



Duplin County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

April 4th, 2023
Meeting Minutes

Present: Jason McGuirt, Trisha-Ann Hoskins, Jordon Whaley, Penny Thorne, A.J. Connors, Jesse Dowe, Sandra Hill, Earlean Rivers, Nancy Hodges, Ciaria Miller, Nikita Newkirk, Diane Herring, Jasmine Williams, & Lauren Tucker.

Present Via Telephone: Lance Turner

Jason McGuirt, Chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed all to the April meeting of the Duplin County JCPC.

Invocation was offered by Mayor A.J. Connors.

Introductions followed.

The Chairman entertained a motion for Approval of the March Minutes: A motion was made by Mayor A.J Connors, seconded by Commissioner Jesse Dowe to adopt the JCPC meeting minutes; motion carried.

Stakeholder Updates

- Sheriff's Office- Lance reported that SRO's are leaving and that has left them shorthanded which effects school safety and the relationship we have for our children.
- District Attorney's Office & Court – Jason McGuirt reported that he has seven pending murder cases in Duplin county, not including the other lesser crimes being committed; there are lots of shootings in the Warsaw area. A school had gun shots towards it and a bus window was shot out due to gun fire from an apartment complex.
- County- Trisha Hoskins reported HR is participating in the JSCC job fair. We did lose the SRO from Wallace Rose Hill; there is an Earth Day Celebration is April 22nd at the Museum. Jordon Whaley reported for Cabin Lake that they are hosting a Youth fishing Tournament on April 15th with an option to register digitally.
- Eastpointe- No report.
- Juvenile Justice—Jessica Harper reported that referrals have picked up but it's been steady.
- MCEC—Dianne Herring reported that nothing has changed, and there is nothing new to report.
- District 4 report – Nancy Hodges reported that the third quarter accounting process which helps determine what funding will come back to the state, and right now are trying to determine what amount will come to the state. If there are any discretionary funds that

are needed by a program, please get that to Nancy before the next meeting in May. We do have pending teen court and restitution revision that has been signed by the JCPC Chair that provided supplies to the cost centers, due to the increase in food prices.

Old Business

The new budget for the next fiscal year 2023-24 was discussed with how it will affect each program.

New Business

Nancy reported there is likely going to be turnover of a current member. One in particular is Dr. Kea who is retiring. The certification list and plan will be sent over before Monday, April 17th with the information on program description and an Agenda Request Form to be sent before the Board for their consideration and approval.

Misc.

James Sprunt is hosting a job fair April 20th.
Language barriers are becoming an issue for teen court and restitution.
Judges are needed for Teen Court.
Volunteers are needed and a common need for most of the programs.
Reported positive feedback regarding Teen Court from an SRO.
April 15th their will be hosting a Financial Fortitude event at JSCC

Program Reports

Building Peace—Dianne Herring reported for the program.
DNA Structured Learning—Earlean Rivers reported for the program.
Mentoring—Nikita Newkirk reported for the program.
Teen Court & Restitution—Ciaria Miller reported for the program.
Psychological Services—Ciaria Miller reported for the program.

Conclusion

Motion was made by Trisha Hoskins, seconded by Penny Thorne, to close the meeting, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

Trisha-Ann Hoskins