

JCPC December 17, 2020 Minutes Virtual via Microsoft Teams

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

Attendees/Members:

Amy Hobson	Tim Henderson
Eric Robinson	Jill Banks
Jennifer Aviles	Melissa Enclade
Kelsey Simmons	Shannon Boyd
Mikkel Patterson	Suzanne Avett
Celeste Ordiway	Aisha Shepherd
Lorraine Williams	Martin Moore
Judge Dotson-Smith	Debbie Alford
Kimberly Castano	Jorge Redmond
Shaketria Lindsey	Anderson Davis

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

- Regina Arrowood was awarded “Outstanding Service” for Community Program Division for the Juvenile Justice Department.
- Dr. Hobson name was incorrect in the minutes from Oct 15 and some of the information concerning Trinity Place was incorrect as well, it should read that Trinity Place is committed to serving 26 Youth.
- Aisha expressed that the minutes are recorded to best capture the meetings and that if there are errors to please reach out to her and she would be sure to get it corrected.
- Judge Dotson-Smith found grammatical errors in the minutes and requested that her name be corrected.
- Celeste Ordiway asked if there were other edits or adjustments needed for the minutes.
- Tim Henderson Motioned for the minutes to be approved. Judge Dotson-Smith seconded. All in favor. The motion carried.

NCDPS Community Programs Update

Lorraine Williams

- Community programs funded by JCPC in Buncombe County and statewide have all completed Training in completing Risk Assessments for youth referred to their program. Known as NCAR, the North Carolina Assessment of Risk has been the Risk Assessment Tool used to determine a youth’s risk score and was completed by Court Services Staff. Programs are being trained in the NCAR since Court Services will be changing over to using the Youth Assessment and Screening Index, or YASI, in January 2021. Programs will now be completing the NCAR on all youth referred to their programs.
- House Bill 593 allows for a 2-year funding for the RFP. The 2-year funding is optional for JCPCs. The JCPC can decide to either continue the 1-year funding which is the current option or the 2-year one, which will allow the JCPC to fund programs that are not new JCPC programs, to be

funded for two years at a time. If a first-time program applied for funding, it would be funded for one year, with the JCPC having the option to fund it for a second year, in year two.

- The 2-year funding cycle would need to stay tied to the legislative budget process. So if a JCPC decides this upcoming year to go with 2-year funding, it would advertise for a 2021-2023 RFP and programs could be funded for two years. If the JCPC decides to stay with a 1-year cycle, the RFP would be for one year and programs would be funded for one year. In the second year, the JCPC would advertise an RFP for another 1-year cycle to stay in the 2-year period of legislative funding. In 2023, the JCPC would have the option to consider a 2-year cycle for the next legislative biennial.
- Even with the 2-year option, some things will still be done annually. For example, 3rd Quarter Accounting and Final Accounting will continue to be completed annually. And Program Agreements would also be submitted in NC Allies annually.
- Several Question and discussion concerning this matter came about in which Lorraine Williams explained and answered.
- Lorraine Williams moved to the Pros and Cons of a having a 2-year funding:
 - **Pros:**
 - Eliminates doing RFP every year
 - Gives JCPC more time to look at risk and needs
 - Gives programs more sustainability in the non-profit world; gives non-profit more stability to plan better each year
 - It motivates new programs in the community to apply for new funds when they see it is for two years. Even if they can't be funded for 2-years the first time, knowing that 2-year funding is a future option, can be an asset.
 - **Cons:**
 - If a program has any changes, it can sometimes be hard to shift mid-stream as funds are already set for the 2-years. This makes it more challenging to ask for more funds if needed. Programs will still be able to return funds to the local JCPC to be reallocated if that occurs.
 - It would need to stay for the 2-years within the legislative process. If the JCPC in Buncombe County decided to do 2-years funding and voted for that today, then it would have a 2-year funding cycle for 2021-2023. If the JCPC decided to stay with 1-year funds, however, it would be 2-years from now in 2023 when it would have the next chance to move to a 2-years funding cycle.
 - The same if you voted to have 1-year funding, the JCPC would not be able to decide again until 2022 next year. The JCPC would not be able to change funding options until 2023, as the funded year has to be in line with the legislative budget process.
- All forms are adopted to either funding cycle, but all other parts of the RFP will remain the same.
- Voting on this at a later time was suggested.
- Judge Dotson-Smith motion to stay at a one-year funding. Tim Henderson seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Planning Committee Updates

Celeste Ordiway

- Overview for new members: The JCPC Planning Committee reviews the needs of the community over a two-month period. The state provides a list of those needs and the committee analysis looks at a more accurate needs assessment and focuses on where there are gaps and where funds are most needed to stop any further delinquency in our Youth. Data includes:
 - Delinquency rates
 - Buncombe County delinquency from courts
 - Information from school systems and the Managed Care Organization (MCO)

This information is used to see where the greatest needs are and to identify the risk factors of our youth, helping the JCPC to make funding priorities.

