

**Orange County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Meeting**  
**Friday, February 7, 2024 (12:00noon – 2:00pm)**  
**Hybrid Teams Meeting**

**Approved Minutes**

Attendees: **Sharron Hinton, Amanda Farris, Dana Crews, Kysha Thompson, Gayane Chambless, Marilyn Carter, Paul Bell, Rachel Donovan, Lateef Mitchell, Joal Broun, Tami Pfeifer,** David Carter, Christy Watson, Nicole Hunter, Erica Cooke, Courtney Brown, Chaquita Breland, LaDanna Strong, Timeka Harper-Purcell, Jamie Jacobs, Soteria Shepperson, Sophie Suberman, Katie Zinke, Lucy Battles, Patricia Cardoso, Caraina Edwards (**\*Members in bold**)

Absent: Rachel Gessouroun, Tina Sykes, Crista Collazo

Excused: Bernard Miles, 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 the December 2024 meeting. Amanda Farris motioned for minutes to be approved and was seconded by Gayane Chambless. Motion passed unanimously.

**JCPC Business**

*Conflict of Interest Forms-* Sharron reminded all members to complete and submit Conflict of Interest forms to Caraina.

*Program Budget Revisions-*

Volunteers for Youth- Motion: To approve Community Service Program Budget Revision

Action: Approved

Reintegration Support Network- Motion: To approve Trauma Informed Peer Support Budget Revision

Action: Approved

**Committee Reports**

*Monitoring Committee* –The JCPC monitoring of programs needs to be scheduled and members were asked to volunteer. Consultant David Carter reported that he will be contacting committee members to schedule program monitoring visits and assist with the process. Committee members that agreed to serve on the monitoring committee include: Amanda Farris, Tami Pfeifer, Sharron

Hinton, and Dana Crews. Consultant Carter will coordinate with the programs to complete the monitoring visits prior to the next regularly scheduled JCPC meeting in April.

*Program Budgets-* Consultant Carter reminded programs that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Accounting is due next month and asked programs to prepare their budgets.

*RFP-* The RFP will be re-posted due to an error in getting it onto the county's website for advertising. The RFP will be posted on February 10, 2025 through March 12, 2025.

*New Member Applications-* There are two individuals who have completed JCPC membership applications. Those individuals are Christy Watkins (County Commissioner At-Large Appointee), and Timeka Harper-Purcell (Substance Abuse Professional Appointee). Chairperson, Sharron Hinton indicated that appointments are typically included as a component of the Annual Certification which is approved each June. Since we are requesting appointments at this time, an agenda abstract would need to be submitted to the Board of Commissioners for approval of these recommended appointments at one of their upcoming meetings.

## **Program Updates**

*Dispute Settlement Center-* For the month of December we started with seven. We added one, and had one successful completion closing out, which put our count ending back at seven. December was holiday time, so a part of the challenges we faced, as usual, is getting in contact with parents, but also scheduling, so a lot of folks who have referrals have been admitted. In January, we added another referral which we admitted. They have been plugged in, but I haven't been able to get in contact with the parents. We did not have any completions because we are still in the process with a lot of young people and making sure we have their numbers. The goal was 20 this year and the referrals are coming in pretty regularly.

*The Exchange Club – ASAT* received one referral for the month of December. So, currently we have 22 youth in that program. Referrals are open to anyone, so if they have substance abuse and they fall between the ages of 12-19 please send the referrals over. We take them from mental health agencies, DSS, and DJJ. Parents can also call themselves.

For *Parent Teen Solutions*, we received one referral. We ended up terminating one family unsuccessfully because the child was removed and sent to a facility. FYI - for those who didn't know, our Parenting Solutions is fully staffed! That's a big deal, because we had some issues with people accepting positions, starting and then quitting. For the month of January, we did not receive any referrals for Parent Teen Solutions. February 19<sup>th</sup> we will go out and market the program.

*Reintegration Support Network* – We received some referrals and were not able to match them during the month of December. I think a lot had to do with the impending holidays. A lot of people's schedules on both sides were challenging to make connections. We also had challenges with not having enough available mentors to take on new referrals. So, we started placing people on a wait list at the end of December. With the budget adjustment, we were able to provide almost 44 hours of direct support for mentoring for the entire month of December - which I thought was great given the challenges during the holiday season. In January, we received 2 new referrals. We are in the process of matching those now. We had less hours of individual support this month and I think that has to do with some of our closing out and people coming back from the holidays - everyone seemed to be really busy.

*Teen Court*- in January, we had one admission and one termination that was successful. It was a simple assault, and it was a male. In December, we had two admissions and those were weapons out on education property and a simple assault. Scott said that he had two new referrals for admissions and two successful terminations in the Community Service Program.

*Wrenn House* – We did have two youth referred and admitted to rehousing for the month of December - which brought us to six youth being served year-to-date from Orange County. We will serve 10 youth, so mid-year we're already more than halfway there. By the end of December, two had been discharged. We had one youth that was in care at the beginning of the month who we discharged. We admitted two, discharged two, so that left us with eleven youth from Orange County who rolled over into January. In January, we did not receive any referrals or any admissions for Orange County. At the end of January, we were still with six youth having been served year-to-date with our Orange County contract.

### **DJJ Data Update**

A new dashboard is on our website that provides data. So, if anyone on JCPC wants to look up data, it's updated quarterly. A link to the website has been shared.

**DPS Area Consultant Update:** No additional information.

**Announcements:** None

**Meeting Adjourned: 2pm**

*The next JCPC meeting is April 4<sup>th</sup> at noon.*

