Chairperson
  - County Finance Officer or County Manager (In Durham, the County Manager will sign).
  - DPS Authorizing Official

### **Minutes**

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

### **Presentation**

Jim Stuit presented on Teenage Gun Arrest 2010–2012. His resource information came from the Durham Police Department website. The study focused on gun arrests in Durham (ages 16-19). For complete details on Jim's presentation, (see attachment).

### **Monitoring Presentations**

#### **The Evidence-Based Trauma Assessment & Treatment Program**

Arnold Dennis and Ann Oshel monitored the Evidence-Based Trauma Assessment & Treatment program. Arnold stated that this is a good program. They are finding that probably about 70% of the children who come to their program and have come into the juvenile justice system have had some trauma done to them. Their goal is getting to them and having the approach to deal with that trauma so that they will not go on in the future to act out. Arnold met the therapist who is involved in the program. The problem is they are not getting referrals. The court counselors are not familiar with the program. Arnold suggested that Kelly call the court counselor and he will also talk to the interim chief, Tonya Griffis. She suggested that Kelly come to their planning meeting and some of the staff meetings to talk about the program. Arnold stated that this program should be utilized fully. Arnold feels that we should make sure that contact is

going on and DJJ is more familiar with what they are doing. Gudrun asked if Angela could access that service since the kids are already in her facility instead of waiting for DJJ. Gudrun asked Angela to talk with Samatha who works as a clinical substance abuse counselor at the detention home about reaching out to them. Program staff rides along with the police officers in terms of where some tragedy has accrued. The program did not have any referrals from the courts in the first six months. Their goal was to serve six kids. Kelly indicated that she has two referrals that will be in this six month period.

### **Court Psychologist**

Anna Lee Mosley, Georgette O'Mary, and Celia Jefferson monitored the Juvenile Psychological Evaluations Service. Dr. Vandevusse client tracking report showed that he had 25 court referrals. The court counselors are very satisfied with his work. Having Vandevusse on site to do assessments is very convenient. He is a concerned and efficient professional that provides a comprehensive psychological evaluation that assists with identifying the needs of a juvenile that were previously unknown. He supports the juvenile and Child & Family Team by recommending treatment and/or resources where the team may be at a standstill regarding treatment options. Because he is on site he is available to brainstorm with court counselors about best treatment options. The Juvenile Psychological Evaluation Service has received 4's and 5's from court counselors utilizing the service provided. The only issue noted was communication level between program and court counselor could be improved (received a 3 as a rating for one counselor. This service is recommended for consideration for continued funding without conditions.

### **Teen Court and Restitution**

Olivia Marks and Gayle Harris monitored Teen Court. They found one problem with staffing Communication with court counselor rated those poor in regards in restitution being able to contact counselor and get a response when they are with a child. Sabrina talked about the lack of staff being a problem and they were asked to correct that situation. The program strengths are location, staff is flexible, working with population and diverse. They had 23 admissions and served 103. Fifty-seven referrals sources came from District Court, 43 from DJJ, three from law enforcement, and two from the school is low.

### **DMC Update**

Arnold's intern Meredith shared the results of the evaluation from the DMC Conference held on January 25, 2013. For those who were unable to attend the conference, there was an introduction to Mayor Bell, a review of what is DMC. Two panels which David moderated. She stated that a total of 67 participants returned completed or partially evaluation forms. The feedback was very positive. The majority of respondents indicated positive responses regarding the registration process, conference facilities, conference content, and quality of speakers. Less than 7% of the participants indicated a level of dissatisfaction. Some participants indicated that they were disappointed that the afternoon sessions were cancelled. Arnold thanked everyone who helped with the conference. He stated that on tomorrow seven people will travel to Pitt County to talk about a program that have been successful in reducing the DMC rate and increasing their school attendance rate. The Superintendent will be present, police officers and hopefully the chief of police.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm.