

DURHAM COUNTY JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL

August 22, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Note Taker: Celia Jefferson

Members Present

Georgette O'Mary
Ann Oshel
Umar Muhammad
Olivia Marks
David W. Addison
Lauren Wright
Gayle B. Harris
Herman Scott
Arnold Dennis
Michelle H. Smith
Fungai Bennett
Drew Cummings

Excused Members

Anna Lee Mosley
Jennifer Rogers
Patricia Evans
Julie Linehan
Calvin Vaughan
Brenda Howerton

Others Present

Tonya Griffis, *DJJ*
Jim Stuit, *CJRC*
Angela Nunn, *Youth Home*
James R. Allen, *Fidelity Comm. Support*
Andre Purvis, *Fidelity Comm. Support*
Gudrun Parmer, *CJRC*

Absent

Johnnie Foster

Welcome, Announcements and Community Concerns

David Addison, chair, called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm, welcomed everyone and asked them to share community concerns and announcements.

David informed the council that at our October 26, 2011 meeting it was stated that in our ongoing effort to improve the process of analyzing the needs of at risk youth, and to set priorities for allocation of limited funds for community based programs to serve these youth, the Durham County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) needed the continuous expertise and experience of the Durham County Youth Home Director in addition to that of the Chief Court Counselor. This has been discussed with our Regional Consultant, Cindy Porterfield from the Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (DJJDP). She suggested that this would be a good addition to help improve our decision making process. It was stated that an Agenda Action Form would be sent to the Durham Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) requesting that one of the positions for members of the public be filled as a specified position by the Director of the Durham County Youth Home.

Last month, David and Gudrun went before the BOCC to advocate on behalf of the Agenda Action Form request. The BOCC appointed one of the positions for members of the public to be filled as a specified position by the Director of the Durham County Youth Home.

JCPC Informal Team Site Visits

David informed the council that there has been a change in the monitoring process. Normally, we officially monitor the programs two times during the fiscal year. This year the council members will visit the programs informally to get to know the program providers and see how they are operating with the clients. In January, we will do an official monitoring visit of the first

six months of fiscal year 2012-2013. Celia distributed informational packets for the council to review before the visit.

Approval of Minutes

David asked the council to review the minutes. **Motion:** David motioned that the minutes be accepted as presented. **Action:** Seconded and Approved.

JCPC Sub-Committees

Funding & Review Committee

Karen K. Thompson, Chair
Drew Cummings, Assistant Chair
Herman Scott
David Addison
Angela Nunn
Gudrun Parmer

Needs Assessment/Strategic Planning Committee

Calvin Vaughan, Chair
Johnnie Foster
Fungai Bennett
Patricia Evans
Arnold Dennis
Michelle Smith

Public Awareness/Publicity Committee

Anna Lee Mosley, Chair
Jennifer Rogers
Brenda Howerton
Olivia Marks

Monitoring Committee

All members who do not have a conflict participates

Membership/Nomination Committee

Jennifer Rogers, Chair

Funding & Review Committee: Reviews proposals for funding (Program Agreement) and makes recommendations for funding to the full Council.

Risk and Needs Assessment: Responsible for assessing the Risk Factors, Needed Services, Community Resources and recommending Funding Priorities. These activities comprise a major part of developing the county's annual plan.

Monitoring Committee: Reviews each funded program annually for program performance and the degree to which the program operation is consistent with the program agreement.

Nominating Committee: Bylaws from **ARTICLE III: OFFICERS: Section 1, Officers:** The officers of the Durham JCPC shall include a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, and Parliamentarian. Additional vice-chairs and such other assistant officers as needed may be authorized by the Council. **Section 2. Election of Officers:** Officers shall be elected annually by a majority vote at a regular or special meeting in the spring, prior to the end of the fiscal year; and will assume office on the following July 1. The nominating committee shall present a proposed slate of officers to the JCPC, with additional nominations accepted from the floor. Voting will be accomplished by written ballot. **Section 3. Terms:** Officers shall be elected for one year terms and may succeed themselves.

Public Awareness/Publicity Committee: Increase public awareness of the causes of delinquency and of strategies to reduce the problem.

JCPC Annual Plan Fiscal Year 2012-2013

David presented an overview of the JCPC Annual Plan. The Durham County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) is charged with studying and assessing the needs of the juvenile population within the county and making funding recommendations for needed services to the Durham County Commissioners for the expenditure of intervention/prevention funds which are appropriated by the General Assembly. This fiscal year JCPC was awarded funding in the amount of \$536,666.

The JCPC Annual Plan is linked under the Criminal Justice Resource Center website: cjrc@durhamcountync.gov.

