

**Orange County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Meeting**  
**Friday, June 4, 2021 (12:00noon – 2:00pm)**  
**Virtual GoToMeeting**

**Proposed Minutes**

**Attendees: Donna King, Gayane Chambless, Amy Fowler, Sherita Cobb, Amanda Farris, Jay Cole, Stephanie Jones, Sharron Hinton, Tina Sykes, Bernard Miles, Carol McClelland, Woodrena Baker-Harrell, Lia Kaz, Jarrell Jones, Lateef Mitchell, Susan Worley, Megan Raymond, Crista Collazo, Kelsey Mosley, Isiah Smith, Tova Hairston, Hathaway Pendergrass, Denise Briggs, Rebekah Rapoza (\*Members in bold)**

**Absent:** Megan Johnson, Luke Dennis, Blair Nell, Charlos Banks

**Excused:** Maren Hardin, Robyn Glass, Meg McGurk

**Welcome**

The meeting opened with a welcome from Vice Chair, Donna King and introductions.

**Agency Roundtable**

*Boomerang* – They have just completed school year programming and ended groups for students on Friday. As they move into the summer they are thinking about programming, staffing, contingency plans, and will be starting strategic planning.

**Q: Can you tell us how many kids were served in the groups and what was the frequency of the groups?**

**A:** Since the fall they have served drastically less students as compared to previous years because they are an alternative-to-suspension program and there hasn't been in-person school from which to be suspended. This year they served 12 students including one court-involved youth. They meet weekly for a minimum of six weeks.

*Dispute Settlement Center* – Since July 1 they have had 12 terminations, have one signed consent that they will start intake process with and another open referral that they are meeting with next week to sign consent. Demographics include: 10 males, 4 females, 9 Black/African American, 4 White/Caucasian, 1 Asian, 6 Black/African American males, 3 Black/African American females, 1 Asian male, and 2 White/Caucasian females. Types of harm or conflict include: 5 breaking and entering into a building or car with or without property destruction, 4 theft/embezzlement, 3 physical fights, 1 communicating threats, and 1 property destruction.

With regards to Covid-19, now that the vaccine has been approved for 12+ years old, they expect to begin meeting with youth indoors; however, they will continue to use Zoom as some families are more comfortable with that format and will continue to meet outdoors so long as they can ensure confidentiality.

*Exchange Club* – In the last few weeks they have received a 3 new referrals and with the addition of those new referrals their numbers are looking really good for this year. They are working to get back in person but the church they were using are still not letting any outside groups use the space so they are looking at other options within Orange County. They are hoping to hit the ground running with next fiscal year.

**Q: Where is the church located that they were using? Is the Exchange Club facility in Hillsborough an option?**

**A:** Not sure about using Exchange Club facility in Hillsborough but will look into it. The church they were using is located in Chapel Hill.

*Volunteers for Youth* – All year the numbers have been low in both programs. They have served 42 in Community Service/Restitution and 13 in Teen Court. The Teen Court program has met with some of SROs in Orange County Schools and they expect to receive a lot of referrals from them. Teen Court is finally back in the court house and is really excited about that. Quincy McDuffy has left and his replacement, Jamella Smith, will be starting in August. Jay Cole, JCPC member and Teen Court volunteer is graduating and going off to college in the fall.

*Wrenn House* – For the month of May they had one Orange County youth. \*dropped audio/connection

### **Minutes Review and Approval**

Quorum was met after Agency Roundtable updates. The Council reviewed the minutes from April 2021. Amy Fowler motioned for minutes to be approved and was seconded by Sherita Cobb. Motion carried unanimously.

### **JJ Data Report**

March – 7 juveniles at intake, 15 complaints received, 1 undisciplined petition, 0 school-based complaints\*, 4 approved for court, 3 juveniles diverted, 0 closed, 2 placed in detention for a total of 33 days, 1 at Wrenn House for 8 days, and 4 youth on electronic monitoring for a total of 93 days.

