

**Mecklenburg County
Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Meeting
January 22, 2013 – Minutes**

Members Present: Bobby Cobb, Keith Cradle, Sarah Crowder, Pete Davis, Tom Eberly, Douglas Edwards, Darrell Gregory, Gwen Hester-Cohen, Lola Massad, Laura McFern, Susan McCarter, Mary Lisa Moore, Pamela Morris, Emmett Tankersley, Heather Taraska

Staff Present: Scott Stoker

Guests Present: Darryl Bego and Teresa White – YDI/LIFT Academy, Patsy Burkins and Beryl McMillen - GAP, Timothy Fowler – Boys to Men Foundation, Larry Rainey – Connections BWB, Stephan Askew – Q Foundation, Inc., Napoleon Crowell – Project Challenge

Members Absent: Kimberly Best-Staton, Phil Endress, Emerald Fulmore, Sara Holland, Paul Risk

The meeting was called to order at 4:38 p.m. by the Chair, Sarah Crowder.
Quorum was established.

Approval of the Agenda for January 22, 2013: Agenda was approved unanimously by the Council

Review and Approval of November 27, 2012 Minutes: Douglas Edwards moved that the November 27, 2012 minutes be approved as presented and Lola Massad seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously by the Council.

Welcome to New Members: Sarah Crowder officially welcomed Darrell Gregory and Emmett Tankersley - Phil Endress was not present. Susan McCarter reviewed attendance forms and procedures.

Report from Risk and Needs Committee:

Susan McCarter reported that the Risk and Needs Committee (Susan McCarter – Chair, Keith Cradle, Darrell Gregory, Mary Lisa Moore, Paul Risk – Judge Kimberly Best-Staton was absent) met on January 15th at 11:30am in the government center with guests Sarah Crowder and Scott Stoker. The state's risk and needs data for Mecklenburg County were reviewed and trends were noted including the overall decline in juvenile crime, continued overrepresentation of youth of color, and new trends in increased numbers of younger offenders in the juvenile justice system. The committee worked to draft the 2013 JCPC RFP (attached) and included language regarding younger offenders and cultural awareness with training requirements. The committee also drafted the corresponding RFP Checklist/Table of Contents (attached) that will accompany the RFP. Given the Council's focus on quality improvement, the Risk and Needs Committee recommends a mandatory training for all potential programs applying for JCPC funding.

Discussion of minimum requirements and in-kind requirements was held. The RFP timeline was presented by Scott Stoker and Sarah.

Heather Taraska moved to approve RFP, Checklist, and Timeline, Douglas Edwards seconded. Motion was approved unanimously by the Council.

Douglas noted that a scoring rubric will be developed and shared asap. Scott is looking at February 14, 2013 for the mandatory grantee workshop/training.

Report on Contract with Monitoring Consultant: Dr. Shelley Listwan: Tom Eberly introduced Dr. Shelley Listwan and reviewed the JCPC monitoring process. He noted that the county recently contacted University of Cincinnati's Ed Latessa who is a preeminent program evaluator. Shelley was a protégé of Ed's and recently moved to UNC Charlotte. She has recently completed an evaluation of drug treatment court for the county, of which they were very pleased with the results.

Gwen Hester-Cohen asked about upcoming monitoring visits. Scott has obtained an extension to February 15, 2013.

Request by Boys to Men Foundation for letter of support for the Governor's Crime Commission grant application: Sarah reminded the Council about the process for the GCC grant application which requires a letter of contact/support from local JCPCs providing evidence that the program is consistent with the needs of the community.

Christopher Timothy Fowler – President of Boys to Men spoke regarding his program and their grant application to the GCC. In 2009, they received non-profit status. There are 45 young men in program 80% received a 3 or 4 on EOGs; 7 referred from juvenile court; 5 completed program; 60% parents participated in workshop. Mr. Fowler reports that the school counselor is on our board. The programming consists of conflict resolution, problem solving, exam preparation, college tours, game plan for work, street language versus marketplace language, . job placement and résumé building.

Heather moved to grant the Boys to Men Foundation at letter of support, Douglas seconded. Darrell Gregory abstained, and the motion was approved unanimously by the Council.

Report from FACET: Bet Levine reported on personnel changes at FACET. They have created a supervisory position in addition to the position created in late January. They will be interviewing on January 28, 2013 and February 1, 2013 to use the lapsed salary. FACET has served 57 youth thusfar and has provided a program revision to Scott. Laura McFern asked if there is need for an additional staff person? Bet replied that there is a waiting list of 3 right now.

Report from CMPD Youthful Offender Diversion Program: Deputy Chief Kerr Putney, Captain Freda Lester and Cara Evans-Patterson from CMPD presented information regarding their Youthful Offender Diversion Program. The program was slow to start but is underway now. Deputy Chief Putney reported that there has been a change in leadership of this program. He has no doubt that they will meet the target. They will have a required monitoring visit on or around February 15, 2013 to assist and enhance the program.

Report and Action on Project Challenge Special Appropriation Funds: At the last JCPC meeting, the Council voted to give the Project Challenge \$8,316 for salaries/bonuses and offer the other funds \$19,652 to currently funded programs. Sarah Crowder will notify the existing programs and they will be able to request these funds at a special meeting of the JCPC.

FY 2012/13 Mid-Year Review: Tom Eberly reported that deadlines have been shifted somewhat per Scott's approval, but that the FY 2012/13 Mid-year reviews should take place without any problem.

Captain Davis moved to adjourn, Heather seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Susan McCarter