



Duplin County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

June 7, 2022
Meeting Minutes

Present: Trisha-Ann Hoskins, Darryl McCaster, Earlean Rivers, Jesse Dowe, III, Lance Turner, Ashley Reiger, Candice Matthis, Nikita Newkirk, Nancy Hodges, Stacy Jones, Dianne Herring, Jasmine Williams, Penny Thorne and Melissa Reese.

Darryl McCaster, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed all to the June meeting of the Duplin County JCPC.

Invocation was offered by Commissioner Jesse Dowe, III.

Introductions followed.

The Vice-Chairman entertained a motion for Approval of the May Minutes: A motion was made to adopt the JCPC meeting minutes by Lance Turner and seconded by Commissioner Jesse Dowe, III; motion carried.

Stakeholder Updates

- Sheriff's Office- Lance Turner reported schools out, summer school is in session and the SRO division is short staffed.
- District Attorney's Office & Court – Darryl McCaster reported there are no updates to report.
- County- Trisha-Ann Hoskins reported there are no updates to report.
- Eastpointe- Melissa Reese reported there are no updates to report.
- DJJ, District 4 report – Darryl McCaster reported that there are no updates to report.
- Area Consultant- Nancy Hodges reported that there are some vacancies in JCPC for required positions; two student positions and one at large position. She went on to clarify who is in a required position but re-iterated anyone interested can attend. She informed the Committee that we are one of the few remaining counties that have vacancies. Reviewed End of Year process Revisions with JCPC. Went over the importance of Final Accounting and that the links are live. Covered Duplin Counties 10% match and In Kind.

Old Business

- **Psych Services update-** Darryl McCaster reported that Psychological Services may not be able to meet its “clients served” goal this year for the first time due to unspecified circumstances. Nancy Hodges discussed contractual salary and the qualifications. Darryl discussed Erica and himself are having kids coming in and being evaluated for service.

- Darryl had also asked to step down as Vice-Chair and would like to put it a vote for a new Vice-Chair. Penny Thorne volunteered and it was brought to a unanimous vote with the stipulation that Darryl be her back up in case she can't be here. Darryl made a motion to nominate Penny Thorne as Vice-Chair, Trisha Hoskins seconded the motion.

New Business

- **Membership Update** –Nancy discussed two student positions for JCPC in Greene County and how profitable the experience was for the council. She presented the idea to have student potentials to come be apart of the council because of that experience. Diane Herring discussed restitution cost and adjustments regarding supplies and educational materials for Duplin Teen Court; Building Peace revision held a \$4 difference in cost; they hired on a contractor and created a line item for that position, and required payroll adjustment to cover supplies, travel, food, etc. to make budget balance. Jesse Dowe made a motion to approve and Lance Turner seconded the motion to carry out revisions. Earlean Rivers reported for the program; DNA is requesting a revision to the program to repurpose funds to update the building due to all the additions to improve the facility and amenities provided to the children and ring systems installed for security purposes due to recent tragedies. She reported the additional funding that will be used to fund the improvements and security. Lance Turner made a motion to approve the revision.

Agency Reports

- **Psychological Services** – Nikita Newkirk reported for the program for the month of May, beginning count 10, ending count 10, no new admissions. DJJ gave final assessments, with goal to meet these final numbers to generate enough kids to meet goal if possible.
- **Teen Court** – Nikita Newkirk reported for the program for the month of May, beginning count 5, 2 terminations, ending count 8, year to date total served is 48.
- **Restitution program** – Nikita Newkirk reported for the program for the month of May, beginning count 8, ending count 8, 1 termination, 1 new admission, year to date is 18.
- **Building Peace**– Dianne Herring reported for the month of May; 4 new admissions, 2 between the ages of 7 & 9; 2 between the ages of 10 & 13, beginning count of 56, ending count of 60. 28 successful terminations. Referrals for behavioral issues. DreamWorks in Warsaw allowed to conduct programs there. Pending the program completion of 12 additional sessions for a few students.
- **Mentoring program**– Nikita Newkirk reported for the program, no changes. Beginning count of 6, 1 termination, ending count is 5, total served is 7; in need of volunteers.
- **DNA Structured Learning** –Earlean Rivers reported for the program for the month of May, no new admissions, beginning count of 4, terminated 3, ending count of 1 (DJJ referral).

Jason thanked Darryl for filling in for his delay due to Jason's wife's first debate. Dianne Herring reported a fundraiser for Eastern Carolina and she has tickets for sale and also they accept donations. It will be held on the 16th. Nancy Hodges gave out Conflict of Interest forms to be handed to Trisha Hoskins at the end of each meeting. Stacy Jones reported that on June 16th there will be a Foster Care class to help anyone who is willing to be a foster parent, to help them do that through this class.

Darryl made a motion to close the meeting, Trisha seconded to conclude the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted:

Trisha-Ann Hoskins