JCPC Board Meeting June 1, 2020

PRESENT: Brad Stanley, Stan Clarkson, John Thacker, Dr. Daya Patton, Fleming El-Amin, Nerissa Crawford, Dr. Tia Warren, Keith Brown, Dr. Jack Monell, Marilyn Odom, Elsa Lark, Kelly Lee, David Moore, Tony LoGiudice, Sara Schaller, Deputy Brad Stanley, Al-Wadood Jabbar, Hon. Laurie Hutchins, Anthony Jones,

OTHERS: Kyle Wolf, Kimberly Busse, Rich Smith (DPS), Kim (Kids At Work), Deborah (Parenting Path), Adam Hill, Megan Grigg, Jim Harner (Insight), Jonathan Wilson (WSFCS), Valerie Glass (TRJ)

<u>Welcome</u>

Chairwoman Patton welcome everyone present and a voice role call was held.

Approval of Minutes from April 6, 2020 Meeting

Commissioner El-Amin moved to approve the minutes from April 6th meeting; seconded by Mr. Jabbar. All in favor.

Nominating Committee

Deputy Brad Stanley asked for nominations for the Chair and Vice Chair positions. Dr. Daya Patton will not be serving in FY21. Stan Clarkson is willing to assume the role of Chairperson, Dr. Warren as Vice Chair.

Gang Assessment Update

Dr. Jack Monell met with Forsyth Futures on 5/14/2020. They've made some adjustments and said things are running smoothly during COVID-19.

Adam Hill, will be working with key agencies across the County, including the school system, to gather available data. They will gather new data and information starting this fall, and will work this winter with the data to produce the report by next spring.

Daya thanked Commissioner El-Amin for his support of the Gang Assessment.

NC Department of Public Safety

Daya – Level II JCPC funding to address problematic sexual behaviors. One provider applied for the funds. The Children's Hope Alliance TASK program is an evidence based program aimed at juveniles who caused or were involved in sexual harm in Forsyth County and the surrounding areas. This funding allows them to leverage multiple funding streams. The funding required a letter from the JCPC chair. Daya discussed with Children's Hope Alliance, evaluated the program, and worked to determine a need for our area. She provided the letter of approval to apply for the funds. The letter does not guarantee funding, but offers the necessary support. Rich notes that the program is funded in Western NC and this funding will allow for an expanded service area.

Rich –State funding recommendations should be out this week. Most programs are doing a good job reporting on how they are operating during COVID-19. End of year revisions, changes in JCPC legislation will not be heard until the budget is approved. The bill would allow for 2 year planning. Increase in age from 18 to 21. JCPC Staff have been tested with a few self-isolations. No youth have tested positive for COVID-19.

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Juvenile Justice Updates

Stan Clarkson gave an update on COVID-19 developments. Many things have been put on hold and they have gone to virtual meeting as much as possible. The courthouse was briefly closed and one staff member had tested positive. At the time of the meeting, no juveniles had tested positive for COVID-19.

Program Updates

Triad restorative justice – Impact Circles – Requested to move funds to different areas. This requires no new or additional funding. They had funds for meeting spaces that were unused due to COVID-19 restrictions, and they would like to move those funds to salary. They reported the need for a part-time classroom assistant in November 2019. The need is even greater now due to the COVID-19 online transition. Request Approved.

Insight – Jim Harner – Requested a budget adjustment moving clerical support funds of \$7,200 to salary and wages. This line item adjustment requires no new or additional funding, only reallocating existing funding. Request Approved. The number of psychological evaluations were less than expected, so they may have an additional \$16,000 in that line item. Mr. Harmond asked what to do if there are additional funds remaining at the end of the fiscal year and if those funds can be disbursed to other programs. Rich advised that it was too late to disburse funds to other areas. It will go back to the final accounting process.

Kim Castro – Requested an adjustment to their fund allocations, but no new or additional funds. They needed to purchase items for the new online platform due to COVID-19. They were shifts to be made in staff duties and an increase in hours as they made the transition online. Requests a line item adjustment, but no new funding. Request Approved.

Other Business

Keith Brown reported on several breaking and entering charges involving area cars. They are still being processed. Daya acknowledged that many students, young people, are being left home unsupervised as parents go back to work and schools remained closed. Next school year there may be some component of online learning, and kids may be home for some time. There is a need to work together to mitigate things like these break-ins by unsupervised youth moving forward.

Question about people selling drugs in the Rolling Hills Area, and locals fearful to leave their homes. What is being done about it? Deputy Brad Stanley reports that the County is working with the City of Winston Salem Police Department to combat long term drug and gang issues in the area.

Jonathan Wilson – New positions will fill gap between SRO and school administration. They will work to build relationships with students and admin. If the positions are funded by Forsyth County Commissioners, there will be one in every middle and high school. The position will be the first level in any disagreement between students, before law enforcement gets involved. The positions may be filled with ex-law enforcement or people already in the schools. There were questions about the relationship between this position and area programs, as well as this position's authority to recommend further action for students. Daya will forward all questions to Mr. Wilson as the answers are being developed.

Adjourn - Mr. El-Amin motioned to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Brown. All in favor.