

**Mecklenburg County
Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Meeting
August 27, 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, Paul Risk, Heather Taraska, Emmett Tankersley, Stephanie Tyson

Staff Present: Scott Stoker

Guests Present: Cara Evans-Patterson – CMPD; Becky Smith – Barium Springs; Darryll Bego – YDI/LIFT; Patsy Barkins – GAP; Glenn Smith – Life Connections, Dee Rankin-YDI, Fran Cook-CMPD, Annola Mask-Project Challenge, Tom Kilby-DJJ, Whitney Hendrix-DASH, Latonya McLaurin-FACET, Cathy Henderson-MCHD

Members Absent: Phil Endress, Mary Lisa Moore

The meeting was called to order at 4:37 p.m. by the Chair, Sarah Crowder. Quorum was established.

Approval of the Agenda for August 27, 2013: Susan McCarter moved to approve the August 27, 2013 agenda as presented and Douglas Edwards seconded. Agenda was approved unanimously by the Council.

Review and Approval of June 25, 2013 Minutes: Lola Massad moved that the June 25, 2013 minutes be approved as presented and Douglas Edwards seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously by the Council.

Mecklenburg Livable Communities Plan: Sophia Hollingsworth conducted the presentation. New initiative kicking off to get people to volunteer. An email will go to Tom for the entire group. It is a joint movement w/ Meck. County, FFTC, City of Charlotte and 6 Towns to discuss how we live, play and work in the county. It is on the website, www.charmeck.org. So far 150 have registered.

JCPC Committee Membership: Some people on committees have been moved around and we have 5 new JCPC members that need to be appointed to committees. Monitoring Committee needed members and not just the new members. The Nominating Committee now has one person from each Committee. Jane is the new Monitoring Committee Chair.

Meeting Formats: After receiving information from Dr. Shelley Listwan, it was discussed that the JCPC work on better communication with our programs. Need to be more transactional and not just during funding periods/presentations. Executive Committee had a meeting on 8/23/13 to begin discussions on a better process. Susan and Jane will head up that work and report back in September. Scope will be to improve programs and help us do our jobs as it pertains to funding decisions.

Meeting Schedule for Fall 2013: At the bottom of the agenda is the projected meeting schedule for the next two months. JCPC will return to meeting every month. All members should be reminded that you need to make 75% of the meetings to be in compliance. Committee meetings count as well towards attendance and they can be done on the phone as well. Full JCPC meetings cannot be done on the phone however.

Juvenile Court Task Group-Status Report: Tom reported that the County Manager's Office is funding this to look at best practices and programs. It is a way to improve the processes in juvenile courts and to help our youth. It involves judges, state reps, DJJ, County Managers Office and JCPC Exec Committee. Dr. Listwan moderated the session. There are 3 meetings coming up with the next one on Sept. 25th to report key observations. In October they will share with the JCPC.

SPEP Program Evaluation Instrument: Scott reported that programs have already been through a 6 hour training w/ SPEP. It will be the way we evaluate programs beginning in FY14-15. It involves research for recidivism. So far over 500 studies w/ 12-21 year olds. Mentoring and group work seem to work the best. The type of program, service amount and quality matter. New this year to the SPEP is "quality of implementation." Scott will email full presentation.

Strategic Planning-Initial Stages: Sarah will send out the bylaws which include the NC statutes which changed a year ago. We are charged with "planning." Planning and assessment of need should drive funding. Jane then discussed how the JCPC should not be reactionary. JCPC will look to open up the flow of conversation. Jane gave background on her strategic planning/monitoring experience and will discuss next steps during the September meeting.

New Member Training: New JCPC members will receive orientation on 9/24/13 at 3:45pm.

Action Items: Heather Taraska made a motion to approve expenditure of \$15,000 of JCPC Administrative funds for PT assistant in County Manager's Office to assist w/ JCPC financial management and clerical duties.

Motion was seconded by Jane Goble-Clark

Vote passed unanimously w/ 1 abstention [Tom Eberly]

Pete moved to adjourn, Susan seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Keith Cradle