

**Duplin County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council**  
**January 5, 2021 JCPC Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting Was Held Via Conference Call**

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**JCPC Members in attendance:**

1. George Futrelle, Chair (County Manager Designee)
2. Jaime Carr (County Commissioner Appointee)
3. Darryl McCaster, Co-Chair (County Commissioner Appointee)
4. Melissa Reese (AMH/DD/SA or Designee)
5. A.J. Connors (Member of Faith Community)
6. Jessica Harper (Chief Court Counselor or Designee)
7. Beth Ricci (Local Health Director or Designee)
8. Leon Kea (Superintendent Designee)
9. Jason McGuirt (District Attorney Designee)
10. Jasmine Williams (Substance Abuse Professional)

**Others in attendance:**

1. Nancy Hodges (DPS Area Consultant)
2. Diane Herring (MCEC)
3. Ciaria Miller (MCEC)
4. Juan Jimenez (MCEC)
5. Earlean Rivers (DNA)
6. Nikita Newkirk (MCEC)

The regular meeting of the Duplin County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council was called to order by George Futrelle, JCPC Chair, with a welcome.

A.J. Connors (Member of Faith Community) gave the invocation

George Futrelle, JCPC Chair, introduced Trisha Brown, who will be replacing Jaime Carr, as a County Commissioner Appointee.

The November 2020 minutes were tabled until the February 2021 meeting.

**Program Reports**

- Juan Jimenez (MCEC) reported on the number of referrals for Psychological Services for the month of December, 2020
- Ciaria Miller (MCEC) reported on the number of referrals for Teen Court for the month of December, 2020

- Nikita Newkirk (MCEC) reported on the number of referrals for Restitution Community Services for the month of December, 2020.
- Dianne Herring (MCEC) reported on the number of referrals for Building Peace in Schools for the month of December, 2020
- Nikita Newkirk (MCEC) reported on the number of referrals for the Mentoring program for the month of September, 2020
- Earlean Rivers (DNA), reported on the number of referrals for Structured Learning for the month of August, 2020

**JCPC Business**

- Motion was made by A.J. Connors (Member of Faith Community) seconded by Jason McGuirt (District Attorney Designee) to approve the JCPC By-Laws.
- Motion was made by A.J. Connors (Member of Faith Community) seconded by Darryl McCaster, Co-Chair (County Commissioner Appointee) to approve the Needs Assessment Committee Report.
- Nancy Hodges (DPS Area Consultant) discussed the 2021-2022 JCPC RFP and motion was made by Melissa Reese (AMH/DD/SA or Designee) seconded by A.J. Connors (Member of Faith Community) to approve the 2021-2022 RFP and to set a deadline of February 19, 2021 to accept applications for the RFP.
- Nancy Hodges (DPS Area Consultant) asked for volunteer to serve on the Monitoring Committee to which Melissa Reese (AMH/DD/SA or Designee), Jason McGuirt (District Attorney Designee), and Leon Kea (Superintendent Designee) agreed to serve on.

**JCPC Agency Updates**

- Leon Kea (Superintendent Designee) announced that Duplin County Schools will be transitioning to remote learning from January 6, 2021 – January 18, 2021.
- Jason McGuirt (District Attorney Designee) announced that the court system had shut back down.
- Jessica Harper (Chief Court Counselor or Designee) announces that complaints were slow coming in to her office.
- Melissa Reese (AMH/DD/SA or Designee) announced that Eastpointe employees still continue to work remotely but they are still providing training.

**Next JCPC Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 2, 2020 via telephone.

**Adjourn**

With no further business motion was made by A.J. Connors (Member of Faith Community) seconded by Jason McGuirt (District Attorney Designee) to adjourn the meeting.

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman, George Futrelle

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