

# JCPC October 15, 2020 Minutes

## Virtual via Microsoft Teams

**Welcome and Introductions** – Celeste Ordiway, JCPC Chair, Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC). Celeste opened the meeting with welcome and introductions.

### **Attendees/Members:**

Amy Hobson	Diana Sierra
Eric Robinson	Tim Henderson
Jennifer Aviles	Jill Banks
Kelsey Simmons	Melissa Enclade
Mikkel Patterson	Shannon Boyd
Celeste Ordiway	Suzanne Avett
Lorraine Williams	Aisha Shepherd
Judge Susan Dotson-Smith	Martin Moore
Sylvia Clement	

**Coordinator and NCDPS Representative and Others:** Lorraine Williams (Area Consultant)

The minutes from the August 20, 2020 board meeting were not distributed via email Celeste shared her screen for review. Tim motioned to accept the August minutes. Judge Dotson-Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

### **NCDPS Community Programs Update**

**Lorraine Williams**

- Regina Arrowood - Tim Early who is a Consultant for the west and the piedmont area and Lorraine monitored Trinity Place and finished the report. The report concluded that they were in DPS compliance.
- Lorraine is very pleased to be working in this Committee.
- There will be a delay with the SPEP scores due to the quality of services still being updated, but they should be able to have those results by the December meeting.

No questions.

### **Planning Committee Updates**

**Celeste Ordiway**

- Celeste is the new Chair for the Planning Committee and Jeremy Bricker is the Vice-Chair. They are both new to this position. They meet last week to go through the Justice Priorities and where we measure up compared to the statewide level, and what are the priorities. All this information will be provided at the next Board meeting.
- The Planning Committee is looking for further assistance. If anyone is interested in participating, please reach out to Celeste and/or Aisha if interested.

No questions.

## Executive Committee (EC) Updates

Celeste

### Ordiway

- EC is busy moving through new board members applications and have approved some for the members of the board to review and approve before this information is sent to the Board of Commissioners for approval.

Aisha shared a table with those that needed to be voted on and explained the reasoning for different colors in the table. She explained how some members became a part of the Board by being appointed by the organization and not voted in.

<b>Yellow</b>	Are appointed by the organization and must be voted on before going to Board of Commissioners
<b>Green</b>	JCPC Executive Board approved and must be voted by members before going to Board of Commissioner
<b>Orange</b>	Reappointed to the Board

To clarify: Those that are highlighted in the color orange are going in front of the Board because they have been in this committee for so long and just need to be approved by the Board. Buncombe County is looking into having a more streamline process and the Board of Commission need to appoint them. They will be receiving a letter stating that the Board has approved them if they have not yet received it.

Melissa pointed out that her email information was incorrect and needed to be updated. Celeste suggested if anyone sees that their information is incorrect please reach out to Aisha. Celeste also informed everyone that she was going to recuse herself from voting for the youth member as the youth is her son. She said that recused herself during the Board voting as well.

In this meeting, we will be focusing on the green, which are the individuals that the Board members have agreed on and are up for review.

The Executive Committee discussed having a more diverse applicant consideration. New Members to Consider and position:

Phillip Cooper	Substance Abuse Professional Member
Gabriel Ordiway	Youth Member
Oleymis Saco	Business Community Member
Jean Terauchi	County Commissioner Appointee

Aisha asked to move to next agenda item as the application did not go out before hand and she needed locate it before voting for review.

### Juvenile Court Services Update

Sylvia Clement

- Number and referrals are very low.
- The Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) is conducting monthly meetings with the Multi-Purpose Assessment Center to stay in communication concerning their programs. The crisis bed, secure custody beds and emergency beds will move forward with these meetings as it allows all to stay informed of any changes.

- The DJJ is keeping an eye on COVID-19 in Madison Detention Center with the kids there, which is the catchment area of the DJJ.
- Supervisor Brenda Logan is retiring at the end of the month of October and the process for interviews will begin shortly. There are several Court Counselor positions open; we are looking into finance for payroll budget for this position.
- Two Juveniles have completed basic training and are ready to go.
- The DJJ received a visit from the Deputy Secretary for the State Employee week to recognize the great job they are doing.

No questions.

Ready to review applicants. Celeste recommended voting after a brief description so that it is fresh.

