

# DURHAM COUNTY JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL

July 27, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Note Taker: Celia Jefferson

## **Members Present**

Angela Nunn  
Anna Lee Mosley  
Karen K. Thompson  
David Addison  
Donald Pinchback  
Arnold Dennis  
Brenda Howerton  
Herman Scott  
Gayle Harris  
Nancy Kent  
Michelle Smith  
Brenda Howerton  
Timothy Burris  
Fungai Muzorewa-Bennett

## **Excused Absences**

Rhonda Parker  
William Marsh  
Julie Linehan  
Drew Cummings  
Pauletta Brown Bracy  
Christina Mattioli  
Jennifer Rogers

## **Absent**

Johnny Foster

## **Others Present**

Chief District Court Judge, Marcia Morey  
Gudrun Parmer, CJRC

## **Welcome, Announcements and Community Concerns**

### **Court Services**

Judge Morey started off by stating that communication among all agencies, providers, the district court and JCPC is key to serving our court-involved youth. She would like to see court services come together once every 4 or 6 months, and talk about what it is that JCPC does. She feels that JCPC is the leader in working with the youth in Durham. Judge Morey stated that the drug treatment court service for youth is no longer in service. This service focused on juvenile delinquency criminal matters and status offenses, and truancy that involved substance-using youth. Works with non-violent, juvenile offenders whose drug and/or alcohol use is negatively impacting their lives at home, in school and the community. Judge Morey stated that we have to show the kids something new. We need to show kids what the lungs of a smoker looks like, the teeth of a meth user. If we do have to put kids in detention, what can we do to be creative enough to help them, how do we brain storm and get a working plan? It was suggested that we should sponsor youth summits in terms of what's working and ask young people what they need.

### **A Grant Opportunity**

Donald informed the council that the 2011 Session of the North Carolina General Assembly has charged the Department of Juvenile Justice with expending funds previously assigned to contracts for residential services to serve high-risk adjudicated youth through different community-based options. As a result of this legislation, the Department will be soliciting, accepting, and awarding selected grants from \$50,000 to \$150,000 per county, to county JCPCs

or to multicounty collaborations of two (2) or more JCPCs to fund programs for Level 2 adjudicated youth.

Clients targeted for services are Level 2 youth who are court involved. Providers are encouraged to include services for the youths' families also.

The proposals must be submitted to the DJJDP Central Office prior to 5:00pm September 15, 2011. One copy with original signatures and nine copies of the complete proposal must be submitted. Only proposals with the three following signatures will be accepted:

- Chairperson of County Commissioners or County Manager
- County JCPC Chairperson and
- Program Provider

Please contact William (Billy) Lassiter to answer any questions you may have. He can be contacted by email at [William.lassiter@djjdp.nc.gov](mailto:William.lassiter@djjdp.nc.gov) or by phone at (919) 743-8124.

It was suggested that the JCPC Funding committee review the applications since we will be endorsing it. A copy of the grant has been sent to JCPC Program Providers.

Judge Morey suggested that Donald Pinchback should go to the court counselor intake and have them pull out all level 2 juvenile offenders to see how broad that number is and then JCPC should formulate a program that can handle level 2 juvenile offenders. Low risk juveniles should not be mixed with high risk juveniles. It will only make low risk juveniles worse. At this point let the people in that program know exactly what you need done.

Angela Nunn stated that a JCPC sub-committee should be set up to work on formulating such a program as stated above. The following people were asked to participate: Donald Pinchback, Chair, Judge Morey, Fungai Bennett, David Addison, Georgette O'Mary and Angela Nunn.

### **JCPC Annual Funds Process**

Fungai recommended going forward that JCPC should have an advisory council forum to speak with applicants in detail regarding the information we have listed on the RFP before they apply for our annual funds. The applicants could let us know more than what they are generically doing. For example, if the RFP has interpersonal skills listed, that is not letting people know exactly how we need it to be designed. Otherwise, we need to be more descriptive in letting people know exactly what type of program needs to be implemented for Durham's youth.

Angela suggested that the executive committee would discuss further and bring back before the entire board. Angela asked Fungai to email more of her suggestions to Celia if she is not able to meet with the executive committee on August 17 at 12noon.

### **Minutes**

**Motion:** Angela motioned that minutes from June 22nd be accepted as presented. **Action:** Seconded and Approved.

### **Sub-Committees**

At the July executive committee meeting Angela appointed sub-committee chairs as conveners of each committee. Once each person has volunteered for a committee, each group will choose who they want to lead. Below are the following sub-committees:

#### **Nominating**

Herman Scott, Chair

#### **Funding & Review**

Karen Thompson, Chair

Donald Pinchback

Angela Nunn

David Addison

#### **Needs Assessment**

Donald Pinchback, Chair

David Addison

Angela Nunn

Nancy Kent

#### **Public Awareness/Publicity**

Anna Mosley, Chair

Rhonda Parker

#### **News from JCPC Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Ad Hoc Committee**

Donald stated that his department is feeling the effect of the budget cuts that DJJDP has endured primarily because our main contact person for the state that provided our data and ratios for the youth has been cut. But we now have a resource in Brandy Dolby from the Governor's Crime Commission. She has volunteered her services to have data pulled for us. It has been decided to hold meetings on a monthly basis instead of quarterly. At the next meeting on August 19 we will have someone to facilitate pro bono establishing goals and objectives and coming up with a mission or vision.

Durham is the leading county in the state of NC in terms of having the highest DMC rate at 7.22. The most juvenile complaints received across the state are at the referral contact level. A resource manual for law enforcement officers has been developed. Georgette O'Mary and David Addison will look at how it can be put into their system electronically. In addition to that we will have the pocket version. Pauletta Bracy has agreed and helped with the editorial part. We will measure how often the manual is being used and if it is meeting the needs of the people. Arnold stated that after their planning retreat, they will take it to another level, the crime council. He also stated that this is a serious issue regarding the number of black males that are coming into the court system. Arnold is hoping that he and a DPS representative will visit Pitt County to see what they are doing along with the police department in the school.

Angela suggested that the council state how much funds they are willing to give toward the cost of printing the resource manual. Karen suggested up to \$500. **Motion:** Angela motioned that JCPC provide up to \$500 for the cost of the resource manual to be printed. **Action:** Seconded and Approved.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.