



## Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 17, 2024

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

Virtual via Zoom

### Welcome and Introductions

Jorge Redmond, JCPC Chair, welcomed all participants and initiated introductions.

### Updates from JCPC Members & Programs:

The primary objective of this meeting was to offer space for members and programs to share updates and resources, and to discuss the needs of local youth in the wake of Hurricane Helene.

#### Aspire Kids at Work! Update

- All youth and families in the program were contacted. Youth who were able came to together to cook and deliver meals to other participants and families unable to get out. Many participants assisted with distributions.
- Aspire's office was severely damaged by the storm and remains inaccessible. Cold storage food was lost, and an inventory of the loss is in progress. Aspire plans to resume programming at Enka campus in two weeks and is exploring alternative locations until UNCA reopens.
- Program overview provided: Aspire offers Kids At Work!, a weekly interpersonal skill-building program centered around the culinary arts, including preparing youth for the ServeSafe exam. Transportation is provided. "The Connection" music audio program is on hold due to equipment damage from the storm.

#### Buncombe Alternatives Update

- Earn and Learn Community Service Restitution Program works with Manna Food Bank, Rathbun House, Shiloh Community Center, and Root Cause. New referrals are being accepted.
- Teen Court shared that all participants are accounted for and safe. Staff continue to connect families with resources. The program hopes to resume hearings and operations in November.
- Staff confirmed that accommodations are being made to ensure youth focus on safety and immediate needs, with plans to restart fulfilling requirements in November.
- Court stakeholders are meeting next week to discuss reopening as water returns to the building.

#### PIVOTPoint Update

- Staff are safe, and water has returned to Haw Creek. The office in Montford had some damage. Staff have been reaching out to participants despite inconsistent service.

- PIVOTPoint continues to offer diversion and prevention services, including therapeutic adventure and emotional regulation programming. They are collaborating with Covenant Community Church to offer programming in the Reynolds district until schools reopen. Programming is temporarily expanding to serve youth in Madison, Marshall, and at the YMCA.
- Requested assistance overcoming communication challenges to confirm participants' safety.

#### Buncombe County Youth Justice Clinical Update

- Current efforts are dedicated to hurricane recovery. Staff look forward to providing further updates on the program when possible.

#### Umoja and UNETE Update

- UNETE is bringing community members together, has served 650 hot meals to families, and continues to connect community members to resources.
- Umoja and UNETE staff are participating in FEMA navigation training with Pisgah Legal.
- Umoja is collaborating with multiple organizations to distribute resources and provide on-the-ground support directly to community members.
- Umoja has connected with all JCPC referred participants to confirm safety and provide resources and support.
- Umoja is working with Trinity United Methodist Church to reopen out-of-school programming until schools reopen.
- Emphasized the need for heaters, coats, blankets, and hygiene products for families affected by the storm. Urged for continued support with FEMA navigation. Expressed gratitude for the amount of organizations coming together to support the community, and need for continued coordination of resources.

#### Discussion on Needs and Resources

- Discussion included resources to navigate DSNAP, FEMA, and other resources .
- Brandon Priester shared that Hood Huggers is helping people navigate FEMA services as well, and mentioned ongoing collaboration with Grace Covenant Church and others to distribute critical supplies including baby formula, diapers, and wipes. Expressed gratitude for support, and ongoing concern for hardest hit areas, including Swannanoa. He also confirmed that Land of Sky Regional Council is helping families in Madison, Buncombe, Henderson, and Transylvania counties and offered to connect with families in need across the region for resources.
- Continued discussion included the need for childcare for teachers and parents returning to school and work.
- Scott Dennis shared that First Baptist Church is distributing baby supplies daily between 10 am – 2 pm.

#### NCDPS Court Juvenile Justice Update

- Court Services: All staff are accounted for and safe. Temporary relocation to Hendersonville Courthouse. Secured custody cases are being handled virtually. All other cases are postponed.



### **NCDPS Area Consultant Update - Lorraine Williams**

- Raise the Age updates go into effect December 1<sup>st</sup>, when 16 and 17 year olds with A through E felonies will start in adult court. DJJ is providing further training soon for Court Services and Community Programs, and Lorraine will provide further updates after the training.
- The JCPC's two-year funding cycle ends soon. A decision will be made in December regarding whether to post the RFP for one- or two-year funding cycle.
- The planning committee process will be streamlined due to shortened time

### **Public Comment/Announcements**

No further public comments were raised.