- First Applicant: **Oleymis Saco** (brief description) voting for the Business Community Members position. Tim motioned to accept Diana seconded the motion. no discussion. All were in favor and the motion carried.
  - Clarification of business was asked and Celeste informed that she is a Private Practice Therapist.
- Second Applicant: **Phillip Cooper** (brief description) voting for the Substance Abuse Professional Members position, Tim motioned to accept pending a non-conflict verification. Lorraine seconded the motion. No discussion. All were in favor and the motion carried.
  - Sylvia asked if he is still working with Academic Enhancement, or was he still part of the program. Aisha was not certain. Celeste informed them that she believes there was no conflict of interest
  - Lorraine William's informed the Board that Phillip was part of the application training but believes he did not moved forward with the application. Lorraine will double check to ensure there is no conflict
  - Celeste requested that we still nominate Phillip pending no conflict of interest with any program. Lorraine agreed
- Third Applicant **Jean Terauchi** (brief description) voting for the County Commissioner Appointee, Suzanne motioned to accept. Eric seconded the motion. No discussion. All were in favor and the motion carried.
  - Executive Board did look into allowing a member with a criminal history into the committee and there was no conflict there.
- Fourth Applicant, **Gabriel Ordway** (brief description) voting for the Youth member position. Judge Dotson-Smith motioned to accept. Suzanne seconded the motion. No discussion. Majority were in favor with one Nay. The majority won and the motion carried.
  - Celeste recused herself since that was her son.
  - Judge Dotson-Smith wanted clarification and wanted to know if we were supposed to have 2 youth members. Aisha agreed and explained that only one application for that position was submitted

No more applicants to vote on. Celeste did asked that we encourage those we know who would be appropriate and diversity is welcome to apply for the remaining position opened.

No questions.

**Program Update Trinity Place**

**Dr. Amy Hobson-Eckerd**

- Dr. Amy Hobson did a presentation on Trinity Place (TP), which had not been monitored in the last 3 years. Dr. Hobson was a part of that monitoring committee.
- Trinity place is a runaway shelter in Asheville. They are approaching their 28 anniversary and are hoping to send invites.
- NC only has 3 emergency shelter like TP and there are only 47 similar ones in the US. TP is in the 100% credential and monitoring scoring so far.
- Their focus is to work with children ages 7-17.
- They use the Evidence Based Therapeutic Crisis Intervention model as well as Positive Youth Development model.
- It serves as an alternative to detention, and this year have made it more accessible to children who are referred from DJJ.
- In the past, they have had a low rate of success due to the inability of parents completing the TB test. Now, once referred they have a mandatory 7 day stay which allows the TB test to be completed in the facility, which has allowed for a better success rate.
- TP provides all basic needs (shelter, clothing, food, transportation to school when attending)
- TP has a 24 hour Crisis line available to all parents and youth, so they are available at all times.
- Year to date referrals: FY20=39, FY21=19. They are committed to serving 26 due to the funding granted by the JCPC.
- 1/3 of children are referred from DJJ. TP serves around 115 individuals a year and of those 1/3 are referred by Court Counselors.
- Their dedicated staff did not have the option of working remotely or virtually as this is a shelter that holds the children. They also they have 28 hours of training and certification even though they are only required 12.
- New initiative due to COVID-19: the house was restructured, as they did not want to turn children away. They still wanted to stay active in the community and be supportive so some light construction was made to the upstairs where a quarantine suite was created.
- A child will be given a COVID test and moved to this room which provides all needs but still separated from the rest of the house until receiving the results of the test.
- Sylvia and Dr. Amy Hobson have stayed in touch to ensure all goes smoothly with virtual learning.
- Rob Clark is no longer there
- FYI: new record program in NC which is also a DJJ program has now opened, which houses juvenile females in a more long term residential program. It is called Kerr Lake located in Nancy NC. If the court counselor feels it is necessary, the females can be transferred into this facility for more long-term support and can be referred by TP.
- Judge Dotson-Smith asked for the name of new program.

No more questions.

- Judge Dotson-Smith asked about reaching out to other schools about the youth position and what other steps were being taken to advertise this.
- Celeste asked Shannon and Kelsey (with Open Doors) if there was any outreach they could do. Kelsey will reach out to those in her program as well as Shannon. Dr. Amy Hobson volunteered to advertise among the foster kids to see if any were interested. Celeste just asked that they be Buncombe County residents.
- Celeste shared the steps needed to fill application and the process.
- Judge Dotson-Smith requested an email as well with the link for the application.

Celeste requested to vote on appointee. This is a required position from certain departments such as the school, the Sheriff's Department and so on. That if a member leaves that a new member is appointed by the Department and then voted in by Board members and by the Board of Commissioners.

- School Superintendent or Designee: Shannon Boyd was recommend for representation. Tim motioned to accept. Martin seconded the motion. No discussion All were in favor and the motion carried.
- Local Sherriff or Designee: Jill Banks was recommended for representation. Martin motioned to accept Judge Dotson-Smith seconded the motion. No discussion. All were in favor and the motion carried
- County Commissioner Appointee: Kelsey Simmons (Second Door) was recommended for representation. Tim motioned to accept. Eric seconded the motion. No discussion. All were in favor and the motion carried.
- Martin will not participate as he is involved with Second Doors.
- County Commissioner Appointee: Melissa Enclade (MAHEC) was recommended for representation. Diana motioned to accept. Eric seconded the motion. No discussion. All were in favor and the motion carried

**Updates and Public Comment**

**Celeste Ordiway**

None.

Motion for meeting to adjourn; Celeste motioned and Tim Second the motion.

**Meeting adjourned**