

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS

for

HOKE COUNTY JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL

January 17th, 2024 at 1:00pm

Robert A. Wright Agricultural Building (demo kitchen room)

JCPC BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jackie McLean, Chairperson and Commissioner Appointee
Tom Landry, Vice Chair and Family Advocate
Ronald Flippin, School Superintendent Designee
Lt. Lee Davis, Sheriff's Designee
Mary Spell, Director of Area LME/MCO Designee
Don Woods, Director of Dept. Social Services Designee
Gwen McGougan, County Manager Designee
Rev. Al Anderson, Member of Faith Community
Commissioner James Leach, Hoke County Commissioner
Gina Daniels, Non-Profit Organization
Daphne Dudley, County Commissioner Appointee
Shirlyn Morrison-Sims, County Commissioner Appointee
Shirley Hart, County Commissioner Appointee
Darell McMillan, County Commissioner Appointee
Susan Lynch, County Commissioner Appointee

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kelly Cribb, NC DPS Area Consultant
Lorraine Landry, JCPC Coordinator
Brittany Gillespie, Y.E.S. Program Coordinator
Brandy McPherson, Program Manager Molding Young Moguls
Jada Maxwell, Teen Court Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER / INVOCATION / LUNCH

Mrs. Jackie McLean, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:02pm.

(There was a quorum with 15 members present.)

Mr. Don Woods began the meeting in prayer.

I. AREA CONSULTANT'S UPDATE

Mrs. Kelly Cribb, NC DPS Area Consultant, notified the council of the following:

DPS Policy Revision – an “At-A-Glance” sheet was distributed; significant changes were

- the removal of inactive council members' names/terminated programs' staff names/terminated Coordinator's name from NCALLIES system, and
- 4-year degrees no longer required for program managers allowing for training and experience to be considered; changes effective July 1, 2024;

Intensive Intervention Services RFP FY 24-25 - was distributed to programs this week; apply on DPS website

3rd Quarter Accounting FY 23-24 - reminder to look at budgets for possible changes needed; due end of March 2024

Measurable Objectives - already sent out; programs need to report to the council soon

Gun Locks - additional locks available in Raleigh, if needed; contact her

There were no questions for Miss Kelly Cribb.

II. FY 23-24 ANNUAL JCPC MONITORING REPORTS

Susan Lynch, Monitoring Committee Chairperson, reported that the four funded programs were successfully monitored by the committee on 1-8-24. She shared that the committee discussed possibly changing the format of the actual monitoring day, since it seemed rushed and intense. She presented the highlights of the JCPC Annual Monitoring Reports FY 23-24 of the following funded programs to the council (*emailed to council on 1-15-24*):

Teen Court – met with Jada Maxwell; very organized; documents were available; lack of youth being served (only 8 out of 35) due to lack of referrals; getting word out into community is needed, possibly with help from JCPC Public Relations Committee; no follow-up from Area Consultant needed.

Molding Young Moguls' Leadership Development – met with Brandy McPherson; recently moved to new location at 225 S. Main St.; served 15 out of 24 youth so far; very organized but lack of referrals; good curriculum being used; Measurable Objectives were available; visibility, recruitment and getting the word out needed; no follow-up from Area Consultant needed.

Rebuilding the Dream Juvenile Structured Day – met with Brittany Gillespie and Ophelia Ray; very organized, well-documented, all reports in place; lack of youth served (only 1 out of 8) however, it was reported that the spring semesters are usually more active; good curriculum being used; no follow-up from Area Consultant needed.

Youth Engaged in Service Community Service & Restitution – met with Brittany Gillespie and Ophelia Ray; all reports also in place; served 12 out of 20 youth so far; lack of community service sites to bring youth to (due to liability issues with certain agencies approached); **Susan Lynch** asked Kelly Cribb and the council for suggestions of working sites; no follow-up from Area Consultant needed.

Susan Lynch reported that the committee did not find anything significant that would hold back their recommendation for continued funding for any of the programs. She asked if any other committee member had anything to add.

Jackie McLean suggested the “Adopt-A-Highway” DOT program as a site.

Ronald Flippin encouraged the programs to continue making themselves visible in the community, middle schools, high school, utilizing the local radio, social workers, etc.

Jackie McLean asked if there were further concerns and if there was a motion to accept and approve the four Monitoring Reports FY 23-24.

Daphne Dudley motioned to approve and accept the Annual Monitoring Reports FY 23-24 into the JCPC records.

Shirley Hart seconded the motion.

All were in favor. Motion carried.

III. PROGRAMS' RESPONSES TO TOPIC:

“SHARE WITH THE JCPC ONE STRENGTH YOUR PROGRAM HAS TO OFFER AND ONE CHALLENGE YOUR PROGRAM IS FACING. HOW CAN JCPC HELP YOU OVERCOME IT?”

Brittany Gillespie of MOCEDC's two programs shared the following:

Strengths – transporting kids to their sites for Y.E.S. Community Service; a strong curriculum being used in R.B.D. Structured Day that paces the kids well, especially when they remain for whole year.

