



JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL

November 20, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Note Taker: Celia Jefferson

Members Present: Faye Paige, Allen Lang, DeWarren Langley, Jennifer Rogers, Stephen Watson, Brenda Howerton, James R. Allen, Drew Cummings, Herman Scott, Angela Nunn, Tasha P. Jones, Nicole Jimerson, Gayle Harris, Arnold Dennis, Michelle H. Smith, Michael Grissom, Fungai Bennett, Stephanie Williams, Karen K. Thompson

Members Excused: Lauren Wright, Judge Patricia Evans, Georgette O'Mary,

Members Absent: Olivia Marks, Johnnie Foster, Umar Muhammad, Michael Becketts

Visitors Present: Cindy Porterfield, Anthony Smith,

Staff Present: Gudrun Parmer, Celia Jefferson, Oprah Keyes

Welcome and Introductions

Angela Nunn, chair opened the meeting with a welcome and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

JCPC Meeting Minutes

Presented for approval: November 20th, minutes. **Motion:** The minutes to be accepted as presented. **Action:** Seconded & Approved.

Informal Monitoring Reports

The PROUD Program

Angela reported on the PROUD Program. The program director talked about new software he is using from the McGraw Hill's Practice Plus. The software will be used as a complete interactive test prep center (common core testing) that is online. This software will show the educators, kids, and parents exactly what level the kids are in English, reading, language arts, math, and vocabulary. The Durham Public School System is also moving toward this testing. This software has been proven through McGraw-Hill expertise into making sure kids are ready for their exams. No matter what test they are taking, McGraw-Hill has practice exams, videos, and other resources to help the kids reach their goal. Some kids are socially promoted because of their age, and this is not helping them, because the higher the kids go in learning, these tests will prove their level of reading, math skills, etc. They are currently in W.G. Pearson, and Glenn elementary School. Dr. Freeman from St. Augustine and assisted with writing the common core curriculum for the NC Department of Public Instructions is working with the program. Quillie is currently seeking funding for someone who could advocate on behalf of the parents and kids. PROUD is

getting calls from parents who have issues with kids ages 10-12 versus the ages 13-15, that they usually serve. The bulk of referrals come from Juvenile Court & SROs. More staff is needed to work with this population. Quillie and other JCPC Programs Providers have concerns about showcasing their program within the community, because they do not have the funds to service people that are asking for help.

Juvenile Justice Project

Herman and DeWarren met with Grace Marsh, director of the program. Grace informed them that funding is an issue with the program. In the past, closing out client had been a problem. She now has a new administrative person who keeps up with all clients tracking.

Rites of Passage Program

Umar and Georgette met with Rev. Herndon, director and Michael Wilson. They just finished new training for mentors early October. They now have a new program working with parents. They also shared the successes of past graduates. Most of their referrals come from parents, schools, and churches. Funding is also an issue for the program.

Young Warriors Athlete Scholarship Program

Arnold and Allan met with Nathan, director of the program. They talked about the reduction in the program budget. Nathan shared that there are many people who want to join the program, but they do not have the funding or staff to run classes. He is looking at the possibility of a day treatment program. He is receiving Level II funding from the State.

Parenting of Adolescent Program

Gayle and Faye met with Lesley Franciscy, program manager. This is an evidence base model program out of the University of Miami, and it works better with people of color. Their office space is limited. They are considering moving closer to the people they serve. They run a minimum of three sessions per week. They work closely with the court counselors. They have a waiting list of 45 families who come from DSS, mental health, hospitals, parents and other JCPC programs that refer kids to them. The model reduces substance abuse, delinquency, behavior problems, symptoms of anxiety, and depression and it improves education performance. Lesley is very knowledgeable of the program. They are currently seeking a staff person who speaks Spanish.

El Futuro's Durham County Clinical Program

Drew and Nicole met with Jennifer Casanova, program coordinator. Because it is counseling, they were not able to watch one on one session. Since this is a new program under JCPC, they had not established contact with the court counselors to let them know what they needed from them and inform them about their program. This program is a great resource within the community. Drew will check back in January to see how they are doing with referrals.

Project BUILD

See attachment

New Program Directors Angela introduced Project BUILD new director, Michelle Young and, Parenting of Adolescent new director, Laura Wagenknecht. Both presented a brief overview of

their program. Project BUILD seeks to reduce gang activity in targeted communities by providing highly structured case management through targeted outreach and intervention planning for high risk gang involved youth. Project BUILD utilizes wrap around services by connecting youth to Educational, Social and Employment resources, Mentors and Pro-social Role Modeling. Through evidenced/research based parent/child programming, this project will increase parental involvement and positive parent/child relationships. The Parenting of Adolescents program (POA) provides home based family counseling utilizing Multidimensional Family Therapy (MDFT) through a sixteen to twenty four week, two to three times per week contact with parents and adolescents. MDFT is evidence based family intervention developed primarily for African American and Latino court involved and at-risk youth. POA serves Durham County families with juveniles between the ages of six and 17 who are court involved or at risk for court involvement.

Durham County Public Health Services

Gayle presented on Durham County Public Health Services. They are a safety net organization to assure certain health services are available to the community and if not, they will try to make services available or provide services. Some services are required and mandated by the state. They see reductions from block grants and other federal funding. The governor reapportioned their budget. The General Assembly did not receive any funding for Planned Parenthood due to abortions. 50% were cut from counties that received Planned Parenthood funding. Durham lost around \$60,000. They are billing through NC Tracks and are not getting very much money because the system is not working. Fortunately, Durham County Government funds 70% of their budget. They recognize there are many medical providers in the community and most of them will take Medicaid. People who don't have insurance and are undocumented and do not qualify for insurance, Durham County, steps up to the plate with set fees. They do not refuse services to anybody. When people find out the kinds of clinical services Durham has, they will seek those services.

Durham Health Services include the traditional sexually transmitted infections; refuge health- Durham is a refuge site, rabies control, TB control, breast & cervical cancer control, and a dental clinic for kids up to 21. Partners with Project Access of Durham County to do some unlimited screening of uninsured adults. A prenatal clinic is available, a comprehensive family planning clinic, they inspect every restaurant in Durham and lodging establishment, check on-site sewage disposal in the form of septic tank issues, provide all the nurses for DPS, care management for children service, kids at risk with developmental disabilities up to age five, Regency Care management for all the Medicaid pregnant women in the community, a nutrition division, and a diabetes self management program. Durham County implemented a no smoking policy in August of 2012. Public Health Service works in partnership with the DPS youth at risk survey. The full report can be found on the Healthy Durham Website at www.healthydurham.org and click on health data.

Alternatives to Suspension

DeWarren indicated that he would follow up with the School Board to find out what process DPS plans to follow after the communities conversations on suspensions because the School Board had previously held kitchen conversations on the achievement of black males yet there was no follow up with the stakeholders of the process. He noted that there has not been an

effective way of engaging people after those meetings to let them know about any alternative changes in the school system. Once he gets the information back, he will email it to the council. He also included information about the duties of JCPC in the information shared with the School Board.

Overview of DMC Training

Tasha informed the council that, On December 10th, DMC has an upcoming training with Durham Public Schools to address DMC in the schools. Key players from the Central Office will be present. She distributed a detailed copy of the DMC objectives and activities.

Meeting adjourned.