

**Mecklenburg County
Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Meeting
May 24, 2011 – Minutes**

Members Present: Kimberly Best-Staton, Keith Cradle, Sarah Crowder, Pete Davis, Tom Eberly, Douglas Edwards, D. Franklin Freeman, Gwen Hester-Cohen, Deborah Jackson, Lola Massad, Laura McFern, Susan McCarter, Pamela Morris, Steve Newman, Heather Taraska, Richard Zaleskie

Staff Present: Rich Smith, Brandi Weathers, and Tangela White

Members Absent: (# of Unexcused/Excused absences since 01/01/11): Kimm Campbell (2E), Jeff Hood (2U), Laura Johnson (2E), Simona Mitchell-Kelly (3E), Mary Wilson (2U, 1E)

The meeting was called to order at 4:36 p.m. by the interim chair, Richard Zaleskie.

Quorum was established.

Approval of the Agenda for May 24, 2011: Agenda was approved unanimously by the council.

Review and Approval of April 26, 2011 and May 10, 2011 Minutes: April minutes were approved unanimously by the council. Minutes from the May 10th special meeting were not yet available.

Reports of Officers: BOCC Update – Richard Zaleskie reported that he and Rich Smith and Brandi Weathers attended the five-hour Board of County Commissioners meeting this month in support of the JCPC allocations. Richard commended Brandi on how she represented the JCPC. The BOCC voted to approve the JCPC recommended allocations and so now we will wait for the state to approve the overall budget.

Brandi noted that the state's DOJ community programs' budget may be cut by 70%. JCPC programs will be funded starting on July 1, 2011 – but depending on the final state budget, may have to have their budgets adjusted after the start of the fiscal year.

Committee Reports: Nominating Committee Report – Steve Newman reported that the Nominating Committee continues to work on a slate of officers for the June meeting. The committee is also following up on terms of members and currently plans to endorse all current members for reappointment.

New Business: Program Agreement Revisions – Richard presented two Program Agreement Revisions – one for AYN and one for LIFT. Motions were made to amend each of these agreements accordingly and both motions passed unanimously.

Bylaws – Given some of the recent JCPC discussions (Robert's Rules of Order, term requirements, committee service, meeting participation by telephone, etc.), Richard asked the Council members if they felt an ad hoc committee should be formed to review and possibly

revise the bylaws. The general consensus was that this is a good idea. Sarah Crowder volunteered to chair this ad hoc committee and Tom Eberly, Heather Taraska, and Susan McCarter agreed to serve on this committee.

Updates and Announcements:

Tom asked about any action taken to solicit help with the task of monitoring. Laura McFern has stepped down as chair of this committee. Several JCPC members stated their support of Kimm Campbell in this role, but she was not present to respond. Richard offered to contact Kimm. Gwen Hester-Cohen, as a member of the Monitoring Committee, offered her help. And Brandi circulated a sample monitoring report that another county she works with uses. All agreed that we need to get going on setting goals for the monitoring efforts and then an outside “monitor” can be sought. To that end, an ad hoc committee was formed in support of these tasks. Tom will chair the committee and Gwen, Laura, and Franklin Freeman will serve on the committee.

Given the previous discussions of broadening the scope of data included in the risk and needs assessment, Susan would like to convene a meeting of the Risk and Needs Committee this summer. She will contact members with a Doodle poll to solicit meeting availability.

Brandi offered a little more insight into the state budget process and this started a discussion regarding the sustainability of JCPC-funded programs. Kimberly asked about Eckerd camp. Rich mentioned that one of their programs may be able to continue despite earlier reports that all of Eckerd’s services were ending. Franklin suggested adding sustainability to the RFP process. Sarah commented that we should mention sustainability to programs now. Discussion ensued about the best way to do this. The Council decided to have Richard draft and send a letter to all current JCPC-funded programs mentioning that sustainability would be a component of next year’s RFP and to consider this throughout the 2011-2012 year in preparation for the 2012-2013 funding cycle.

Brandi then informed the Council that she has accepted another position and will be leaving her current position as a JCPC consultant. Members expressed their gratitude for her efforts this year and gave her best wishes in her next endeavor. Her enthusiasm will be missed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Next meeting is Tuesday, June 28, 2011 at 4:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Susan McCarter