April - 4 juveniles at intake, 8 complaints received, 0 undisciplined petition, 2 school-based complaints\*, 2 approved for court, 2 juveniles diverted, 0 closed, 2 placed in detention for a total of 11 days, 1 at Wrenn House for 18 days, and 4 youth on electronic monitoring for a total of 78 days.

Raise the Age (calendar) YTD (April): 9 juveniles (projected 21) at intake with 23 complaints (projected 51)

\*This category runs on fiscal year and year to date (not able to select date range).

### **Q: What were the Raise the Age complaints and the school-based cases?**

**A:** This information is not part of the report from the system; Amanda will have to pull the intake book to check offenses. She will make a note to try to gather this information for next time.

### **JCPC Business**

*Continuum of Services Chart* – This document is updated each year and is required as part of the County Plan. It gives an overview of youth serving agencies/programs in the county and what classification of youth they serve. The services are identified by type of program, funding and accessibility. Please review and if you notice any changes or updates that need to be made, please email Rebekah.

### **Q: Is Boys and Girls Club still active/operational in the county?**

**A:** It is part of the Durham-Orange Boys and Girls Club. It operates out of Northside afterschool and is pretty active.

*Funding Committee Report* – The Funding Committee met this morning to discuss the FY21-22 funding for Boomerang. At this time, the Funding Committee is unable to recommend funding for Boomerang for FY21-22 and encourage them to apply when the next RFP is released. They are unable to recommend funding because of a change in infrastructure that does not meet DPS/JCPC requirements.

The Funding Committee made a motion to not fund Boomerang for FY21-22 and was seconded by Donna King. Motion carried with 9 votes and 1 member abstaining (Amy Fowler).

*PY 21-22 Membership Review* – Please review the draft JCPC membership listing for FY21-22 to ensure all identified members are willing and able to serve. Additionally, we are able to review recommendations for any vacant positions. Crista Collazo from the Public Defender's Office has volunteered to fill the

Juvenile Defense Attorney vacancy. Changes to the membership listing include: new youth vacancy (Jay Cole's resignation due to moving out of state for college), Amanda Farris moved to Chief Court Counselor position with her promotion resulting in an At-Large vacancy, Tami Pfeifer was recommended for an At-Large position due to her new position as the Youth Behavior Liaison with Orange County Criminal Justice Resource Department, Crista Collazo recommended for the Juvenile Defense Attorney position, and Judge Pendergrass recommended for the Chief District Judge designee. Please notify Rebekah as soon as possible of any additional changes/modifications to the roster.

*PY 21-22 Election of Officers* – A few nominations were received for Chair and Vice Chair positions for FY21-22 and after reaching out to the nominees only two accepted their nominations. Sharron Hinton accepted her nomination as Chair and Carol McClelland accepted her nomination as Vice Chair.

Stephanie Jones made a motion to accept the nomination of Sharron Hinton as Chair and was seconded by Amy Fowler. Motion carried unanimously.

Donna King made a motion to accept the nomination of Carol McClelland as Vice Chair and was seconded by Sharron Hinton. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Consultant Update**

Final Accounting is approaching and emails will be coming out soon. She is in the process of moving program agreements along through DocuSign and is working with Rebekah to get her information to finalize the county funding plan.

With the JCPC decision made earlier in the meeting to not fund Boomerang that leaves funds of \$47,024 unallocated. There are a couple options to address the unallocated funds.

- Option 1: Offer the funds to the programs approved for FY21-22 funding. If okay with the JCPC, Denise has a form she can send to the program providers that asks them if they can use any of the unallocated dollars and to specify how much, the purpose, and how youth and their families would benefit. The programs can send the request back to Denise to compile and she will then forward to the Funding Committee for review. At the August meeting the Funding Committee can present their recommendations to the Council for approval.
- Option 2: Not offer to the programs and instead advertise a new RFP. However, \$47,000 is a whole lot of money to put into an RFP and would be hard for a new program to start up.
- Option 3: Leave the money unallocated and not use at all and it would return to the State after December 31.
- Option 4: It can remain unallocated and the JCPC can make a decision later in the fiscal year of what to do with it.

Denise's recommendation is to take it in steps and to first offer it to the programs funded for next fiscal year to see if there is something that has come up since they submitted their applications in March that they could use the funding for.

**Q: Are there stipulations of how the funds can be used? What if it's not all requested and there is some left? An RFP would need to be advertised for a minimum of 30 days, correct?**

**A:** Yes, an RFP would need to be advertised for at least 30 days. The funds would still need to fall under an eligible category in the JCPC chart of accounts (equipment, vehicle, supplies, staff, etc.).

Additionally, the Admin budget isn't fully funded and the Council could elect to add money there to bring it up to the maximum \$15,500. This would be an addition of \$1,343. The remaining funds could then be offered to the programs funded for FY21-22. \*This is what Denise would recommend.

**Q: What is the timeframe that the unallocated funds would need to be spent by?**

**A:** These funds are for next fiscal year and would need to be spent by June 30, 2022.

If the programs don't request all the available unallocated funds, Denise would recommend to leave the remaining funds unallocated for now and to address it in October or November to see if a program need arises later on in the year. The funds can remain unallocated until December 31, 2021 before they would return back to the State.

To recap, would the Council like to approve \$1,343 to be moved into the Admin budget to bring it to the max of \$15,500, and for the remaining \$45,681 to be offered to the FY21-22 funded programs for any additional budget needs? Denise would send out the form, receive the requests, and send to the Funding Committee for review and recommendation to the Council at the August meeting.

Gayane Chambless made a motion that \$1,343 of unallocated funds be added to the JCPC Admin budget for FY21-22 and that the remaining \$45,681 be offered to the FY21-22 funded programs for additional budget needs and was seconded by Donna King. Motion carried unanimously.

Denise would like to have about 20-25 minutes at the August meeting to do a JCPC member orientation for new members (and it's a good review for long standing members).

JCPCs in other counties are starting to talk about returning back to in-person meetings. Donna King reported that the County Manager has not issued any guidance yet on bringing back in-person meetings.

### **Circle back to JCPC Business**

*Funding Committee Report* – **Q: What was the reason for why Boomerang wasn't recommended for funding for FY21-22?** There has been some infrastructure changes, including changes to the Executive Director responsibilities and the elimination of a separate fiscal officer position. With these changes their new infrastructure does not align with DPS/JCPC policies. There needs to be separation of duties especially with fiscal duties and that is not currently how Boomerang is organized.

### **Announcements**

As of this week, Cardinal has been notified that they will be merging with Vaya Health out in the west (Asheville area) and will be working on the transition plan in June, with a finalization date of June 2022. Depending on where things land with DHHS Secretary, Stephanie may or may not be able to be part of the council in Orange County moving forward.

Health Department is encouraging youth serving organization to spread the word about getting individuals 12+ vaccinated against Covid-19. If wondering where to go: Hillsborough, M-F 9-5 Whitted Building, second floor (walk-ins welcome); many pharmacies in the community; Health Department pop-up clinics (June 12 at Buckhorn Flea Market); and mobile teams for smaller groups (church, neighborhood, etc.), those with language barrier, concerns about immigration status, and or homebound. No cost for the vaccine, and no ID or health insurance is required.

Thank you to Stephanie and Cardinal Innovations for sponsoring a NC MedAssist program in Orange County and it wouldn't have been possible otherwise. Because of this, over 500 low-income, un/under-insured individuals were provided over-the-counter medications.

There is a NC Prevention Conference coming up in two weeks and there are a number of topics that may be of interest to individuals in the group. The conference is virtual and free.

Sharron Hinton is helping the Human Rights and Relations Department create a proclamation for pride month and is looking for ideas/suggestions on where she may be able to find stats on gay and transgender youth in Orange County. Gayane Chambless commented that she has also been looking for that type of information as well for grants. It appears as though local data on this population is not available/being captured. Lia suggested that UNC may have some data at their "Gender Clinic" (may not be the official name) that serves gender non-conforming and trans youth but they serve more than just Orange County youth. She also heard last year at a conference that there may be more gender tracking capabilities coming down the pipeline with NCALLIES for gender diverse youth.