

Orange County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Meeting
Friday, October 6, 2023 (12:00noon – 2:00pm)
Hybrid Teams Meeting
113 Mayo Street, Hillsborough NC 27278

Proposed Minutes

***Attendees:* Amanda Farris, Tami Pfeifer, Paul Bell, Sharron Hinton, Lateef Mitchell, Gayane Chambless, Bernard Miles, Kysha Thompson, Crista Collazo, Nicole Hunter, Scott Dryer, Jamie Jacobs, LaDanna Strong, Kassi Dadufalza, Sarah Spencer, Val Hanson, David Carter, Rebekah Rapoza (*Members in bold)**

Absent: Charlos Banks, Tina Sykes, Rachel Gessouroun, Joal Broun, Dana Crews

Excused: Laurie Williamson, Carol McClelland, Phyllis Portie-Ascott

Welcome

The meeting opened with a welcome from Chair, Sharron Hinton, and introductions.

JCPC Business

Conflict of Interest Forms – If you haven't had an opportunity to complete the form yet, please do so and turn in to Rebekah. There are about eight members who still need to complete it for this fiscal year.

Committee Chair Selection – Chairs for the various committees need to be selected.

Risk and Needs – Amanda Farris and Jamie Jacobs volunteered to co-chair.

Funding – Sharron Hinton appointed Carol McClelland to chair since she is Vice Chair.

Monitoring – Sharron Hinton and Laurie Williamson volunteered to co-chair.

RED – Gayane Chambless volunteered to remain as chair.

Publicity – Kysha Thompson and Sharron Hinton volunteered to co-chair.

Conference/Training Opportunities – There is a Youth Resilience Summit in Raleigh on November 16 from 8:30 – 1:30. Breakfast and lunch are provided, and the registration fee is \$35. Topics will include community resilience, suicide prevention, leveraging disability law, internet crimes and social media impacts.

The other training opportunity is the two-day Racial Equity Institute Phase One training. Amanda has space to bring one person and would like to offer the spot to someone on the RED committee first. DJJ is not able to pay for hotel and food but can cover the cost of the training. However, JCPC admin funds could assist with the hotel and food.

Minutes Review and Approval

The Council reviewed the minutes from August 2023 meeting. Amanda Farris motioned for minutes to be approved and was seconded by Crista Collazo. Motion passed unanimously.

Program Updates

Dispute Settlement Center – They received close to eight referrals in the last six weeks which is a lot because they normally serve 20 referrals in a year. They have done really great repairing harm processes with a quite a few youth. The youth have really created some meaningful letters of apology and are working hard to repair the harm caused. The challenge right now is that there are some families that are hard to connect with.

In the last couple months, all the referrals have been from DJJ where in prior fiscal years most of the referrals have come from other community sources. The referrals have been for all sorts of harm, from arson to larceny and fighting.

The Exchange Club – They have been rebuilding their program after having to put it on pause because they lost their facilitator. The referrals are starting to come in and they are working on reengaging the families back into the program.

Reintegration Support Network – They had one referral, one admission, and two successful completions in the month of August. The big news is that they are working on implementing a transportation policy that has finally been approved by their board of directors.

During the month of September, they received one referral, had no admissions and one successful completion. Currently they have two participants now.

Volunteers for Youth – Starting with the Community Service program, they had five referrals, two admissions, and 7 successful completions in August. They started the month of September with six, received six more referrals and admissions, and had one successful completion, ending the month with 11 young people still active. Program updates include continuing to work on trying to reestablish community worksites. This has been a challenge because they are trying to tailor sites to youth needs and locations and trying to place them in meaningful experiences.

Teen Court started off August with three active youth which sounds low but considering they've had a hard time getting any participation since covid, three is doing well. Two of the three youth successfully completed so they ended with only one youth. During September they received no referrals. There haven't been any diversion cases coming through court so that has had an impact on Teen Court numbers. They are going to meet with the court counselors next week to try to brainstorm and ask questions. The coordinator is also going out to the schools and meeting with SROs and trying to make connections.

Wrenn House – They had no admissions for the month of August but did have an Orange County youth in care for the whole month. They did receive a referral, but that youth ended up being placed somewhere else. In September they admitted another youth. So far they are seeing a need for longer stays. They have also been seeing a lot more interaction with law enforcement where they are reaching out to DSS and then the youth is coming to them. Year to date they have already served four youth and their goal is ten.

JJ Data Update (See chart at end of minutes)

August – 10 juveniles at intake (4 were RTA); 19 delinquent complaints; 1 undisciplined complaint; 3 school-based complaints; 15 complaints approved for court; 3 complaints diverted; 2 complaints closed; 7 juveniles placed in detention for 164 days; 0 days used at Wrenn House; and 0 YDC admissions.

September – 12 juveniles at intake (7 were RTA); 43 delinquent complaints; 2 undisciplined complaints; 6 school-based complaints; 34 complaints approved for court; 0 complaints diverted; 1 complaint closed; 8 juveniles placed in detention for 167 days; 0 days used at Wrenn House; and 0 YDC admissions.

The top three offenses were breaking and entering of a motor vehicle, larceny of a motor vehicle, and misdemeanor larceny. We have a few bind overs in detention and about three youth with some serious offenses and that's why they are staying in there month after month.

Consultant Update

At the December meeting, programs will report on their SPEP scores. SPEP is the standardized program evaluation protocol and looks at dosage and duration for each type of program and allows the JCPC to see

how the program is performing among its type. Along with the SPEP score, programs will also present their program enhancement plans (PEP) and talk about areas for improvement.

Eckerd residential facility has hit some delays during the inspection process. They are now projecting that the facility will be ready to accept youth by next month and will start by taking 12 male youth referred by juvenile justice. This will be the fourth Eckerd facility in NC in Caswell County.

Hearth is a transitional living program offered through Youth Focus in High Point. They are accepting male and female youth ages 18 to 21 with prior or current juvenile justice involvement. It is dormitory style housing and good for youth who are exiting juvenile justice facilities and may be considered homeless. They can stay for up to 18 months while they transition to adulthood.

Restorative Youth Coalition of NC is holding a virtual lunch and learn on October 20 and November 17.

Orange County Juvenile Justice Stats for JCPC 2022-2023

2022-2023	Juveniles at Intake	RTA Juveniles	Delinquent Complaints Received	Undisciplined Complaints Received	School Based Complaints	Complaints Approved for Court	Complaints Diverted	Complaints Closed	Juveniles placed in Detention	Days in Detention	Wrenn House Days	YDC Admissions
Aug	8	4	11	1	0	10	0	2	3	55	0	0
Sept	4	3	12	0	1	11	0	0	4	82	0	0
Oct	14	4	40	2	7	32	5	5	3	80	0	0
Nov	15	6	40	2	16	17	7	9	5	93	0	0
Dec	18	4	36	3	19	1	6	5	3	29	0	0
Jan 23	11	4	27	0	11	13	0	0	3	28	0	0
Feb	29	14	47	9	20	33	14	9	3	62	0	0
March	29	13	70	3	14	55	11	7	5	91	0	0
April	17	6	38	3	13	31	6	2	5	74	0	0
May	13	7	65	0	12	53	9	3	5	111		0
June	16	10	20	2	1	13	4	5	5	121		0
July	8	1	55	2	0	57	0	0	7	139		0
August	10	4	19	1	3	15	3	2	7	164		0
Sept	12	7	43	2	6	34	0	1	8	167		0