

JCPC Board Meeting

August 3, 2020

PRESENT: Stan Clarkson, Tia Warren, J. Patrick Ellington, Sara Schaller, John Thacker, Shontell Robinson, Anthony Jones, Fleming El-Amin, Tony LoGiudice, Keith Brown, Dr. Jack Monell, Elsa Lark, Marilyn Odom, Al-Wadood Jabbar,

OTHERS: Kimberly Busse, Rich Smith (DPS), Deborah Harris, Jonathan Wilson, Kimberly Castano (Aspire Youth), Kimberly Townsend (Kids At Work), Lynn Rhoades (Just Us), Robin Testerman (Forsyth Temporary Shelter), Brittany Travis (Juvenile Psych), Elizabeth Miller (Parent/teen solutions), Valerie Glass (TRJ), Quinten Henigham (Work & Earn It), Amanda Causey, Rebecca

Welcome

Chairman Clarkson welcomes everyone present and a voice roll call was held.

Approval of Minutes from June 1, 2020 Meeting

Mr. Jabbar moved to approve the minutes from June 1st meeting; seconded by Commissioner El-Amin. All in favor.

JCPC Annual Orientation

Chairman Clarkson emailed updated Orientation Manuals to members. Kimberly Busse, JCPC Coordinator, will send conflict of interest statements through DocuSign for members to sign.

JCPC Committee Assignments

The nominating, risk & needs, appropriations and Bi Laws committee positions need to be filled. The Bi-laws committee need to meet quickly to establish updated bi-laws. Rich Smith will send a list and description of committees to members. Stan remarked on the importance of serving on a committee and gave his appreciation for those who serve.

Gang Assessment Update

Dr. Jack Monell met with Forsyth Futures on 7/22/2020. They've received all surveys, data, and the community scan. Dr. Monell can make this information available to the full council. They will provide a timeline the next meeting. Target completion date still generally in the spring; will have more information next meeting. Stan appreciates Dr. Monell's leadership on the project.

NC Department of Public Safety – Community Programs

Rich – Legislation passed by the NC Senate allows for a designee for police, increases the age for the student member from 18 to 21, increases the planning cycle to two years. May be possible for 2 year funding.

New rules allow for youth education level II under court supervision to receive intensive services. This was a problem before because some new to the program couldn't access what they needed. Also asked that services be initiated before juvenile court. Protocols are being developed, as it just passed.

Rich – Need to address the \$49,000 in unallocated JCPC funds. Recommends creating a committee to develop a RFP. If the money is not allocated by 12/31/20, will lose it back to the State.

Juvenile Justice Updates

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Stan Clarkson gave an update on operations during COVID-19. Family meetings are done virtually. Families can come to the office to use the computers and equipment. While it is difficult to use virtual meetings, the WebEx system used by the State has been very effective.

House Bill 593 - The changes seek to clarify that juveniles under 18 should be removed from jails and into Juvenile detention facilities.

Gun Violence is increasing. Some commissioners in the City of Winston-Salem have convened to discuss. Folks in the community are concerned. Commissioner El Amin has attended two of these meetings. He reports that the neighbors against gun violence in a good direction; that the community must be involved. He says it cannot be only the police addressing the issue, but that community input is necessary. Stan – There may be some overlap with this group and JCPC. Stan and Rich will discuss how to proceed with them.

Program Updates

Work & Earn It – Quinten Henigham of the YWCA – 3 kids are working in the soup kitchen and developing community ideas for other opportunities since the COVID closures. Some are doing yard work, grocery shopping for the elderly, cooking, cleaning at their home. Hopes that some other opportunities will open up again soon.

Teen Court – Marilyn Odom from the YWCA – During the month of June, Greg Squires was working with a volunteer attorney, who was assisting with in person, meetings. Social distancing, 1 juvenile and family, masks were worn. The program was on hiatus in July and will return in August. Hoping to work with Wake Forest students when they return.

Authoring Action – Lynn Rhodes – Small groups were meeting to develop 10 minute short films about relevant topics; BLM, COVID, etc. They would write toward solutions, their visions. They are working hard to social distance, wear masks, wash hands. Some kids/artists are back to help with the program. They look forward to the fall. There was supposed to be a screening at SECA next weekend, or maybe the 22nd of August. Lynn will update the Council on the date.

Family Services, Inc – Rebecca – Completed the first virtual Strengthening Families program. 10 youth graduates. 2 sessions planned for the fall. Smaller groups to work together, and can work individually with the families. Most people are reacting positively to these COVID changes, due to the individual attention. Trauma Counseling is still through telehealth. Trauma screenings are in person. All programs continue to be busy, and have seen no decrease in levels. Virtual, means no meals, etc, may be cheaper.

Kids at Work – Kimberly Townsend – Operating through virtual classes. Food baskets are delivered; picked up from second harvest food bank. Baskets contain everything the participants need for the virtual lesson. Chef does the cooking video, kids get hands on training plus a cooked meal for their household. Some classes concentrate on ServSafe training. Working to find employers interested in mock interviews with students to determine if they are employable and what they need to work on.

Forward Focus Forsyth – Kim Castano - Newly formed program, and they are experiencing resistance to hosting kids during COVID-19. They are actively looking for mentors for the kids. The Connection as a mutual learning process has been beneficial. The online process seems to be working well. The next step is to make sure it works with JCPC programs.

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Impact Circles - Amanda Causey of Triad Restorative Justice – Forsyth Tech has been good helping kids by providing laptops and tailoring programs during COVID. They have lost contact with about 16 youth since March and due to COVID, 4 have successfully exited the program. Held a virtual teen camp.

RESTART – Valerie of Triad Restorative Justice – Aggression replacement training has struggled with online method. Back to meeting in person for the first time this past Saturday. There was under 10 people there, including the kids and instructors. Pleased with how it was working.

Parenting Path – Deborah – Offering virtual services; meet, or do phone calls for those who don't have internet. 6 families now working with, and 3 families have 3 or more teens. A few showing resistance to the virtual format, but many families are getting used to it. Triple P – parenting skills – working well.

Insight – Brittany Travis – Meeting using virtual and telehealth appointments. Meetings with the psychologists directly and virtually.

Adjourn - Mr. Al Jabbar motioned to adjourn; seconded by El-Amin. All in favor.