

**Orange County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Meeting**  
**Friday, April 26, 2024 (12:00noon – 2:00pm)**  
**Hybrid**

**Proposed Minutes**

Attendees: **Laurie Williamson, Sharron Hinton, Lateef Mitchell, Dana Crews, Gayane Chambless, Tami Pfeifer**, Christy Watson, David Carter, C.J. Suitt, Elizabeth Hambourger, Caitlin Fenhagen, Darnell Ellis, Jamie Jacobs, Nicole Hunter, LaDanna Strong, Val Hanson, Patricia Cardoso, Scott Dreyer, Caraina Edwards (\***Members in bold**)

Absent: Charlos Banks, Paul Bell, Tina Sykes, Rachel Gessouroun, Carol McClelland, Crista Collazo, Judge Joal Broun

Excused: Amanda Farris, Bernard Miles, Kysha Thompson, Phyllis Portie-Ascott

**Welcome**

The meeting opened with a welcome from Chair, Sharron Hinton, and introductions. Due to technical difficulties, the minutes from the February 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting were not available. These minutes will be reviewed and approved at the JCPC meeting in June if the quorum is met.

**JCPC Business**

*Program Budget Revision Presentation: The Exchange Club* – The Exchange Club is requesting a budget revision due to change in facilitators throughout the year, lapse salary adjustments, staffing changes, change in FTE and FICA, errors in original budget, additional costs for interpreter services, needed office supplies, increase in mileage, increase in vendor costs, addition of workbooks for classes, change in hiring needs, and increase in rental costs. Due to not having a quorum, the vote was tabled until the end of the meeting to see if the quorum will be met.

**Program Updates**

*Dispute Settlement Center* – All referrals this fiscal year have been from DJJ. February was slow for referrals with 1 male youth referral for assault. They haven't had any budgetary or financial challenges. They are doing all programming face to face. The one challenge they face is making contact with parents. In March, there were 3 male referrals and 1 female referral. Total admissions for the year are 10. They have had contact with 5-6 referrals that were closed out. With the referrals that were coming in for April, they should meet their goal of serving 20 youth.

*The Exchange Club* – There weren't many changes over the last couple of months. They filled their vacant position and Charity has started and will be teaching the Parent Teen Solutions Program in Orange County. They just finished a group two weeks ago and will start a new group with 5 families next week. Taylor has been doing very well with the in-home program. She currently has 6 families that are open and 3 families on the waiting list. They are hoping to get more referrals from DJJ. Right now, a lot of referrals are coming from truancy court.

**Q: Where do you hold those meetings/sessions?**

**A:** They are held at Orange United Methodist Church

**Q: Where does most of those referrals come from for those parent sessions, Southern end or Northern end of Orange County? Is transportation a barrier?**

**A:** Not familiar with Orange County so not really sure. Offers transportation to those who may have trouble getting to the sessions.

**Q: Do you have any ESL families? Would you be able to serve them?**

**A:** Do not have any that are enrolled or on the waiting list. Yes, they contract with a translator to make sure the families can be served.

*Reintegration Support Network* – They had 1 referral and admitted one participant in February. They successfully closed out one participant in February. They had 1 referral in March and served a total of 8 youth. During the month of April, 2 youth were going through the screening stages. They are looking to recruit youth to serve on an advisory committee and looking to conduct listening sessions to get more feedback from participants and stakeholders. They updated their resource guide for both mentors and stakeholders and created a portal with additional resources for youth and families, all available on their website. They continue to face challenges with lack of participants and family engagement. They are looking to add a family resilience model into their overall programming.

*Volunteers for Youth* – They had to get rid of one of their pieces of equipment because it was no longer operable. It was wiped clean and disposed of. It was recommended by the consultant to return any purchased equipment back to JCPC. For Community Service, in February they had 3 referrals, 2 admissions (both males), and ended the month with 16 active youth. In March they received 4 referrals, had 4 admissions, 4 successful completions, and 2 terminations. They ended the month with 14 active youth. For Teen Court, they had 3 referrals, 4 admissions, 2 successful completions, and a total of 7 active for February. There was no new admission in March so the total active remained at 7.

*Wrenn House* – There were no admissions from Orange County in March, but they did receive 1 referral. Year to date, they have served 7 youth from Orange County with the target being 10.

### **JJ Data Update**

February – 15 juveniles at intake (7 were RTA); 20 delinquent complaints; 1 undisciplined complaints; 5 school-based complaints; 9 complaint approved for court; 8 complaints diverted; 4 complaints closed; 4 juveniles placed in detention for 93 days; and 0 YDC admissions.

January – 15 juveniles at intake (6 were RTA); 80 delinquent complaints; 1 undisciplined complaints; 5 school-based complaints; 47 complaints approved for court; 1 complaints diverted; 2 complaint closed; 5 juvenile placed in detention for 106 days; and 1 YDC admissions.

### **JCPC Business**

*Funding Committee* – The Funding Committee met on April 19, 2024 to hear presentations from agencies who have applied for FY 24-25 JCPC funding recommendations that will now be presented to the Council for a discussion. Since we do not have a quorum, a special meeting will be called to vote on the funding recommendations.

JCPC Admin is being recommended for funding in the amount of \$5,000.

Dispute Settlement Center is being recommended for funding in the amount of \$53,100.

Exchange Club’s Family Center (Parent Teen Solutions) is being recommended for funding in the amount of \$51,538.

Exchange Club’s Family Center (Adolescent Substance Abuse Treatment) is being recommended for funding in the amount of \$41,769.

Reintegration Support Network is being recommended for funding in the amount of \$52,000.

Volunteers for Youth (Community Service/Restitution) is being recommended for funding in the amount of \$76,257.

Volunteers for Youth (Teen Court) is being recommended for funding the amount of \$62,663.

Wrenn House is being recommended for funding in the amount of \$16,769.

*Discussion:*

To fund the new program, the Funding Committed recommended a 10% decrease in current funding for all programs.

**Q: Why was \$5,000 allocated to the JCPC admin budget?**

**A:** To offer JCPC members continuing education, attending conferences, to assist with summer camps or other activities.

**Consultant Update**

A bill was submitted to the Senate and House for expansion money for JCPC’s in the amount of \$5 million. Raise the Age Myths documents will be forthcoming. The NC S.A.F.E. campaign is going on again. The week of action is June 2-8, 2024. Local JCPC’s are being encouraged to participate in local events to spread awareness about gun safety. The Eckerd-Caswell Residential Facility is slated to open at the end of the month and is having an open house on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Orange County Juvenile Justice Stats for JCPC 2023-2024**

<b>2023 2024</b>	<b>Juveniles at Intake</b>	<b>RTA Juveniles</b>	<b>Delinquent Complaints Received</b>	<b>Undisciplined Complaints Received</b>	<b>School Based Complaints</b>	<b>Complaints Approved for Court</b>	<b>Complaints Diverted</b>	<b>Complaints Closed</b>	<b>Juveniles placed in Detention</b>	<b>Days in Detention</b>	<b>YDC Admissions</b>
<b>Jan 23</b>	11	4	27	0	11	13	0	0	3	28	0
<b>Feb</b>	29	14	47	9	20	33	14	9	3	62	0
<b>March</b>	29	13	70	3	14	55	11	7	5	91	0
<b>April</b>	17	6	38	3	13	31	6	2	5	74	0
<b>May</b>	13	7	65	0	12	53	9	3	5	111	0
<b>June</b>	16	10	20	2	1	13	4	5	5	121	0
<b>July</b>	8	1	55	2	0	57	0	0	7	139	0
<b>August</b>	10	4	19	1	3	15	3	2	7	164	0
<b>Sept</b>	12	7	43	2	6	34	0	1	8	167	0
<b>Oct</b>	21	10	46	4	4	34	4	10	7	191	2
<b>Jan 24</b>	10	4	15	0	3	13	2	0	7	113	0
<b>Feb</b>	15	7	20	1	5	9	8	4	4	93	0
<b>March</b>	15	6	80	1	5	47	1	2	5	106	1