



Duplin County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

June 6, 2023

Minutes

Invocation and blessing for the food offered by Rev. A.J. Connors. The June 6th meeting of the Duplin County JCPC convened with Introductions of all present.

Attendees: Penny Thorne, Ciaria Miller, Evelyn Trejo, Jordon Whaley, Juan Jiminez, Ashley Reiger, Earlean Rivers, Lance Turner, Jesse Dowe, Michael Hooker, A.J. Connors, Erica Bostic, Darryl McCaster, Nikita Newkirk, Capt. Moose Whitfield, Bill Batchelor, Nancy Hodges.

Presentation: An in-service training was offered by Capt. Moose Whitfield, Duplin County EMS on the application of Naloxone (Narcan). The powerpoint was informative and appreciated by all.

Discussed the loss of George Futrelle; thoughts and prayers are with the Futrelle family and Duplin County. TrishaAnn Hoskins will be out for a while due to an injury.

Vice-Chair, Penny Thorne continued with the agenda, reversing the order so some of the program staff could make other afternoon appointments.

Program Reports:

- **Triumphs and Tribulations** – 1) Building Peace/Mentoring – Nikita Newkirk reported for both components; BP has served 81 ytd. Mentoring has served 10 ytd and still had 5 active. Building Peace will also be offering some summer sessions for those that need to complete. There's also a pending revision for the program that adjusts the cost centers to adequately cover program expenditures for the year. 2) Psychological Assessments – Juan Jiminez reported 11 served ytd with one pending referral for a total of 12 for the year. 3) Restitution – Juan Jiminez reported that the CS coordinator is working with juveniles, providing case management, worksite placement, communication, etc. This has worked well this year and the program will meet it's target number to be served. Teen Court – Ciaria Miller reported that the program has exceeded the target number to be served for the year, and has several referrals still pending admission and 4) DNA Structured Learning – Earlean Rivers reported for the program; total served ytd is 45. Field trip to Charleston is coming up later in June. Program has a pending revision moving funds across cost centers to ensure funding can be fully utilized by June 30.

Approval of Minutes: May minutes were approved by acclamation.

Stakeholder Updates:

- Sheriff's Office – still shorthanded and recruiting for vacant positions
- District Attorney's Office – murder trial has Jason McGuirt and Chief Crayton in court
- Courts – no report
- County – Jordon Whaley reported for Cabin Lake and the upcoming Vendor and Craft Fair at the late on June 17 from 9 – 2pm; Commissioner Dowe reported that the county is having some staffing challenges with TrishaAnn out, Davis Brinson's eminent retirement, and four Department heads leaving. The county is recruiting and is a great place to work.
- Eastpointe – Michael Hooker reported that they're hiring, and Medicaid Transformation has been postponed till Oct. 1.
- DJJ – Erica Bostic and Darryl McCaster updated the group. Intake in Duplin has been steady. Court Services staff members are still covering a detention unit at CA Dillon in Butner.
- Area Consultant – There is a House and Senate version of the step pay plan for certified staff; management is also hoping to have supervisors, Chiefs and Facility Directors and administrative staff included in order to ensure pay equity across the Division. Nancy Hodges will be taking on more counties in the north and the southeastern counties will be served by Bill Batchelor beginning fall of 2023. Bill reminded the group of the NC S.A.F.E. storage campaign; the eastern area kick-off was held today in Greenville at the Convention Ctr.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Nominating report – recommend a slate of officers for 23-24 including TrishaAnn Hoskins, Secretary; Penny Thorne, Vice-Chair; and Jason McGuirt, Chair. Motion from committee; no second needed. Motion carried.
- The two revisions previously discussed will be sent for e-signatures in the next week.

Miscellaneous:

- Other Announcements - none
- Next meeting: **TBD**