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**Juvenile Crime Prevention Council
Minutes
Monday, December 7, 2020, 1:00 p.m.**

Board Members Present

Mr. Stan Clarkson, Sgt. Pete Watkins, Mr. Brad Stanley, Mr. J. Patrick Ellington, Ms. Sara Schaller, Mr. John Thacker, Rev. Clifford A Jones, Jr., Ms. Shontell Robinson, Ms. Nerissa Crawford, Mr. Kelly S. Lee, Mr. Joshua Swift, Mr. Keith Brown, Ms. LaTrenda Boyd-Gordon, Dr. Jack Monell, Ms. Elisa Lark, Ms. Marilyn Odom, Mr. Al-Wadood Jabbar, Mr. Fleming El-Amin (County Commissioner)

Board Members Absent

Mr. David Moore

Guests Present

Ms. Deborah Harris (WS/FCS), Crystal Simmons, Brittany Travis, Deborah Hemsley, Elizabeth Miller, Greg Squires, Nicole Alford, Robin Testerman, Kayla Steele, Quinten Henighan, Dennis R. Caldwell, Zach Barth, Valerie Glass, Zoe

Staff Present

Rich Smith (DPS), Kimberly Busse (Forsyth County)

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the October 19, 2020 JCPC Virtual Meeting were reviewed. Mr. Stanley makes a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Monell seconded the motion. The motion carried and the minutes were approved.

Updates to the Forsyth County JCPC Website

Mr. Clarkson gives an update on the new additions to the Forsyth County JCPC website, including the FY21 funding distribution plan, updated Chair and Vice Chair information on the Members page, information and a link for how to apply for JCPC membership, agenda and Minutes of FY21 meetings on the Meeting Schedule page, information on the funding process and the monitoring process on the Funding Eligibility page, updated DPS RFP. One in particular, with a deadline of the Jan 29, 2021, for residential placement for more severe youth of interest.

Upcoming JCPC Program Monitoring

Meetings scheduled for December 14th and 15th. If any member would like to join the monitoring committee, please let Mr. Clarkson know. It is a great way to learn how the programs are operating. Have some members external to the JCPC council this year, including some court counselors.

Gang Assessment Report

Dr. Monell reports that Megan with Forsyth Futures has had to take leave, so Adam will meet to strategize on how to ensure cooperation with stakeholders in the community. The assessment is on schedule. Mr. Clarkson says that we look forward to using this report to direct and secure more funding for area of need in our community.

NC Department of Public Safety – Community Programs

Mr. Smith reports that Adam from Forsyth Futures has begun the conversation with the gang unit, and if Dr. Monell and or Forsyth Future needs any assistance, please reach out. If you have not signed Conflict of interest forms, please do so. Mr. Swift will need to suggest a replacement for Anthony LoGuidice. Mr. Smith thanks Mr. Swift for all the work done during the pandemic. House bill 593 will need to be considered in the bi-laws committee, but we will need to slow down the process because we are allowed to meet virtually at the moment. Court counselors have undergone training for YASI, an evidence based tool that merges risk assessment and needs assessment together. Mr. Clarkson says that it will provide better case planning, and will be a better tool, but it will be an adjustment for Court Counselors. He thinks that the JCPC programs will be getting better information, as it is more in depth. Mr. Smith reports that the governor's order 180 reduces numbers for gathering guidelines. The goal of the monitoring meeting is to be finished in time to develop the RFP for our Feb. meeting. Mr. Clarkson asks if the new programs have been funded and when they will be operational for court counselors to refer to. Mr. Smith replies that we are waiting for signatures on the County side, and some agreement information from DPS.