The Annual Plan consists of the following informational data:

1. Executive Summary (Year 1 and subsequent year updates)
2. Division of Juvenile Justice / County Funding Allocation
3. JCPC Organization
4. County Risk and Needs Assessment Summary
5. Research – Based Programs Summary
6. JCPC Action Plan
 - *Objective & Output/Outcome Measures (F.Y. 2012-2013)*
 - *Evaluation / Results (F.Y. 2011-2012)*
7. JCPC Request for Proposal (RFP)
8. JCPC Application Scoring Tool

Attachments:

- Accomplishments for Fiscal Year 2011-2012
- JCPC Funded Program Descriptions
- Risk & Needs Graph Data
- Continuum at A Glance

Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Update

Arnold Dennis presented an update on DMC. Arnold stated that the Center for Community Safety at Winston-Salem State University has been awarded a grant from the NC Governor's Crime Commission to conduct a statewide assessment of disproportionate minority contact. Durham was one of the four regions asked to participate in the Focus Group. They are doing assessments across the state looking at what some of the driving forces are in DMC. When they finish in all of the regions, they will send out the result and it will be shared with JCPC. Durham had 12 people to represent at the focus group. The following agencies make up the composition of the DMC Committee: Durham Public Schools, Division of Juvenile Justice, Criminal Justice Resource Center, North Carolina Central University, Alliance Behavior Healthcare, Department of Social Service, Durham's Judges, Guardian at Litem, Juvenile Justice Project (Conflict Resolution), Police and Sheriff Department, Department of Public Health. We did have a parent, but she is no longer attending. Arnold asked the JCPC if they knew of a parent that would like to serve on the committee, to let him know.

Arnold shared the committee **Mission Statement:** The Durham County DMC Initiative will support and strengthen the relationship with community partners, public and private

organizations. We will work to enhance existing resources and integrate the DMC project into a comprehensive service network that reflects Durham County's vision of promoting a healthy development of all children and their families.

The overarching goal of the Durham County DMC Initiative is to create system change for the comprehensive and integrated delivery of services and programs that will promote the fair and equal treatment of all youth that come into contact with any agency within our County. **Goals include:**

- 1) Identifying the existence of DMC in Durham County
- 2) Assessing/diagnosing mechanisms contributing to DMC and recommending best reduction practices.
- 3) Heighten awareness of DMC as an issue in Durham County.
- 4) Improving coordination of agencies and personnel involved at decision points of the juvenile justice system.
- 5) Developing a budget
- 6) Engaging in legislative advocacy (Temporarily on hold due to a conflict of interest).

In reference to #4: Improving coordination of agencies and personnel involved at decision points of the juvenile justice system. We have developed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) based on the model from the state of Georgia and Judge Teske who has done a lot in pulling that community together around DMC and decreasing the DMC rate. The MOA was put together with our objectives, members, goals, and mission statement. Each agency has a list of some of the things that we would like for them to commit to. At our last meeting, Judge Morey suggested that the MOA should be one of our conference outcomes.

Arnold informed the council of a meeting he and Calvin had with Durham's Public Schools Superintendent. He verbally endorsed what we were doing and asked us to continue to work with his staff. Kishia Carrington is the contact person in the public schools system. Arnold stated that we plan to have training for the SROs and staff. There are two coordinators in NC. The Division of Juvenile Justice coordinator is Marty Brown who has presented before our committee. The Governor's Crime Commission coordinator is Brandy Dolby, who also has presented before our committee. It has been noted that Durham is really the reason that the school system is involved with the DMC committee. Calvin indicated that the referrals from the schools seem to be decreasing. We have not seen the numbers yet. Arnold stated that we will continue our efforts with Durham Public Schools.

Arnold stated that the small resource guide has been distributed to law enforcement officers and, SRO officers. The idea is for them to look at the resource guide before making referrals to the courts. Ann Oshel informed the council that the resource directory is easier to update and it is free. She will make sure an email is sent to everyone listed in the small resource guide letting them know how to update their information. The website gets around 157 hits per day. As part of the county strategic plan, they have created a password protected field for all first responders. There are blog sections on the web site to communicate with others about high risk people and they can communicate with system of care about resources and they are able to track how many people have registered from departments.

The DMC conference has been rescheduled from October 19 to January, 2013. Arnold would like for JCPC to participate. He will be back in touch with a date. All the information presented has been the focus of the committee. The DMC rate has gone down from 6.84 to 6.51. Hopefully, we are moving in the right direction. Law enforcement has agreed to go with Arnold to Charlotte to make them aware of the DMC issues. In Greenville the police department hired a psychologist to work with Project Equal and their DMC numbers has come down. Arnold reminded everyone that the DMC Committee meets the third Friday of each month.

Meeting adjourned.