



Duplin County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

October 4, 2022
Meeting Minutes

Present: Trisha-Ann Hoskins, AJ Connors, Ashley Rieger, Lance Turner, Erica Bostic, Latonya Mason, Jessica Harper, Penny Thorne, Jasmine Williams, Kimberly Wickline, Dianne Herring, Jesse Dowe, Nikita Newkirk, Lauren Tucker, Candice Mathis, Earlean Rivers, Nancy Hodges, and Jordan Whaley.

Penny Thorne, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed all to the October meeting of the Duplin County JCPC.

Invocation was offered by Mayor AJ Connors.

Introductions followed.

The Vice-Chairperson entertained a motion for Approval of the September Minutes: A motion was made to adopt the JCPC meeting minutes by Ashley Rieger and seconded by Mayor AJ Connors; motion carried.

Stakeholder Updates

- Sheriff's Office- Lance Turner reported that they are short staffed SRO's. 2 schools North Duplin and Kenansville Elementary don't have permanent SRO's.
- District Attorney's Office & Court – No one to report.
- County- Trisha-Ann Hoskins and Commissioner Jesse Dowe reported; nothing to report.
- Eastpointe- Lauren Tucker reported for the program; moved back Tailored Plan to April of '23.
- DJJ, District 4 report – Jessica Harper reported it is picking up, chief district court judge signed a school justice partnership agreement which is authorized in Onslow County and it is doing fairly well. Wendell Boykins would like to have it implemented in Duplin County.

- Area Consultant- Nancy Hodges reported an evidence-based resource for vaping issues: Catch My Breath; the Needs Assessment committee will review data statistics for juvenile crimes and resources as well as Relative Rate Index. Will need a committee willing to meet virtually to review/report by the November meeting; those interested meet after for a few minutes. A recent review of the cost benefit of justice programming for youth shows savings of approximately \$120,000 primarily in victim loss and related expense. Results First is an initiative with OSBM that provides a cost benefit analysis of programming based on outcomes.

Old Business

- **Risk/ Needs Committee update-** In need of members for this committee that reviews juvenile justice statistics including substance use, and offers an array of case management information to help programs working with juvenile justice involved youth/families.
- **JCPC Membership updates:** New or Pending appointments- of Jordan Whaley and Kimberly Wickline are approved. No new pending approval.
- **Conflict of Interest Forms Completed**

New Business

- Candice Mathis, Mediation Center, presented JCPC with the scope of services regarding the programming options through the Restorative Justice program of the Restored Youth Coalition of NC.
- DNA letter of support request: Earlean Rivers spoke on the application of the Grants and the need for letters of support for grants. The most recent grant is from Duke energy foundation. Motion was made by Lance Turner, seconded by AJ Connors, carried unanimously to approve letter of support on behalf of JCPC for DNA structured learning.
- Authorize the JCPC Chairman to authorize Letters of Support on behalf of the JCPC without calling a meeting, motion made by AJ Connors, seconded by Jessica Harper, carried unanimously.

Agency Reports

- **Psychological Services** – Nancy Hodges reported; 1 Served YTD, 1 termination, beg. Ct. 1, end ct. 1. Still in search of a Psychologist.
- **Teen Court** – Candice Mathis reported for the program; teen court has been very busy, and the referrals have been plentiful and court is every two weeks, in need of volunteers. Some training is virtual and some are in person. Served 11 YTD and 2 referrals.
- **Restitution program** – Nancy Hodges reported for the program; 3 admissions, 2 terminations, 9 ending count and served YTD 15.
- **Building Peace**– Diane Herring reported for the program; to be served is 60, YTD served is 4, 1 for the month of September, referred by the school.
- **Mentoring program**– Nikita Newkirk reported for the program; to be Served is 10, no referrals for September, beg. Ct. 6, end ct. 6. YTD Served is 6.
- **DNA Structured Learning** – Earlean Rivers reported for the program; 2 terminations, 1 new admission.

Conclusion

Handout pertains to newer JCPC members with list of programs and legislative/ monitoring, and funding committees. Domestic Violence awareness, red ribbon week, bully prevention, and other advocacy opportunities in multiple counties. Bully statistics, and abstaining and advocacy for drinking and smoking prevention for the youth and its relevancy of exposure in schools. No edible confiscations at school level, but vape confiscation. Candies laced with fentanyl and a strand of the drug resistant to Narcan.

Motion to adjourn made by Lance Turner, seconded by AJ Connors, carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Trisha-Ann Hoskins