Juvenile Justice Updates

Mr. Clarkson reports that it has been a trying time for the Juvenile Justice system with raise the age and COVID. There has been a cluster in the Forsyth County courthouse. Thank you to Glenda Dancy and Keith Brown during that time. Operationally, it was a challenge. One issue that court counselors are facing is transportation. Youth are placed all over the State, and it is our statutory responsibility to get the youth to court appointments. After hour transports are increasingly falling to us. Detention utilization is pretty high. Continuing to video hearings, which is a good thing as not required to bring kids into the courthouse.

Other Announcements

Kim from Aspire gives an update. Kids at work has served 19 kids thus far, halfway there. 14 came from Juvenile Justice. Court referrals are down this year due to COVID, so are doing more outreach to the community for referrals. Can accommodate virtual or in person participants. Forward focus and the connection are just beginning, as they were delayed due to COVID, but we will double up classes for the remainder of the year to serve the same number of youth. Utilizing the Church at Agape for programs.

Ms. Glass from Triad restorative Justice, impact circles offering virtually, but not restart. Restart is an anger management program, and requires the trust of kids, couldn't work virtually. Referrals are down, as most of their program referrals usually come from schools. Reaching out to community to get the word out. Eversley Village is working to identify 10 boys in the rolling hills area for the program. Is a community/village program will area partners. Hope to provide services in Feb. 2021.

Ms. Rhodes from authoring action asks Ms. Glass if there are any training opportunities available for restorative justice. Ms. Rhodes suggests that the JCPC programs get together to access more referrals. Mr. Smith suggests that we coordinate a discussion with Mr. Smith and Ms. Busse. Recommends using any of your program's underutilized funds for the trainings.

Terra Lataille provides an update on project X. They have met with law enforcement and the gang task force, have scheduled a meeting with WS/FCS about referrals. Potentially will be housed in the YMCA with Stan Law, the reach center. Were introduces to contact with Latino community services that may help with the language barrier. Looking forward to serving youth.

Brittany with Insight reports that using virtually and telehealth services. 24 referrals, 12 that are for psychological referrals, half of them for substance abuse appointments. Substance abuse referrals have increased. Will discuss in monitoring meeting what the assessments need to look like. Ms. Travis reports that the psychologist will be available as we move into the holidays.

Nicole Alford from Family Services reports that strengthening families program has shifted to virtual, use rolling admission, using DJJ referrals and looking for other sources. Has been personalized more for families during COVID. Trauma assessments seeing some positive and some negatives due to COVID. Provided training to court counselors.

Ms. Rhodes of Authoring Action reports that like other programs, referrals are down. Difficult for kids to stay virtual after long day of virtual school, but new group will begin in mid-February. Look forward to strengthening relationships with resources in the community to access more referrals.

Quinten from Work and Earn it continues to follow guidelines, still have kids working at Samaritan ministries and work at home. Number of restitution \$1,219.72 paid out. Number for kids working toward restitution is \$1,672.75. Referrals are down, 28 thus far. 12 terminations. Current population of 12. Mr. Smith notes that Work and Earn it may not reach the funding amount available to the program, so it is important to reallocate dollars of all programs if we need to. Teen Court report from Greg says that COVID continues to interrupt court proceeding, but now using Greg and a volunteer attorney. Can do services at home or an approved nonprofit. Through November, would have served 50 and to date have served 41. By mid-year, should meet goal of youth served.

Deborah at Parenting Path reports that they have adjusting to the new norm of COVID. Have 10 teens currently. 4 youth in PATTS program that started last week.

Zach from the children's center sent a report, and Mr. Clarkson reports that 127 bed days for Children Center. Estimate serving 30 kids.

Mr. Al-Wadood Jabbar reports a concern that through his volunteer work, some members of the Rolling Hills community are not wearing masks, making his volunteer efforts difficult. Mr. Swift offers to discuss further after the meeting. Mr. Clarkson congratulates Mr. Jabbar, on behalf of the JCPC and court counselors, for being president elect of the local NAACP.

Adjournment

Mr. Al Jabbar makes a motion to adjourn. Second by Dr. Tia Warren. Meeting adjourned.