

Orange County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Meeting
Friday, August 2, 2024 (12:00noon – 2:00pm)
Hybrid Teams Meeting
113 Mayo Street, Hillsborough NC 27278

Proposed Minutes

Attendees: **Sharron Hinton, Kysha Thompson, Gayane Chambless, Crista Collazo, Tami Pfeifer, Lateef Mitchell, Joal Broun, Charlos Banks, Paul Bell, Amanda Farris,** David Carter, Timeka Harper-Purcell, Scott Dreyer, Darnell Ellis, Elizabeth Hambourger, Erica Cooke, LaDanna Strong, Tam Marsh, Christy Watson, Nicole Hunter, Lucy Battles, Joyce Harper, Caitlin Fenhagen, Valoree Hanson, Caraina Edwards (***Members in bold**)

Absent: Rachel Gessouroun, Rachel Donovan, Tina Sykes

Excused: Bernard Miles, Phyllis Portie-Ascott, Dana Crews, Hugh Miles

Welcome

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

Minutes Review and Approval

The Council reviewed the minutes from August 2024 meeting. Judge Joal Broun motioned for minutes to be approved and was seconded by Gayane Chambless. Motion passed unanimously.

JCPC Business

Nominating Committee: Volunteers are needed to serve on the nominating committee. The purpose of this committee is to receive JCPC officer nominations for Chair and Vice Chair and to present the slate of officers to the full council. Anyone interested in serving on this committee should inform Caraina.

FY24-25 Meeting Calendar and Workplace Calendar – All of the meetings will be hybrid with the in-person location being held at Hillsborough DSS. Please add these dates to your calendar. The Workplan Calendar outlines the tasks and responsibilities of the JCPC throughout the year along with due dates. Primary responsibilities are related to evaluation, monitoring, and funding.

Conflict of Interest Forms – Please complete the Conflict-of-Interest form and return to Caraina. All council members are required to complete this annually. Paper forms are being passed around for those in person and were also emailed for those who are attending virtually.

Committee Sign-Up – Committees are Assessment (Formerly Risk and Needs), Funding, Monitoring, By-laws, Publicity and RED.

- Assessment (Formerly Risk and Needs): Gayane Chambless, Paul Bell; need more volunteers and a chair.
- Funding: Kysha Thompson; need more volunteers and a chair.
- Monitoring: need volunteers and a chair.
- By-laws: need volunteers and a chair.
- Publicity: need volunteers and a chair.
- RED: Lateef Mitchell; need more volunteers and a chair.

There was interest expressed in having an Advocacy Committee. Cait Fenhagen and Crista Collazo volunteered to serve on this committee with Cait serving as chair. Ideas for advocacy were discussed. Judge Broun suggested holding a Legislative Breakfast or Town Hall Meeting to advocate for JCPC.

New Member Orientation/Refresher – The consultant gave a new member orientation/refresher for current members presentation.

Program Updates

Dispute Settlement Center – During the month of June they received 1 referral from DJJ, and he was a Black/African American male. They had a total of 11 admissions for the fiscal year. Accounting shows that they will need to return approximately \$3600.00 to JCPC due to less travel and staffing change. During the month of July, they received a total of 3 referrals, all of which came from DJJ. They were all males (1 white, 1 Hispanic/White, 2 ages 14-16, 1 age 17+). All programming is face to face and there have been no issues other than usual challenges of getting in contact with guardians. Frances Henderson is retiring. Valoree Hanson will be the next Executive Director as of September 1st. They are working on staff restructuring to ensure no disruptions in program management and fiscal management.

The Exchange Club – They started the month of July with 9 cases and received 0 referrals. They had a total of 16 admissions for the fiscal year. The agency was able to use over 97% of their budget this year despite some months of the second PTS Group Facilitator salary lapse. Charity and Taylor hold the groups face to face at their in-kind space at the church. Taylor continues to do in person home visits for her counseling for her current 5 families that are on her caseload. Taylor is serving her current 5 families that are on her caseload and clients are making much needed progress. She has 3 additional families she is trying to engage while she finishes up with other families on her caseload. They are looking to secure a site to start their first ASAT group. They are also in the process of trying to hire their ASAT Counselor.

Reintegration Support Network – For the month of July, they began with 5 cases and received 1 referral. The referral was a Black/African American male age 10-13. He was referred due to mental health challenges. RSN is in the final stages of transitioning its Participant Program Manager to a Program Manager position, consolidating the responsibilities for both participant engagement and the mentor program into one staff function.

Volunteers for Youth – Teen Court received 1 referral in July. The referral came from DJJ and was for a Hispanic/Black male. They are having challenges with getting referrals in. They have been working on it by meeting with referral agencies and meeting with other diversion programs to see if they can assist. For Community Service & Restitution, they received 3 referrals for the month of July. These referrals came from DJJ and were all males (1 Black/African American, 1 White, and 1 Hispanic/White). The referral reasons were as follows: possession of stolen firearm/carrying a concealed weapon, possession of a handgun by a minor, and discharge firearm within enclosure to incite fear. They can work more directly with youth since due to low case numbers and have gotten to know them better individually. There are 2 young men who they have worked closely with for the last 6 months and they call on their own and share life updates.

Wrenn House – They have received one referral/admission in July. The referral was from DSS for a Black/African American male due to a disrupted placement. Services at Wrenn House continue to be offered face-to-face. Life skills topics have included health/ fitness, employment readiness, and emotional regulation. There was one unsatisfactory discharge from Wrenn House (runaway) and one successful discharge for Orange County youth in the month of July. Haven House Services will be participating in 3 community events in the month of August to increase outreach and awareness.

JJ Data Update (See chart at end of minutes)

June – 3 juveniles at intake (0 were RTA); 13 delinquent complaints; 1 undisciplined complaint; 0 school-based complaint; 14 complaints approved for court; 0 complaints diverted; 0 complaints closed; 3 juveniles placed in detention for 38 days; and 0 YDC admissions.

July – 10 juveniles at intake (5 were RTA); 58 delinquent complaints; 0 undisciplined complaints; 1 school-based complaint; 46 complaints approved for court; 1 complaint diverted; 0 complaints closed; 0 juveniles placed in detention for 0 days; and 0 YDC admissions.

Consultant Update

The House announced they would be releasing their own version of a state budget. House Bill 186, S.L. 2023-114 passed on August 2023 will become effective January 1, 2025. House Bill 834, S.L. 2024-117 passed in June 2024 and will become effective December 1, 2024. The 2023 DPS Annual Report has been published online and is available for review by JJDP staff and members of the public. The Rockingham County Youth Development Center received it's first youth placement in June. This is a 20-bed facility and is a hybrid Detention and YDC facility. The newly renovated Perquimans Juvenile Detention Center received it's first youth in July. It is a detention center that can house 24 youth. NCSAFE events should continue and be organized locally by JCPC's. "Toolkits" are available to assist with these events. The tentative open date for the Eckerd Short Term Male Residential facility is September 2024. Funding in the amount of 2.5 million dollars have been allocated to Community Programs to meet the needs of our population. The funding is focused on transitional support services to re-entry youth. HEARTH Transitional Living Program serves homeless youth who must agree to live in High Point. Haven House Transitional Housing First Model will provide housing for homeless youth in Wake County to prevent a return to homelessness. The program will serve up to 5 youth per year and are expected to open in September 2024.

The Teen Court evaluation project ended June 30, 2024, with the final report scheduled to be presented to DPS Management August 27th. The report will be distributed to JCPC's, providers, and other community partners in September 2024. Final accounting must be submitted in NCALLIES, along with a general ledger uploaded, by Thursday, August 15, 2024. The deadline for all DocuSign signatures is Tuesday, September 3, 2024.

Announcements

The next JCPC meeting is October 4th at noon.

Orange County Juvenile Justice Stats for JCPC 2023-2024

2023 - 2024	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	YDC Admissions
Jan 23	11	4	27	0	11	13	0	0	3	28	0
Feb	29	14	47	9	20	33	14	9	3	62	0
March	29	13	70	3	14	55	11	7	5	91	0
April	17	6	38	3	13	31	6	2	5	74	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
Oct	21	10	46	4	4	34	4	10	7	191	2
Jan 24	10	4	15	0	3	13	2	0	7	113	0
Feb	15	7	20	1	5	9	8	4	4	93	0
March	15	6	80	1	5	47	1	2	5	106	1
April	13	5	32	1	4	22	3	7	3	55	0
May	18	8	18	3	6	1	5	1	2	9	0
June	3	0	13	1	0	14	0	0	3	38	0
July	10	5	58	0	1	46	1	0	0	0	0