

**Virtual Juvenile Crime Prevention Council  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday, February 5, 2024 1:00 p.m. Virtual**

**Roll Call for Attendance**

Richard Ammons, Keith Brown, Dandridge Emerson, George Banks, Jackie Copeland, Richard Keever, Lori Edwards, Phoua Martin, Shontell Robinson, Sharon Singletary, Shatarra Smith, Josuha Swift, Ted Kazakos, Clinton Wilson,

**Staff Present**

Rich Smith and Iesha Carter

**Program Managers**

Amanda Causey (TRJ), Brittany Travis (Insight), Deborah Hemsley (Parenting Path), Courtney Perry (Family Services), Danielle Johnson (YWCA), Elizabeth Miller (Parenting Path), Lynn Rhoades (Authoring Action), Valerie Glass (TRJ), Kayla Steele (Project X), Kasshema Samuels (Aspire)

**Approval of Minutes from December 4, 2024**

Motion to approve: (1<sup>st</sup>) Richard Keever (2<sup>nd</sup>) Keith Brown

**Intensive Intervention Request**

Rich discussed Parenting Path's Stay Safe and Youth Collaborative's Project X Intensive request for a letter of support from JCPC Council to receive Federal Intensive Intervention funding for FY25.

Motion to approve: (1<sup>st</sup>) Dan Emerson (2<sup>nd</sup>) Jackie Copeland

**Update from Program Monitoring**

Last spring, JCPC's monitoring visit resulted in corrective actions:

For YWCA's Teen Court and Work and Earn It programs, both were tasked with increasing the number of youths served and increasing work sites. YWCA is making progress with the youth served. JCPC will continue to monitor.

Aspire – Forward Focus program corrective action was to improve communication with court counselors and structures in place for helping students pursue GED. JCPC has seen progress with communication and an increase in referrals. JCPC will continue to monitor.

Just Us corrective action was to reconsider changing their schedule to offer classes monthly. This change increased the number of classes they can offer. JCPC will continue to monitor.

Project X corrective action was better communication with court counselors. JCPC has seen an increase in weekly updates. JCPC will continue to monitor.

No major concerns or corrective actions for other programs.

### **Recommendations for Program Allocations for 2024/2025**

Rich went over in detail the Allocations Committee reasoning for Recommendation for FY2024-2025.

Motion to approve: (1<sup>st</sup>) Dan Emerson (2<sup>nd</sup>) Shatara Smith

### **JCPC Committee Needs/Update**

Those wishing to stay on the Committee please complete the application if your term is near expiration. If you do not wish to stay on JCPC, please let Keith know.

Also, for those of you wishing to continue to serve please sign up to join a committee.

### **Program Budget Revisions**

Just US – need additional support for costume design and administrative support for data assessment. Provision tabled until April 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. Just Us to come to April meeting with better understanding of upcoming expenditures and number of youths served.

Note: Program revisions need to be given in a timely manner to be considered in future JCPC meetings.

### **Cure Violence Update**

Cure Violence Program Manager started as of Oct 2023. Programs underway. Please follow Cure Violence on social media platforms. UNCG is also continuing to evaluate the program's progress.

### **NC Department of Public Safety- Community Programs Consultant's Report**

JCPC Funded Program Summary – attachment – shows programs by numbers served, percent served, JJ referrals and number of new admissions. Document created to best determine what information JCPC Counsel would like to see.

Per JCPC – add referrals by referral source to document as well as expenditures to-date.

### **Juvenile Justice Update**

Moving in a positive direction as JJ are three staff away from being fully staffed (14). However, there is still an increase of juvenile gun related charges.

Status of a Juvenile Detention Center in Forsyth? Per Shontell currently there are no discussions of opening another detention center in Forsyth County.

### **Other Announcements**

JCPC Council – No Announcements

## JCPC Programs

- Aspire – one youth on track to graduate this Spring from Forward Focus and three successful terminations for Kids and Work. Aspire to provide a catering menu with prices to JCPC. (Kasshema)
- Project X – currently at 40 youth served and numbers are expected to increase. 5K upcoming at Happy Hill Park (Kayla)
- Authoring Action – Working on spring golf tournament. Just Us graduation and film screen held February 2<sup>nd</sup>, four youth graduated. (Lynn)
- YWCA – Teen Court session to be held February 13<sup>th</sup> with five youth participating. Also partnered with Samaritan Ministries for a community service work site.
- TRJ Restart – Thirteen youth graduate in March. Next class start February 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Parenting Path – Spring Foundation upcoming April 20<sup>th</sup>, at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church