- Buncombe County had a 2% increase in prior class 1-3 misdemeanor it went from 10% in 2018—19 to 12%
- An increase in prior assaults without a weapon went from 10% to 13%
- Alcohol and drug use went up 7%. This shows a very significant increase as it went from 25% to 32%. The committee also compared it to state percentage which is at 23%, so we are trending higher in alcohol and drug use compared to prior year and the state avg.
- School behavior problems. (Celeste added this part due to Covid-19, as a lot of data is actually from the prior year. The school system was unable to provide updated information due to everything that has occurred during this past year.) Buncombe County saw a decrease in school behavior problems from 55% to 52%. Keep in mind that schools were closed for part of the spring of 2020.
- Relationships with delinquent peers showed an increase from 26% to 37%.
- Parental supervision showed a decrease in willingness to supervise from 90% to 89%.
- There was a decrease in serious school behavior problems from 54% to 50% (from the court services assessment data), however, there is still an increase from 41% to 48% in Buncombe County from the school data.
- Victim with support increased from 22% to 23%; with mental health needs, the percentage increased from 17% to 24% and the mental health needs addresses increased from 48% to 50%

The summary of all that data showed gaps and barriers. On the continuum of available community services that were reviewed, the committee noted the following needs:

- Interpersonal Skills (funded by JCPC)
- Experiential Skills Building (funded by JCPC)
- Teen Court (funded by JCPC)
- Restitution and Community Service (funded by JCPC)
- Sex Offender Assessment Treatment (funded by JCPC)
- Runaway shelter (funded by JCPC)
- Structure Day (funded by JCPC)
- Mentoring (not funded by JCPC)
- Tutoring and Academic Enhancement (funded by JCPC)

The final summary shows the order of priority the JCPC committee voted on:

1. Restitution and Community Services
2. Sex Offender treatment
3. Teen Court
4. Vocational Skills
5. Interpersonal Skills
6. Runaway Shelter
7. Structure Day
8. Mentoring
9. Tutoring
10. Experiential Skills

A discussion regarding Mentoring took place.

No further questions. Tim Henderson made a motion for approval. Martin Moore seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Celeste informed the Board that the RFP with the listed priorities needs will be advertised as the needs of the JCPC. This will help the allocation committee when making a decision later on in the spring.

Monitoring Committee Updates

Tim Henderson and Lorraine Williams

- Tim Henderson stated that volunteers were needed for the JCPC monitoring committee. He said that Court Counselors with the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) know the programs and will be involved in the critical work of monitoring the programs and volunteers could still participate if they did not have any monitoring experience.
- Lorraine Williams explained that this year it will be different due to Covid and the need for some to take precautions during this time. The monitoring will be more flexible due to this and will be completed either remotely or in person. Monitoring generally works in teams of JCPC members and court services staff.

Sylvia Clement sent Aisha Shepherd a list of all the court services staff that were assigned to Monitor each of the centers or programs. Shaketria Lindsey explained that whoever the court counselor is assigned to with the monitoring committee, or whoever Tim Henderson elected to participate, would reach out and schedule a date to go out and do the monitoring. The courts give a date that it will need to be completed by, so it is up to the team to ensure all contacts are made and a date is set so they are able to meet their deadline.

- There are 7 programs that need to be monitored and Aisha Shepherd has the list of all the services staff that have been assign to each one. Tim Henderson would need 14 people including volunteers and court services staff to be assigned to different programs to complete monitoring in January.
- Celeste explained that this process would be a quick monitoring training and just a few hours to monitor the program. JCPC volunteers will only be looking at a couple of hours.
- The court staff will fill out the recommendations. Most programs have been through this before and the form is essentially a checklist with supporting documents to be reviewed and included.

A remote or virtual training will be offered in which you will be able to familiarize yourself with the checklist before going or doing it virtually.

Juvenile Court Services Update

Shaketria Lindsey

- DJJ the numbers are still low.
- Currently they have one staff in basic training
- Due to the spike of Covid-19 cases, all in person and non-essential court has been postponed. Currently, Juvenile Court is not being run outside of mandatory hearings. All secure hearings are being conducted through WebEx.
- The courts are moving forward with YASI, which is a tool that will take the place of the current risk and needs assessment. YASI is projected to roll out with court services at the beginning of the year and a training or presentation will be provided to make stakeholders familiar with the tool.

Partners Unlimited

Anderson Davis/ Sally Gray

- They currently have 2 students that they are serving based on the measurements of the classrooms and due to the current social distancing restrictions.
- One student is in the 10th grade and completed all work assignments. The other student is in the 11th grade and should have all work assignments completed by the end of the semester.
- Partners Unlimited follows Asheville City Schools schedule and this semester ends the second week of December.

Celeste asked what a day looks like for each student.

- The students are showing up in person.
- They work academically
- They are provided a tutor and a mentor to speak to.
- They do not provide physical activity because of the current times.
- Individual parent conferences are held on Friday's to keep parents updated.

There were no additional questions.

Updates and Public Comment

Celeste Ordiway

- Celeste Ordiway informed Board members that the JCPC still has 2 board member slots open. There is a slot for a youth member and the other for a commissioner appointee. The JCPC is looking for diverse individuals to represent our youth population. Celeste stated that there are no new applications submitted at this time and informed the Board to spread the news in the community so that they are encouraged to apply.

Celeste Ordiway Motion for meeting to adjourn. Tim Henderson motioned and Phillip Cooper seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned