

**Virtual Juvenile Crime Prevention Council
Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 7, 2024 1:00 p.m. Virtual**

JCPC Website

Roll Call for Attendance

Rick Ammons, Keith Brown, Christa Smith, Denise Price, Sonja Williams, Sharon Singletary, Joshua Swift, Phoua Martin, Shatarra Smith, Lori Edwards, Clinton Wilson, Dandridge Emerson, Jackie Copeland, Sergeant Jennifer Dobey, Pastor George Banks, Jane Garrity, Al-Wadood Jabbar, Denise Price, Dr. Jack Monell and Fabby Williams

Not In Attendance

Ernest Logemann, Neisser Bent- Saavedra, Jalissa Truesdale, Cynthia Collins, Honorable Ted Kazakos, Andrew Keever (emailed), Judge Denise Hartsfield

Staff Present

Rich Smith and Iesha Carter

Program Managers

Amanda Causey (TRJ), Danielle Johnson (YWCA), Elizabeth Miller (Parenting Path), Lynn Rhoades (Authoring Action), Valerie Glass (TRJ), Jennifer Cassels (Family Services), Chef Kimberly (Aspire), Douglas Greene (KRE8ivU), Maxine Greene (KRE8ivU), Courtney Perry (Family Services), and Terra Lataille (Project X)

Approval of Minutes from August 5, 2024

Motion to Approve: (1) Jackie Copeland (2) Dan Emerson

Conflict of Interest Forms

It was noted that, as part of the committee's annual requirements, all members must submit a Conflict of Interest (COI) form each year. Several forms are still missing from the current year. Members who have not yet submitted their COI forms are kindly reminded to do so at their earliest convenience.

Volunteers for Committees

Members were reminded to refer to the previous meeting's minutes, where several individuals kindly volunteered for various committees. However, additional volunteers are still needed. Members are encouraged to consider offering some of their time to assist with the committees, and any help would be greatly appreciated.

Attachment: JCPC Current Committees - Updated

Request for Funding from CCNWNC Purchase of Equipment

The Children's Center of Northwest North Carolina purchased equipment with JCPC funds. Since the program closed, they chose to buy the equipment. \$25,000 was allocated to the Forsyth County, which will not require a match. There is no time limit on these dollars. In August, programs were invited to apply for these funds, and three requests were received by the deadline:

Distribution of \$25,000 from sale of JCPC funded equipment from Children's Center of Northwest NC		
Program Name Requesting Funds	Requested amount	Expansion/Enhancement
TRJ – RESTART	\$7,100	Request to pay for additional salaries (\$6,050), fringe (\$500), food (\$250) and vehicle supplies (\$300) to provide a Latinx class of RESTART to an additional 8 youth
PP – KnockOut	\$2,000	Request to pay for interpretation services
PP – PATTS 24-25	\$1,000	Request to pay for interpretation services
Total:	\$10,100	
Remaining:	\$14,900	

Motion moved to approve the above funding and to move forward with determining remaining programs to fund in December.

Motion to Approve: (1) Dan Emerson (2) Jack Monel

NC Department of Public Safety – Community Programs - Consultant's Report – Rich Smith

Last month, a verbal report was given, and after discussing with other consultants, a written format was decided to improve clarity for Council members. The report includes two parts: a Youth Served report and program updates.

Attachment: NCDPS – Consultant Report

Youth Served Report

- Kre8ivU – ARISE Forsyth: This is a new program, but no youth have been served yet. They have a location but no referrals. Recommendations were made to contact members from the Sheriff's Department, Police Department, Schools, and Juvenile Court to inform them of the program. They are scheduled to meet with Juvenile Court counselors in two weeks.
- Parenting Path – PATTS: Served 19 youth, and there was an issue with the program agreement this year, so the number served will likely increase next month.
- TRJ RESTART: The Restart Program has a couple of sessions starting soon
- Intensive Youth Collaborative Project X Program showed lower numbers of youth served but had no new admissions.
- All other programs appear to be doing well.

Program Updates

- Fiscal/Financial Oversight Training: This will be held in November, open to JCPC members and programs. There will also be a virtual meeting option.
- YASI Training: A training on the Youth Assessment Screening Instrument (YASI), used by court counselors, will be held for providers and court services trainers.

- Legislative Update: A management and training committee for juvenile justice will meet in late October to discuss House Bill 186 and 834. Updates will be shared in the December meeting. Dan, Keith, Dennis, and possibly Terry will attend the training.
- Hearth Program: A transitional program for homeless youth across the state. There is currently space for 5 youth in High Point, and the program provides independent living skills, education, and job assistance. The program addresses increasing youth homelessness, especially those transitioning out of juvenile detention and residential facilities.
- Senate and House: The budget for this fiscal year has been approved by both the Senate and the House.
- NC Safe Campaign: The firearm safety campaign continues with toolkits, community outreach, and free gun locks available. Thanks were extended to Jackie and Forsyth County for collaborating on a booth at the Carolina Classic Fair, distributing 1,000 gun locks.
- Special thanks to Sharon and her husband for traveling to the western part of the state to retrieve children from the assessment center in Madison County after the recent storm.

Cure Violence Update

- Cure Violence Global is on-site this week for the certification of the ForsythWINS program.
- There have been two homicides in **Beat 222** since October 2023, which remains concerning, but the team noted positive shifts in community violence, with incidents moving to other areas of the community.

Juvenile Justice Update

- The office is nearly fully staffed, with just one position remaining unfilled, which is an exciting development.
- Training on Hospital 834 will be provided at the end of the month to address youth committing adult offenses at ages 16 and 17.
- Changes to competency laws will take effect in January.
- There is a strong focus on Project Safe Neighborhood and School Justice Partnership, aiming to divert first-time offenders from entering the system by referring them to services.

Other Announcements

- Triad Restorative Justice (Amanda)
 - The group is going well, with a full roster and additional classes starting soon.
 - Impact Circles are receiving many referrals, with just a few slots remaining. The program is progressing with intakes and mediation agreements.
- Authoring Action - Just Us Program (Lynn Rhoades) - shared that the summer program at Aperture was a success, with films from referred teens expected to be completed by January. A new group will begin their writing portion in November
- Aspire (Chef Kimberly)
 - Classes are ongoing, with new referrals from local schools, including Mineral Springs Middle School and Cross North.
 - Forward Focus is running smoothly with students expressing interest in careers such as real estate, though encouragement to return to school is needed for success.
 - The program is seeing positive outcomes, including new students obtaining employment.
- Kre8ivU (Douglas Greene) - shared that the program is ready to begin classes:

- They are accepting at least 10 students per session with two qualified instructors.
 - The program is trauma-informed, with instructors trained to help students express themselves through filmmaking.
 - Classes will be held at **Fries Memorial Moravian Church** on Thursdays from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM, with transportation provided.
- Youth Collaborative Project X (Terra), announced that the organization has moved into a new location:
 - The new facility offers more space, including classrooms for students.
 - Referrals are increasing, and a graduation ceremony recently took place at Britton Academy.
 - Youth participants are also gaining employment with support for transportation.
- Teen Court and Work and Earn It Program (Danielle Johnson), provided a report:
 - Work and Earn It - The program has successfully used leftover funds to purchase a van, improving transportation for juveniles to community service sites and for Teen Court.
 - However, referrals for Teen Court are lower than expected, with efforts to contact parents continuing.

Adjournment

- Motion to Approve: (1) Al Jabbar (2) Fabby Williams