### **Closing Remarks**

- Jorge encouraged the group to continue reaching out with any needs and share resources across the community.
- Many expressed thanks for the time together and the ongoing collaborative efforts of the group.

### **Meeting Adjourned**





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## Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) Members/Attendees – Virtual Only 10/17/2024

	<b>JCPC Board Membership</b>	N.C.G.S. § 143B-846 specifies members be appointed by county commissioners to serve on local Juvenile Crime Prevention Councils. In certain categories, a designee may be appointed to serve.			
	<b>Specified Member</b>	<b>Representative</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>In person</b>	<b>Virtual</b>
1	School Superintendent or designee	Shanon Martin	Director of Student Services & Title IX Coord., Buncombe County Schools		
2	Chief of Police or designee	Craig Loveland	SRO Supervisor, Asheville Police Department		
3	Local Sheriff or designee	Jorge Redmond	Senior Attorney, Buncombe County Sheriff's Office		x
4	District Attorney or designee	Blythe McCoy	Assistant DA		
5	Chief Court Counselor or designee	Sylvia Clement	Chief Court Counselor		
6	Director, AMH/DD/SA, or designee	Angela Garner	Community Relations Regional Director, VAYA Health		x
7	Director DSS or designee	<i>Vacant</i>			
8	County Manager or designee	Dr. Noreal Armstrong	Chief Equity & Human Rights Officer		
9	Substance Abuse Professional	Nicole Stallings	Peer Support Specialist		
10	Member of Faith Community	Don Johnson	Chaplain, Buncombe County Detention/ABCCM		x
11	County Commissioner	Martin Moore	County Commissioner		
12	Youth Member (under 21)	<i>Vacant</i>			
13	<i>Member representing families of youth involved in justice system OR Youth under 21</i>	CiCi Weston	Executive Director, The Christine Avery Learning Center		
14	Juvenile Defense Attorney	Scott Dennis	Juvenile Defense Attorney		x
15	Chief District Judge or designee	Susan Dotson-Smith	District Court Judge		
16	Member of Business Community	Elizabeth Kraft	CFO, Kraft Professional Realty, Inc.		x

17	Local Health Director or designee	Khadiya Ross	Program Manager II, Health & Human Services		x
18	Rep. United Way/other non-profit	Natasha Adwaters	Executive Director, Children First		
19	Representative/Parks and Rec.	Angel Redmond	Facility Supervisor, Asheville Parks and Recreation		
20	County Commissioner appointee	Eric Robinson	Asheville Housing Authority		x
21	County Commissioner appointee	Jeremy Bricker	Area Director, Clarvida		x
22	County Commissioner appointee	Co-Kema King	Student Affairs Case Manager, UNCA		
23	County Commissioner appointee	Andy Bobowski	Co-Founder & CEO, Backrs		
24	County Commissioner appointee	Banta Whitner	LCSW, Ancestral Lineage Healing Practitioner		x
25	County Commissioner appointee	<i>Vacant</i>			
26	County Commissioner appointee	Brandon Priester	Youth Business Services Representative, Land of Sky Regional Council		x
	Area Consultant	Lorraine Williams	Community Programs AC		x
	JCPC Staff Support	Hannah Legerton	Youth Justice Division Manager, BC		x
	Justice Services Admin	Moniqua Alexander	Administrative Coordinator, Justice Services, BC		
	CAPE Support	Angelica Tyler	Administrative Coordinator, Justice Services, BC		
	Aspire - Buncombe	Kim Castano	<b>Robin Frasier, Sergio Fernandez</b>		x
	Buncombe County Teen Court	<b>Karen Peerson</b>	<b>Jamie Lee Willocks</b>		x
	Buncombe Youth Justice Clinical	<b>Regenia Herring</b>	Lindsay Holland		x
	Earn and Learn Restitution	<b>Karen Peerson</b>	Juan Holladay		x
	PIVOTPoint WNC	<b>Matthew Nannis</b>	Tai Kulenic		x
	Umoja + UNETE	<b>Michael Hayes</b>	Richard Caro, Aaron Griffin		x
	Umoja + UNETE	Norma Duran Brown	Luisa Rodriguez, Jose Infanzon Chavez		

Additional guests:

