

**Mecklenburg County
Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Meeting
September 25, 2012 – Minutes**

Members Present: Kimberly Best-Staton, Bobby Cobb, Keith Cradle, Sarah Crowder, Pete Davis, Douglas Edwards, Emerald Fulmore, Lola Massad, Susan McCarter, Mary Lisa Moore, Heather Taraska

Staff Present: Scott Stoker

Guests Present: Natasha Dolner & David Schwob – CMPD, Hannah Dunham – Eckerd, Teresa Abernathy – Project Challenge, Sheila Peltzer – KN2P: Kids Need 2 Parents, Beryl Miller – GAP, Dee Rankin & Teresa White – YDI/LIFT Academy, Bet Levine – FACET/YFS, Gordon Keath & Eddie Dunn – Project Challenge, Thomas Murphy & Justin Lewter – Boy Scouts of America

Members Absent: Tom Eberly, Gwen Hester-Cohen, Sara Holland, Deborah Jackson, Laura Johnson, Laura McFern, Pam Morris

The meeting was called to order at 4:38 p.m. by the Acting Chair, Heather Taraska. Quorum was established.

Approval of the Agenda for September 25, 2012: Agenda was approved unanimously by the Council

There was no Secretary at the July 24, 2012 meeting and thus, minutes are unavailable.

We do, however, have the attendance record from the July 24, 2012 meeting:

Members Present: Bobby Cobb, Keith Cradle, Sarah Crowder, Pete Davis, Tom Eberly, Douglas Edwards, Chris Ferguson, Franklin Freeman, Emerald Fulmore, Gwendolyn Hester-Cohen, Lola Massad, Laura McFern, Mary Lisa Moore

Guests Present: Bet Levine – FACET/YFS, Darryl Bego & Teresa White – YDI/LIFT Academy, Teresa Abernathy – Project Challenge, Hannah Dunham – Eckerd, Sheila Peltzer – KN2P: Kids Need 2 Parents, Patsy Burkins – GAP

Members Absent: Kimberly Best-Staton, Kimm Campbell, Sara Holland, Deborah Jackson, Laura Johnson, Susan McCarter, Pam Morris, Heather Taraska

Report from Nominations Committee: Lola Massad gave general membership updates: Mary Wilson will be replaced by Paul Risk. Kimm Campbell has accepted a new position out of town and the Council will seek a replacement representative from Area Mental Health.

Lola then provided officer updates: Franklin Freeman has accepted a new position in Washington, D.C. and has thus, resigned from the JCPC. Chris Ferguson has also resigned - citing health reasons. Thus, Heather, as the newly-elected Vice Chair, is serving as Acting

Chair. Lola then informed the Council that Sarah Crowder has been nominated by the Nominations Committee to serve as Chair. Judge Kimberly Best-Staton seconded this motion on the floor and Council members unanimously voted to elect Sarah Crowder as JCPC Chair. Sarah then, assumed leadership responsibilities for the meeting.

Lola noted that the secretary position is also open. On behalf of the Nominations Committee, she asked if Susan McCarter would consider serving again as Secretary. Susan agreed to serve again. The motion was seconded by several members and approved unanimously.

Report on Action on Project Challenge Special Appropriation Funds: Scott Stoker reported several options regarding Project Challenge's special appropriations: 1) \$ 27,968 – let them keep it – move it to another line item, 2) take it away and give it to someone else, 3) advertise another RFP, or 4) let it revert back to the state.

Kimberly moved to let Project Challenge keep the money. The motion was amended to designate the funds for salaries. This motion was then amended to have Project Challenge present their salary plan at the next meeting. Amended motion was seconded by Mary Lisa Moore and carried unanimously.

FY 2011/2012 Final Accounting: Several programs still have general ledger components missing, etc. A suggestion was made to begin doing third quarter accounting earlier. Scott noted that approximately \$30,000 was being reverted back to the state, which is less than last year. Kimberly argued that we shouldn't be sending any money back.

Susan suggested that accounting procedures and expectations should be covered during the grantees pre-award workshop.

Announcements: Nominations Committee noted that there should be 2 youth under 21 on the JCPC. Douglas Edwards suggested that we all drum up interest in the JCPC – including to the youth in our community. Lola will get with Janis Page, Clerk to the County Commission, to obtain an updated membership list with expiration dates.

Scott announced that as of September 5, 2012 the Department of Juvenile Justice is now under the NC Department of Public Safety - for consolidation reasons.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm

Next meeting is Tuesday, November 27, 2012 at 4:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Susan McCarter