

DURHAM COUNTY JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL

October 27, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Note Taker: Celia Jefferson

Members Present

Angela Nunn
Tim Burris
Nancy Kent
Fungai Bennett
Anna Lee Mosley
Michelle H. Smith
Georgette O' Mary
Donald W. Pinchback
David Addison
Julie Linehan
Herman Scott
Arnold Dennis
Brenda Howerton
Keith Howard
Jennifer Rogers
Johnnie Foster
Karen K. Thompson

Excused Absences

Rhonda Parker
Gayle Harris
Delphine Sellars
Pauletta Bracy
William Marsh
Gerri Robinson

Others Present

Tameka Vaught, *DJJDP*
Gudrun Parmer, *CJRC*
Joni Coss, *CJRC*
Cindy Porterfield, *DJJDP*
Renee Porter, *DJJDP*

Welcome, Announcements and Community Concerns

Angela Nunn, chair called the meeting to order at 4:15 pm, welcomed everyone and asked them to share community concerns and announcements.

News from DJJDP

Cindy Porterfield reported DJJDP is in the process of developing the client tracking application into a real time database application for JCPC funded programs. By late November or early December, DJJDP will be training programs and JCPCsonits use. The JCPC Program Agreement is being developed in the first phase. Program providers and JCPCs will have access through an NC ID#. These second phase of the project includes development of the demographic client information that client tracking currently holds within the application. Some of the data in the new application will be able to be queried against NCJOIN data in order to measure subsequent complaints and convictions/adjudications (recidivism) of youth being served by JCPC programs. The enhanced real time application will allow program to be monitored through up-to-date data and also allow for automated referrals from DJJDP court counselorsto JCPC funded programs. The application will still allow JCPCstounderstand youth served by JCPC programs and where they are along the continuum where they are referred.

Keith Howard announced that [North Carolina Partnership for Educational Opportunity](#) is hosting a one day gathering of stakeholders concerned about out-of-school suspensions in North Carolina, coming together to dialogue about issues and examine proven strategies to implement in their local communities. The summit will focus on issues like out-of-school suspensions, safety, due process, disproportionate minority contact, the school-to-prison pipeline, raising the juvenile age, and promising strategies to reduce suspensions and expulsions. The summit will be held on Friday November 12, 2010 from 8 AM until 5 PM.

JCPC Nominating Committee

At the October meeting, Anna Lee Mosley, JCPC Nominating Committee Chair proposed a Slate/Ballot for JCPC 2010-2011 Officers that included the following nominations:

Chair	AngelaNunn
ViceChair	DavidAddison
Secretary	AnnaLeeMosley
Treasurer	KarenThompson
Parliamentarian	PaulettaB.Bracy

AnnaLee opened the floor for additional nomination s.No other nominations were added. **Motion:** Julie Linehan motioned that the proposed officers be voted into office by acclamation. **Action:** Seconded and Approved.

Presentation

Renee E. Porter from the Department of Criminal Justice located at North Carolina Central University presented on the topic of Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC). DMC is the overrepresentation of minority youth in the juvenile justice system. Like the majority of counties in the state, Durham County has a need to address the overrepresentation of minorities in the Juvenile Justice System. NCCU's Juvenile Justice Institute has been awarded a grant to examine the issue from a systems perspective. The focus of the initiative will be to identify targeted opportunities for intervention that can lead to reducing DMC not only in Durham County but across the state.

Renee reported that Durham County was selected to address DMC because of its DMC rates: In 2005-06, minority youth were more likely to be committed to YDCs (RRI = 1.8), admitted to detention (RRI = 2.4) and have petitions filed (RRI = 3.2). RRI is a means of comparing the juvenile justice contact for different groups of youth, for example arrest is a decision point. To determine the RRI, the arrest rate of white youth vs. that of minority groups is compared as a whole, as well individually. The numerator in the calculation is usually the measure of arrest rates for the year and the denominator is a measure of the population. Findings and recommendations of DMC for Durham County can be found on the distributed handout.

The presentation created significant interest among JCPC members and Arnold Dennis suggested that the project staff connect with JCPC. **Motion:** Angela Nunn motioned that an ad hoc committee be formed to work with DMC. **Action:** Seconded and Approved. The following members volunteered to serve on the ad hoc committee: Chair: Donald Pinchback: Members: Georgette O'Mary, David Addison, Michelle Smith, Jennifer Rogers, and Keith Howard.

Financial Report

Karen Thompson, JCPC Treasurer presented a brief overview of uncommitted funds that were reserved from JCPC's total allocation. JCPC initially voted to reserve \$37,566 to cover a possible 7% budget reduction. To date, the State had not made any cuts. All reserved funds must be allocated by December 31.

It was suggested that 4% of the reserved funds should be offered to existing programs, the remaining 3% will be reserved for Emergency Shelter Services. The JCPC Coordinator has already sent an email informing program providers of available funds and the deadline for requests is October 29. Once all requests have been received, the Executive Committee will review and present a recommendation to the council at the November 17 meeting.

Minutes

Motion: Angela motioned that minutes from September 22 be accepted as presented with the exception of adding the attendance list. **Action:** Seconded and Approved.

A Program Fair

Donald suggested that JCPC sponsor a Program Fair for program providers to be held early January or late February 2011. The Program Fair will serve as an opportunity for JCPC program providers to present programs to the community. The council suggested inviting System of Care, the Department of Social Service, the Police Department, and the Sheriff Department as well.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15pm.

