

**Mecklenburg County
Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Meeting
June 25, 2013 – Minutes**

Members Present: Kimberly Best-Staton, Lawrence Brinson, Bobby Cobb, Keith Cradle, Sarah Crowder, Pete Davis, Tom Eberly, Douglas Edwards, Antoine Ensley, Jane Goble-Clark, Darrell Gregory, Lola Massad, Laura McFern, Susan McCarter, Evelyn Mills, Mary Lisa Moore, Paul Risk, Heather Taraska

Staff Present:

Guests Present: Cara Evans-Patterson – CMPD; Becky Smith – Barium Springs; Darryl Bego & Teresa White – YDI/LIFT; Patsy Burkins – GAP; Glenn Smith – Life Connections

Members Absent: Pamela Morris, Emmett Tankersley

The meeting was called to order at 4:39 p.m. by the Chair, Sarah Crowder. Quorum was established.

Approval of the Agenda for June 25, 2013: Douglas Edwards moved to approve the agenda as presented and Darrell Gregory seconded. Agenda was approved unanimously by the Council.

Review and Approval of March 26, 2013 Minutes: Heather Taraska moved that the March 26, 2013 minutes be approved as presented and Lola Massad seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously by the Council.

Conflict of Interest Statements: These statements were sent electronically with the agenda and Sarah Crowder asked that each council member be sure to complete a new one for this year.

Introductions of New Members: Sarah announced the new JCPC members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners: Lawrence Brinson (appointed June 4, 2013) , Stephanie Carter-Tyson (appointed June 4, 2013), Antoine Ensley (appointed June 4, 2013), Jane Goble-Clark (appointed June 18, 2013), and Evelyn Mills (appointed May 21, 2013). Stephanie was not able to attend because of a previously scheduled out of town business trip. Efforts to conference with her by telephone were not successful. Lawrence, Antoine, Jane, and Evelyn were able to attend and were introduced. Sarah noted that a few members had to be removed from the JCPC by the BOCC for attendance issues. Susan McCarter reviewed the sign-in procedures and attendance policy.

2013-14 Funding Allocations: Sarah reviewed the Funding Allocations –

DASH	\$ 87,725	GAP	\$190,008
Barium Springs	\$136,801	CMPD-Diversion	\$ 76,053
FACET	\$163,215	JCPC Admin.	\$ 15,500
YDI	\$341,594	Total	\$1,387,620
Project Challenge	\$376,724		

2012-12 JCPC Funded Program Summary: Sarah reviewed the Program Summary statement, reporting the number of youth to be served per program agreement, number of youth served to date, number of DJJ referrals, current population, and the number admitted FY12-13 YTD.

Report from the Nominating Committee:

Lola Massad reported the slate of officers from the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee recommends: Sarah Crowder for Chair, Heather Taraska for Vice Chair, and Keith Cradle for Secretary. This slate was approved unanimously by the Council.

Juvenile Court Services Assessment: Tom Eberly explained that he has had growing concerns about the JCPC. He sees a disconnect between the JCPC and the needs of the juvenile court. He feels that the funding provided by the Department of Public Safety is not utilized effectively. To address these concerns, the County Manager's Office has created the Juvenile Court Task Group. He recommends hiring Dr. Shelley Listwan to facilitate this Group (she is the consultant that hired by the JCPC to conduct the monitoring visits last cycle) and he suggests paying her \$17,500, total - \$7,500 in FY 2012/13 funds and \$10,000 in FY 2013/14 funds. He distributed a proposal – see Juvenile Court Task Group (attached). Susan asked why the Council had not received the proposal prior to the meeting with the agenda and other materials and if this proposal had been vetted through the Executive Committee. Tom had just prepared the proposal for the meeting and Sarah noted the proposal had not gone through EC, but it probably should have. Darrell Gregory asked about the composition of the Task Group. Tom identified 12 members whom Shelley has contacted – but he did not have the complete list in front of him. Susan asked about overlap with the Risk and Needs Committee as she sees that one of the proposal tasks listed is to develop the RFP requirements. Sarah noted that this should remain a function of the JCPC – Risk and Needs Committee. Paul Risk reported on his work on the Risk and Needs Committee and how that group has recently come together to discuss new sources of data and changes to the RFP. Judge Kimberly Best-Staton regretted not being able to make the last Risk and Needs Committee meeting. Darrell added his experience with the committee and asked about the transparency for the proposed Task Group. Laura McFern asked about the input from Court Counselors for this Task Group/process. Kimberly noted the work being done around Evidence-Based practice and how this could inform programs and funding decisions. Antoine Ensley asked if other evaluators had been considered – perhaps this could go out for bid or groups that routinely do this type of work could be involved (e.g., the Casey Family Foundation). Kimberly moved to fund Shelley \$17,500 over the FY 2013 & 2014 funds. Susan asked if Shelley had been given feedback on her work conducting the monitoring and on her monitoring report. Sarah explained that she had not received feedback since the Monitoring Committee is currently without a chair. Susan suggested that someone meet with Shelley to provide her with the feedback expressed by Council members that they had hoped for a clearer comparison mechanism across programs and that perhaps part of this funding could be used to revise the monitoring report accordingly. Tom explained that if the JCPC didn't want to fund this Task Group, he could find other means of support for this initiative. Kimberly amended her motion such that \$7,500 from FY 2013 funds would be paid to Shelley to facilitate the Task Group and to revise her monitoring report. Fourteen yeas and 2 nays – motion carried.

Pete moved to adjourn, Heather seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Susan McCarter & Keith Cradle