



JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL

September 25, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Note Taker: Celia Jefferson

Members Present: Angela Nunn, Lauren Wright, Michelle Smith, Georgette O'Mary, Michael Grissom, Jennifer Rogers, DeWarren Langley, Judge Patricia Evans, Herman Scott, Tasha P. Jones, Umar Muhammad, Fungai M. Bennett, Faye Paige, Stephanie L. Williams, Arnold Dennis, Michael Becketts, Drew Cummings, Johnnie Foster

Members Excused: Brenda Howerton, Gayle Harris, Karen K. Thompson

Members Absent: Olivia Marks, Stephen Watson, Nicole Jimerson, Allan Lang

Visitors Present: Cindy Porterfield

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.

DJJ Updates

Cindy informed the council of the merging of the top levels of administration and leadership of the Division of Adult Correction, and Juvenile Justice. A letter from W. David Guice, Commissioner was distributed at the meeting. The letter explains that the merger streamlines and combines upper level management and administration functions, which they believe will create increased efficiencies for both former divisions. This merger will also offer an opportunity for these divisions to benefit from the sharing of key operational resources. Commissioner Guice stated in the letter that the goal is to enhance the support provided to all field operations in the combined division. Commissioner Guice commented on how valuable the work we do is valuable to the state's future. See attached letter for more details and the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice Operation flow chart. Cindy noted that Billy Lassister has been placed in the position as the interim Juvenile Community Program Director.

Approval of Minutes

Angela asked the council if there were any corrections to the minutes as distributed. Replace July date Date with August at the Rescue Mission Resource Fair. **Motion:** The minutes to be accepted as written with the adjustment of changing July to August. **Action:** Seconded and Approved.

Presentation – JCPC 2013-2014 Annual Plan

DeWarren explained that each year the JCPC has to write an annual plan on how we are to expend funds we receive from the Division of Juvenile Justice.

JCPC Purpose is to plan, organizes and evaluates locally-based programs designed to prevent and mitigate juvenile delinquency in Durham County. JCPC reviews the needs of juveniles, assess local youth service needs & address the gaps. JCPC works to develop community based delinquency and substance abuse prevention strategies and programs to prevent juveniles who are at-risk from becoming court involved. In fulfillment of the duties and responsibilities as set forth in the General Statutes of the State of North Carolina, JCPC completed the activities for the FY 2013-2014 County Plan.

JCPC Goals are to mitigate risk factors; an Action Plan to impact delinquent behavior (included in this document) has been developed. With the goals, measurable objectives and corresponding outcomes, JCPC proposes to prevent or reduce delinquent behavior in Durham County youth with the following goals: Prevent and reduce delinquent behavior, Reduction of complaints, Parent involvement, Reduction in violations of community supervision, and Program completion.

JCPC has determined that the following services are needed to reduce/prevent delinquency in Durham: Residential: Temporary Shelter Care, Runaway Shelter Care. Restorative Programs: Teen Court, Restitution, Mediation/Conflict Resolution. Assessment Program: Psychological Assessment. Structured Activities Programs, Mentoring and Parenting/Family Skill Building.

Each Program funded in the past year by JCPC has been monitored. The monitoring results and program outcome evaluations were considered in making funding allocation decisions. Funds were allocated to the following programs: Durham County Teen Court & Restitution, Evidence Based Trauma Assessment, Juvenile Justice Project, Parenting of Adolescent, Project BUILD, The P.R.O.U.D. Program, Rites of Passage, and Young Warrior Athlete Scholarship.

The Risk Assessment is conducted by our annual planning committee with the assistant of the juvenile court counselor. The assessment is used to predict the likelihood of juveniles being involved in future delinquent behavior. We had 497 dispositions in FY 2011-2012. Other statistics can be found in the annual plan. The Juvenile Needs Assessment is an instrument used to examine a youth's needs in the various areas of his/her life: the individual domain, the school domain, the peer domain and the community domain. In FY 2011-2012, 34% of court involved youth had medium needs (1% decrease from FY 10/11) and 5% had higher unmet needs in the individual, school, peer and community domains. (1% decrease from FY 10/11)

In conclusion, our accomplishments are as follows: JCPC allocated \$536,666 to fund ten continuation programs for FY 2012-2013. Partnered with the Department of Criminal Justice at

