

Orange County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Meeting
Friday, June 6, 2025 (12:00noon – 2:00pm)
Hybrid Teams Meeting

Approved Minutes

Attendees: **Dana Crews, Kysha Thompson, Gayane Chambless, Marilyn Carter, Timeka Harper-Purcell, Lateef Mitchell, Tamara Pfeifer** Scott Dreyer, Courtney Brown, La Danna Strong, Darnell Ellis, David Carter, Jamie Jacobs, Soteria Shepperson, Sophie Suberman, Patricia Cardoso, Matt Hughes, Shannon Perry – Smith, Demetria Haddock, Taryn Beachler, (*Members in bold)

Absent: **Joal Broun, Bernard Miles, Paul Bell, Rachel Donovan, Hugh Miles, Garrett Lowery**

Excused: **Sharron Hinton, Amanda Farris, Christy Watson**

Welcome

The meeting was opened with a welcome for Vice Chair, Dana Crews, and introductions.

Minutes Review and Approval

There were not enough members present to meet quorum, so we weren't able to approve the minutes for April.

JCPC Business- David Carter

There has not been any word from our department if the General Assembly has approved additional funding to support JCPC. We are wrapping up the fiscal year and with that comes some last-minute budget revisions. Because we are short of a quorum, there will need to be an emergency virtual meeting next week to vote on budget revisions for RSN, and Exchange Club, which includes Parenting Solutions and ASOT. We will need to get everything signed and turned in by June 30th. I will send out a doodle poll next week for an emergency board voting meeting.

Program Updates

Dispute Settlement-

For the month of April, there was one new admission and one satisfactory completion. There were no challenges or programming updates. Dispute Settlement Center is going through re-branding, which includes a new website. DSC will now stand for Dialog and Supportive Community, in order to make their services broader.

Exchange Club- LaDanna Strong

Adolescent Substance Abuse Treatment Program: They did not receive any referrals but did have two youth that they are working with. They were able to complete the group sessions with the two youth that were enrolled and are now in the process of completing the in-home sessions, as the program will end at the end of the month.

Parenting Solutions Group- In April, there were no referrals for the group program, but there were two referrals for the in-home program, which resulted in a count of five to start the month. They unsuccessfully discharged two individuals due to safety concerns with the youth threatening the counselors. The counselors and the family agreed that it would be best to allow another agency to provide services for them. One youth referred from DSS was admitted, which gave them a total of four youth in the Parenting Solutions In- Home Program. They are still marketing to schools, DJJ, and DSS and other mental health agencies in the community.

Reintegrated Support Network- Jamie Jacobs

In April, there was one referral and one admission. In May there were no satisfactory completions. Their expenses for the year are on track, however, they requested a budget revision due to their director of programs leaving the organization and would like to reallocate that one month salary. They have some good candidates and will start interviewing next week. They currently have five participants and two on their wait list, one is from Durham. RSN mentors provided 22 hours of support to six participants in May. They continue to move through the referral list, matching individuals when spaces become available.

Volunteers for Youth- Scott Dryer

Teen Court

One of their teen core coordinators left to pursue other opportunities and they were able to immediately fill the role with Mia, who comes from Wake County Teen Court Program. She knows the program and is bringing great ideas. They are working on community outreach to promote the program by giving people information on who they are and what they offer, in hopes of getting more referrals. Teen court got three referrals in May and Mia has already scheduled their intakes.

Community Service and Restitution

There were two referrals in April, and they admitted six new youth. They are currently preparing for orientations. In May, there were five referrals and three admissions. Those referrals included: breaking and entering a motor vehicle, injury to personal property, and defrauding an innkeeper. They are working on a program called Rewild Earth. This will be held at Blackwood Farms, educating youth on invasive plant species, the harm they do to our environment, and how to eradicate them. The kids will help dig out the plants and clean up the area.

Wrenn House- Darnell Ellis

Year to date Wrenn House has served 7 youth out of the 10 they agreed to serve with no referrals. Darnell plans to coordinate with Orange County to get more referrals. Kassi had a

baby and relocated to Florida, and Darnell has become the new Wrenn House Director. Congratulations Darnell!

County Update- Commissioner Carter

Commissioner Carter gave a brief update on the county's budget. The 2025-26 budget was adopted. There were a number of budget amendments made, including adjusting the school's Capital Improvement Plan. There will be a 2% wage increase for permanent employees. Benefits recommendations were fully approved and \$18.18 for minimum wage. It was also approved to adjust the Chapel Hill, Carrboro Schools, special district tax rate. JCPC funding held steady across the organizations, as this work is very important in the community. They also reinstated a 911 call center position for mental health support calls. Everyone is working hard to meet the needs of the community.

Announcements-

River Park Library Event – 6/7/25 10am-Noon

Grow Your World Event- 6/14/25 Tickets \$10 6pm-9pm

Summer Camp- June 30-July 25 10-14 year old, 11am-5pm M-F,
FREE

Orange Partnership with Town of Chapel Hill - Podcasting Camp Middle School- Week June 23
and Highschoolers- July Teen Center in Chapel Hill, FREE

Meeting Adjourned