



JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL

July 24, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Arnold Dennis, Tasha Jones, Michael Becketts, Umar Muhammad, Gayle Harris, Drew Cummings, Stephanie L Williams, Angela Nunn, Herman Scott, Michelle Smith, Lauren Wright, Brenda Howerton, Fungai Bennett

Members Excused: Karen K. Thompson, Georgette O'Mary, Olivia Marks, Jennifer Rogers, DeWarren Langley

Members Absent: Stephen Watson, Johnnie Foster, Judge Patricia Evans

Visitor Present: Cindy Porterfield, Ashley Dunn

Staff Present: Jim Stuit, Gudrun Parmer, Celia Jefferson, Ellen Paddock

Welcome and Introductions

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

Approval of Minutes

Angela asked the council to review the minutes. **Motion:** That the minutes be adopted as presented. **Action:** Seconded and Approved.

DJJ Updates

Cindy Porterfield informed the Council of the changes in the Division of Juvenile Justice Administration. She stated that in the house, and senate budget there was a reduction of three top administrators: assistant secretary, chief operating officer, and facility service. Durham County has only three detention facilities with a total of 78 beds. The State Detention Center has nine facilities with a total of 127 beds. Overall there were around 168 positions cut.

The Program Agreements for this fiscal year were electronically signed through docu sign electronic signature process. Cindy received good feedback on the effectiveness of the new process. The program providers no longer have to print out five Program Agreements and get signatures. The providers sign electronically first, JCPC chair, County Manager, and DJJ.

The Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol (SPEP) will be introduced in the fall. The purpose of SPEP is to identify and measure the degree of quality of services in JCPC funded

program. The program providers will have to get on board with evidence supportive protocol on how they address their delivery service. The providers will write one year program improvement plan and follow it. The SPEP protocol is drilling down deeper in what the programs does, and programs will have to justify it. This will help DJJ to convey to our legislatures that we do have programs that work and are considered a blue print.

Appointment of subcommittees

Angela asked that each council member participate on at least one of the subcommittees listed below:

Needs Assessment/Strategic Planning

Chair: Tasha Jones

Members: Angela Nunn, Michelle Smith, Arnold Dennis, and Stephanie Williams

Membership/Nomination

Chair: Jennifer Rogers

Members: Gayle Harris

Funding and Review

Chair: Karen Thompson

Members: Drew Cummings, Laruen Wright, and Brenda Howerton

Public Awareness/Publicity

Chair: DeWarren Langley

Members: Umar Muhammad, Herman Scott

Monitoring

Celia will coordinate the monitoring process and everyone on the council is asked to participate

Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC)

Chair: Arnold Dennis

Members: Umar Muhammad

Wrap up for June events

A brief review of JCPC Public Awareness events was presented by Angela and Celia. The events were held in June on Thursday 13 at Lyon Park and June 22nd at the Holton Career Center. The purpose of the events was 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. Our Keynote Speaker were 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.

National Night Out

The Beta Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity extended an invitation to the Durham County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council to participate with several Durham County service organizations such as the Durham Police Dept., Durham Sheriff's Dept., Durham Fire Dept., and the Division of Juvenile Justice in supporting the National Night Out Community Awareness Event. The event is scheduled for August 6, 2013 from 5:00pm until 7:00pm at 1811 Palmer Street Durham, NC 27701. Tables will be provided for JCPC, and funded program providers to display information about the JCPC programs. Food will also be provided along with activities for the youth to enjoy. The National Association of Town Watch anticipates that this year over 37 million people in more than 15,000 communities worldwide will join forces to promote police-community partnerships; crime, drug and violence prevention; public safety; and neighborhood unity.

Back 2 School Event

Umar announced the 1st Annual Bull City Hoop Huddle & Hang, a USPORTS event. The event will be held Saturday August 17 from 10AM -4PM at the Emily K. Center in Durham. This is a free Back 2 School sports event for Durham's 13-15 year old boys and their parents. Flyers were distributed. Umar asked for an opportunity to invite some of the JCPC funded program providers to participate by setting up network tables to inform people of the purpose of their program. Celia will send out an email asking providers to volunteer at this event. He also would like Durham County logo to be on his flyers. Celia will contact Deborah Craig Ray, Assistant County Manager for Communications about using the County logo.

Gang Assessment

Jim Stuit stated that in 2007, the City/County police, and sheriff department joined together to prepare their first comprehensive gang assessment. Since 2007, a lot of things have changed; they formed a Gang Reduction Steering committee and lots of different efforts. The steering committee thinks that it is now a good time to prepare another assessment to determine the impact of the first efforts. There are a lot of different components to it, looking at crime rates from the police department, school data and other things. One of the things the steering committee is doing is a community survey. We got a great response – just about 700 people completed the survey. Question number 13 was related to JCPC and what you do. The question read as follows: Please pick the top 3 things you believe should be done about gangs and gang activities in Durham. See distributed handout for results. Another question on the survey asked about gang components: are you aware of the steering committee, Project BUILD, the box was checked never heard of any of these. The steering committee is also working on public awareness of their committee. The community survey received 697 responses to date, a source of good information. The steering committee has now developed a service provider survey. This survey will inform us from the service providers perspective where they see the gaps and also ask questions of whether it is evidence based and some things we can find out about their service that will help youth. Jim will reach out to Celia about some of the organizations that work with

JCPC. We are working on getting the survey responders race, gender, age, and educational attainment from the community. Jim commented that we should have some interesting finding.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45pm.