North Carolina Central University to create an ad hoc Disproportionate Minority Contact Subcommittee to study and develop strategies to mitigate the overrepresentation of minority youth in the juvenile justice system at higher rates than they present in the general population. Co-sponsored the Face of Disproportionate Minority Contact in Durham County Conference, Leading Youth Toward a Brighter Future held on Friday, January 25, 2013 to improve awareness of DMC and the coordination of agencies and personnel involved at decision points of intervention including the education, social services, health care, housing and justice systems. The website is www.dmcdurham.org. Revised the brochure for JCPC to include FY 2012-2013 service providers. Held two public awareness events, Keeping Our Youth Safe & Engaged During the Summer to increase awareness of JCPC and community resources for at-risk youth and encourage program participation by youth, especially those involved in the court system. The Keynote Speaker was Umar Muhammad, Sports Strategies & Play Advocate with USports Consulting, LLC who briefly highlighted research impediments to summer safety & engagement and offer strategies for engaging youth over the summer months. Representatives of our program providers set up network tables to provide information to attendees.

Informal Monitoring Visits

Angela noted that Celia has emailed monitoring team's information to the Council. Every team has a leader who will set up a time to meet with the program provider. You should be ready to present at the October 23 meeting.

Other Business

Parking at CJRC. Gudrun informed the Council that after 4pm at CJRC, people can park anywhere. She will inform the front desk and security about our monthly meetings.

Michael Becketts, Director of the Department of Social Service (DSS) presented a quick review of what is going on at DSS. Michael noted that the department is in the process of moving in the Durham County Public Health building over a period of two weeks. He commented on an article that he wrote about challenges in food nutrition services. There are lots of families in NC that is not receiving their food stamps timely. He gets at least twenty calls a week talking to families, which is only a fraction of the calls that DSS handles weekly. He has focused their energy on not blaming the state about problems with their system but making sure people have access to food. Although, they do have a back log they have emergency food cards. By March however, they will probably not have any cards left. He commented that people are now calling saying they have not had food in their homes in a long time and have at least 200 cases that have not been processed on time. He stated that they are less than a month behind. Although 99.96% of their cases are being processed timely, he said there are still 200-300 cases behind.

One of the things they have done to keep DSS out of the paper is to handle big problems as they occur. Other counties staff is jumping ship, saying they cannot do this anymore. He only has two vacant positions in food nutrition services and believes his staff is doing a good job. He is really concern about the Affordable Care Act that goes into action on October 1st. The state is then

required to process applications within the construct of the federal market place; the computer system is not ready. People who will be applying or those who have lost access to Medicaid will have to reapply. There is likely to be a built in delay. They are ready to receive applications, but they are not ready to process them. Every day that they receive an application, and cannot process it, creates a backlog. Although, they have been able to create an environment where people have access to the food, they do not have the resources to create an environment where people have ready access to temporary medicine, doctor's appointments, and money to pay for ambulance bills, etc. He is working with Lincoln Community Health Center, and he has a meeting with the CEO at Duke Hospital tomorrow and the CEO at Duke Health Care System on Saturday to talk about what a large medical provider can do when you have someone who wants to avoid being re-hospitalized and need access to resources to pay for medicine.

He realized people that do not have food will impact other departments at DSS. He raised a flag in child protective services, in home services, and foster care. He wanted to make sure that children, who were at risk of not having food, would not be removed from their home. They caught some adverse issues in the department just in time to keep that from happening. We were able to help a grandmother who were taking care of her grandchildren and several other adults in her home and pushed her application through and was able to get her a food card to get her through the weekend, and she was also able to get two food cards in the total amount of \$1,500 for July and August because of delays in the state system. They were given instructions on a Sunday night on how to restructure DSS by Monday morning. Michael believes that there is a light at the end of the tunnel, and they will eventually become a one stop shop. They are able to return calls in three days, and everybody is operating with the same information. The best information you can share with people is for them to get their application in on time and make sure that it is complete and it will be processed quicker. On November 16th a planned grand open of DSS new home will be held from 10am until 2pm.

Announcements

DeWarren informed the council that the P.R.O.U.D. program graduation ceremony will be held tomorrow at 6pm. Please attend if you can.

Arnold shared that a group of mentoring groups are coming together next month to talk about ways we can better coordinate the mentoring process in Durham County. We are going to have a group of students, a newer organization starting up at North Carolina Central University (NCCU). They are thinking about promoting volunteerism, and mentoring more aggressively than the schools are doing. Incidents are increasing at NCCU and he feels this shows disrespect for students. Umar will be on board to give a motivation speech. Arnold will keep us informed.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned @ 6pm.