Challenges – weaknesses previously stated in discussion about Monitoring Reports

JCPC can help by – volunteering as a long-term mentor for R.B.D. Structured Day; suggest a project or work site for Y.E.S. Community Service kids

Don Woods inquired about the number of vans MOCEDC has and if they are all being utilized. **Brittany Gillespie** replied there are three vans but are used for other MOCEDC programs in general. A discussion followed about the concern of transporting only one Structured Day enrolled youth in a van. The council was assured that MOCEDC does not mingle youth from different programs on their vans. Another discussion followed if one of the vehicles could be relinquished to another JCPC program struggling with transportation issues. **Brittany** could not answer. **Jackie McLean** then brought up that Monitoring Committee learned that Ophelia Ray is stepping down as CEO of MOCEDC and there is a new CEO in training at MOCEDC, Ms. Jennilee Summerville. She asked **Brittany** when the transition will occur and if Ms. Summerville will manage only the two JCPC programs or all MOCEDC programs. **Brittany** stated that Ophelia Ray will introduce her replacement to JCPC when training is completed, which is presently unknown, and will answer questions directly.

Jada Maxwell of Teen Court shared the following:

Strengths – a guide towards starting conversations for potential mental health and substance abuse cases; working with agencies on community events such as Youth Talent Fair; networking with Cumberland and Moore Counties to set up competition

Challenge – weaknesses previously stated

JCPC can help by – guiding her in right direction to gain referrals; **Shirlyn Morrison-Sims** stated her agency will continue to do youth activities with both Teen Court and Molding Young Moguls. **Don Woods** began a discussion about the proper networking of referrals, DJJ's intake Court Counselor, utilizing the SROs, his past experience with similar programs, etc. **Ronald Flippin** suggested engaging the student volunteers with mock trials, eventually competing with other counties; incentive to draw in other volunteers, even past defendants.

Brandy McPherson of Molding Young Moguls shared the following:

Strengths – 5 alumni that completed the program wish to return to help; new partnership with Mr. Bowden at West Hoke Middle School as a referral source

Challenge – weaknesses previously stated

JCPC can help by – allowing the program to do presentation to each agency represented on JCPC board, finding a way to make it relevant to each agency.

Don Woods commended **Brandy** for her leadership.

IV. APPROVAL FOR BUDGET REVISION

Jackie McLean asked if the council reviewed the document showing Molding Young Moguls' FY 23-24 proposed budget changes and asked **Brandy McPherson** for the highlights.

Brandy McPherson reported the following necessary adjustments:

- Housing (2 months unspent funds)
- Salary (2 months unspent funds)
- Transportation (due to a cancelled trip)
- some new budget lines were created to simplify things, as was suggested after state monitoring

She also shared their new location is working well; paying slightly more but doubled in size with separate rooms rather than one large area.

Jackie McLean asked if there were questions regarding the budget revisions and if there was a motion to approve.

Commissioner James Leach motioned to approve the FY 23-24 Budget Revision for Molding Young Moguls.

Don Woods seconded the motion.
All were in favor. Motion carried.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Jackie McLean, Chairperson, asked if the board members reviewed the minutes from the 11-15-23 meeting and if there was a motion to approve them as written with any necessary corrections. **Ronald Flippin** motioned to approve the JCPC meeting minutes for 11-15-23 as written with any necessary corrections.

Shirlyn Morrison-Sims seconded the motion.
All were in favor. Motion carried.

VI. DEPT. JUVENILE JUSTICE REPORT

(Chief Court Counselor, Randy Jones, was unable to attend due to illness, so this report was tabled until the February meeting.)

VII. JCPC COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Lorraine Landry, JCPC Coordinator, reported on the following:

Administration Budget FY 2023-24 Update –

(A current balance sheet was sent out to board members on 1-10-24.)

- Overspending in #370 Advertising due to an unforeseen increase in annual website fee (Weebly's \$68 fee now \$163 year)
- \$50 Fall Festival vendor fee accidentally not included in this year's budget, but can come out of the \$100 transferrable funds in #390
- Current balance sheet does not reflect expected \$110 newspaper display ad bill
- #370 will be overspent by approximately \$143.00 resulting in a budget revision in February.

Discuss Unexpected Increase of Website Fees –

Lorraine Landry informed the council of her recent request to the County to consider including JCPC on Hoke County's website as an agency, eliminating the need to use JCPC's limited funds to cover the increased website fees in the future. She will resend the request through Gwen McGougan to the IT Dept, with links to surrounding counties' websites.

There were no questions regarding the Administration Budget.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Molding Young Moguls – **Brandy McPherson** announced goal setting meeting at library on 1-26-24

JCPC Request for Proposals FY 24-25 – remaining open until 2-2-24

JCPC Funding Committee – meeting tentatively 2-13-24 to screen applications

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Jackie McLean, Chairperson, asked if there were any further concerns. There were none. She motioned to adjourn.

Susan Lynch seconded the motion.

All were in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:05pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Lorraine Landry,
Hoke County JCPC Coordinator