



## Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

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### Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC)

Thursday, December 21, 2023

8:30 am – 10:00 am

**Hybrid: First Floor Conference Room at 200 College St or Virtual via Zoom**

**Welcome and Introductions:** Jorge Redmond, JCPC Chair

**Review and Action of the October 19, 2023 Board Minutes:** Jorge Redmond, JCPC Chair

- Review of minutes, vote for approval:
  - 1<sup>st</sup>-Commissioner Martin Moore
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> -Angie Garner

**NCDPS Court Juvenile Justice Update:** Mary Trogdon, Court Counselor Supervisor

- Steady complaints coming in from both Asheville City and Buncombe County Schools
- Some incidents coming through SROs to Court Services could go through the School Justice Partnership
  - There is an opportunity for charter schools to be a part of the School Justice Partnership (SJP)
  - There was discussion about providing training for SROs to increase understanding of which referrals should go directly to programs and which types of referrals should be referred to Juvenile Court Services.
  - The next SJP Meeting is scheduled for March 2024.
- Supervisors are still carrying caseloads. Caseloads are usually 25-30 when fully staffed but are currently at 45-50.
- 2 new court counselors. Basic training coming soon for 3 court counselors.

### Committee Updates

**1. Planning Committee:** Angela Garner, Committee Chair

a. *Review Service Continuum, Risk/Needs Report & Funding Priorities*

i Committee members have met several times to go over the Service Continuum.

1 The continuum is an attempt to capture services for youth in the county.

- 2 Mental health services were reviewed and updated on the continuum to clearly state what the service covers. Both residential and outpatient, or community-based contracts are available. Some services are available through Medicaid funds while others are only available to youth involved with the juvenile justice system. The continuum distinguishes between the different services and who may access them.
- 3 The goal is to make the Service Continuum easier to read and more accessible to the community. The next step will be to edit the document and format it so it will be available as a resource to SROs, local schools, and other community members utilizing services and referring to DJJ.

b. *Voting on Risk/Needs Report with Funding Priorities*

i Buncombe County Clinical Justice Services Program

- 1 RFP needs to be sent out @ \$73,357 versus the full Buncombe JCPC funds allocation of \$644,477 due to the JCPC voting for two-year funding for 2023-2025. Only one program was ineligible for two-year funding due to it being a new program. This program will be able to apply for a second year of funding for 2024-25, and only the current allocation to that program will be listed on the 24-25 RFP as the remaining funds have already been allocated for the full two-year cycle.
- 2 The Planning Committee reviewed data from the YASI Risks, Needs, and Strengths data to decide what to prioritize for the Request for Proposal for the coming year. Once the priorities were established, two that had not been funded for the full two years were recommended for the upcoming 24-25 RFP.
- 3 Committee Chair, Angela Garner, reviewed the former need for Comprehensive Clinical Assessments or CCAs, as this need was identified in 2023-24 as a priority due to a shortage in available CCA slots for youth involved with DJJ. Youth Villages is a behavioral health services provider who contracts to provide a set number of slots each month for CCAs. Angela gave an update on available slots and stated that there was a 15-day average between referral and assessment. Recommendation made for the 2024-25 RFP funding priorities to include priority 2: (CCAs) and Counseling, including Substance Use Counseling Services; and priority 6. Restorative Justice Services.
  - a 1<sup>st</sup>-Angel Redmond made a motion that Priorities 2 and 6 be included in the RFP.
  - b 2<sup>nd</sup>-Brandon Priestler

c. *Racial Equity Data*

- 1 Buncombe County's Racial and Ethnic Disparities Data for 22-23 will be reviewed during an upcoming presentation with Crystal Wynn-Lewis, Racial & Ethnic Disparities (R/ED) Coordinator with the North Carolina Department of Public Safety, Division of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.
- 2 JCPC Special Session: Buncombe RED Data with Crystal Wynn-Lewis: Thurs, Feb 1, 2024, 12:30 – 2 pm.
- 3 Discussion and questions by JCPC Members
  - a Hoping for a breakdown of the data to use in making determinations for future funding priorities
  - b Judge Dotson-Smith asked if data would be available for non-DJJ referrals to see direct referrals from schools to community programs. She also requested information on the number of individual youths referred to DJJ who had IEPs.

**2. Monitoring Committee:** Brandon Priester, Committee Chair

- a. Still needing volunteers: Don Johnson, Dr. Noreal Armstrong, Banta Whitner, Sgt. Craig Loveland, and Andy Bobowski all expressed interest in this committee.
- b. JCPC monitoring takes place in January each year. Teams of JCPC members and court counselors usually conduct the monitoring of each JCPC-funded program. More monitoring volunteers are needed this year due to the staff shortage of experienced court counselors, as a court counselor may not be able to be a part of every team as in past years. There are six programs to monitor.

**3. Allocations Committee:** Angel Redmond, Committee Chair

- a. Nothing to report at this time except that committee members are needed.
- b. Several JCPC members volunteered to join the allocations committee previously, including Shanon Martin, Eric Robinson, and Angela Garner. Sgt. Loveland expressed an interest in serving on the committee as well.

**NCDPS DJJ Community Programs Update:** Lorraine Williams, Western Area Consultant

- Lorraine Williams gave an overview of the process for programs already approved for the second year of the two-year funding process. Programs will need to submit their Program Agreement in NC ALLIES by the RFP deadline, but the hard copies needed for the regular allocation process do not need to be printed and submitted. All of the attachments still need to be uploaded in NC ALLIES for funded nonprofits, and both Third Quarter and Final Accounting processes still happen each year.

**Program Updates:** Written Program Update

- The written report will soon include a breakdown of percentages of youth served in each program by race and ethnicity. Lorraine prepared a version of the report with this to see how it would work.

Due to the smaller numbers of youth served for individual races listed, the percentage combines BIPOC data for the report, to maintain anonymity. Also, percentages are less effective for reporting when small numbers are involved. 45% of referrals to programs were youth of color for the most recent report.

- Other updates: Hiring has picked up in both Facilities and Juvenile Court Services within DJJ.

### **Public Comment/Announcements**

- Sara Jarrell shared information on The Worx Project, which is based out of the former Camp Woodson facility. They are offering career-connected learning opportunities for youth. They are working with local schools and also working with Land of Sky to do some work-based activities at their location this January.
- Judge Dotson-Smith announced that a report has been released by the Chief Justice on ACES (Adverse Childhood Experiences) and its potential impact on recidivism. Judge Dotson-Smith will see about sending out a copy of the report to JCPC members.

### **Adjournment**