

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS

for

HOKE COUNTY JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL

January 18th, 2023 at 1:00pm

Robert A. Wright Agricultural Building banquet room

JCPC BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rev. Al Anderson, Chairperson and Member of Faith Community
Linda Revels, Vice Chair and Member of Business Community
Ronald Flippin, School Superintendent Designee
Sgt. John Francois, Raeford Police Dept.
Lt. Lee Davis, Sheriff's Designee
Holly Smith, District Attorney Designee
Randy Jones, Chief Court Counselor
Gwen McGougan, County Manager Designee
Commissioner James Leach, Hoke County Commissioner
Tom Landry, Family Advocate
Raemi Cobb Braswell, Attorney
Isley Cotton, Health Director Designee
Gina Daniels, Non-Profit Organization
Gwendolyn Quick, County Commissioner Appointee
Don Woods, County Commissioner Appointee
Jackie McLean, County Commissioner Appointee
Shirley Hart, County Commissioner Appointee
Darell McMillan, County Commissioner Appointee

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kelly Cribb, NC DPS Area Consultant
Lorraine Landry, JCPC Coordinator
Brittany Gillespie, Y.E.S. Program Coordinator
Frances McDonald, RBD Structured Day Coordinator
Cornelius McDuffie, Mentoring Program Coordinator
Jada Maxwell, Teen Court Coordinator
Brandy McPherson, Molding Young Moguls Coordinator
Taylor Thompson, Parks & Recreation Dept.
Garvin Ferguson, County Finance Dept.
Hannah Chavis, intern at Health Dept.
Labretta McBryde, Sheriff's Dept.

CALL TO ORDER / INVOCATION / LUNCH

Rev. Al Anderson, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:01pm.

(There was a quorum with 18 members present.)

Mr. Ronald Flippin began the meeting in prayer.

I. SPEP (Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol), PEP (Program Enhancement Plan) and MONTHLY PROGRAM REPORTS

(Monthly program reports, SPEP and PEP were all emailed to council on 1-11-23.)

Project Reverso's Teen Court Program – Miss Jada Maxwell, Program Coordinator, reported the following:

- Served 13 youth in Dec. 2022; no new enrollments
- Holiday project went well; thanked volunteers and donors
- Lacking volunteers (adult and youth)
- PEP highlights were to engage more volunteers by recruiting within schools, clubs, etc.

There were no questions for this program.

Molding Young Moguls' Leadership Development Program – Miss Brandy McPherson, Program Manager, reported the following:

- No PEP to present since first year funded by JCPC
- Served
- Opened registration in Dec. 2022 for the spring semester; studio opened on 1-16-23
- 24 referrals currently in NCALLIES; admitted 5 youth
- In consultation with Lance Britt and Kelly Cribb; identifying issue with referral sources
- “Teen Talk” going well; donated snacks available for youth
- Budget Revision was needed due to unspent funds (no rent being paid July-Oct; moved into new facility Nov. 2022)

Linda Revels asked if 24 was their target number for the year. Brandy McPherson replied that 36 is their capacity, but will redo the numbers per JCPC policy since it is high. There were no other questions for this program.

MOCEDC's “Road to Success” Mentoring Program – Miss Brittany Gillespie, reported instead of Cornelius McDuffie, Program Coordinator:

- 3 youth served
- Added a new curriculum *Resiliency Workbook* (focuses on balancing youth's emotions)
- STEM projects at the facility going well; engages youth academically
- SPEP score was 20; met all requirements
- PEP score was 69

Isley Cotton asked if there was a recruitment plan to admit higher-risk youth and what is the program doing to move forward? Brittany Gillespie replied that no referrals are coming from DJJ but they can refer from the YES Community Service program; they're also looking for new mentors. Isley Cotton asked if different outreach methods could be considered if existing methods are not successful. Brittany Gillespie stated they're open to new ideas and are always recruiting out in the community. Kelly Cribb clarified the purpose of the SPEP and stated that there is no control which youth come into the program, which results in a low score. She explained that the score is calculated by NCALLIES and that the state asks the programs to identify one area to focus on. She stated that 69 is a good score for their program type. Isley Cotton clarified she was only asking about program's outreach efforts. Linda Revels encouraged Brittany Gillespie to “think outside the box”. There were no other questions or concerns about this program.

MOCEDC's “Youth Engage in Service” Community Service Program – Miss Brittany Gillespie, Program Manager, reported:

- 6 youth currently enrolled
 - 4 sites currently used (Chief Stables, Lyons Wades Farm, Open Door Soup Kitchen, MOCEDC)
 - “Andy's Box” holiday project was successful in Dec. 2022
 - SPEP score was 87; referral based program; cannot control risk level of youth (referred only by SROs, Teen Court, JCPC)
 - Met with Court Counselors in Dec. 2022 to collaborate; ongoing meetings planned
- There were no questions or concerns for this program.

MOCEDC's “Rebuilding the Dream” Structured Day Program – Brittany Gillespie, reported instead of Frances McDonald, Program Coordinator:

- 3 youth served; 2 currently being referred from Hoke High School
- Participation in “Hometown Christmas” event

- PEP score was 19

Jackie McLean began a discussion about the student's re-entry program and encouraged her to contact Student Support Staff, specifically Ms. Angela Goslee. There were no further comments or questions about this program.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Rev. Al Anderson, Chairperson, asked if the board members reviewed the minutes from the 11-16-22 regular board meeting and if there was a motion to approve them as written.

Gwendolyn Quick motioned to approved the JCPC meeting minutes from 11-16-22 as written.

Ronald Flippin seconded the motion.

All were in favor. Motion carried.

III. JCPC COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Lorraine Landry, JCPC Coordinator, reported on the following:

Administration Budget FY 2022-23 Update –

(A current balance sheet was sent out to board members on 1-11-23.)

- \$4,542.42 has been spent from the \$9,700 budget; almost half used at halfway point in year
- Future revision needed to adjust overspending in Line Item #260
- Canceled "Zoom" account in Dec. 2022 (\$14.99 month); will use free plan, if needed

There were no questions about the Admin Budget.

IV. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Linda Revels, Vice Chairperson, asked for reports from each committee chair:

Monitoring Committee – Jackie McLean, Committee Chairperson, stated that five committee members shared the monitoring duties on 1-9-23. She presented the JCPC Annual Monitoring Reports FY 22-23 for the following five funded programs *(emailed to council on 1-17-23)*:

- Molding Young Moguls Leadership Development: a solid report; recommended for continued funding; no follow-up needed since already in consultation with Area Consultant
- Hoke County Teen Court: their challenge is need for volunteers; suggested to do brief presentations within middle schools to recruit; no follow-up needed
- Rebuilding the Dream Structured Day: *(two committee members who performed actual monitoring not in attendance)* concerns about staff confusion; Program Coordinator responsible could not account for several questions; concern about unspent funds which could lead to a possible refund; a follow-up is recommended
- Road to Success Mentoring: overall weakness is in preparation of mentors; gap in staffing; present Program Coordinator not qualified for the position according to their Program Agreement; no follow-up needed
- Youth Engage in Service Community Service & Restitution: concerns stated in DJJ Court Counselor's Reports about lack of communication between parents and staff; more site options needed; referral numbers on reports were misleading; numbers of youth served on reports were inaccurate; the required Measurable Objectives for first 6 months of this year was not included; a strong point is that Miss Brittany has been the only consistent staff member at MOCEDC; no follow-up needed

Jackie McLean stated that the committee's concern is that all three MOCEDC programs cannot account for their finances. She suggested to their staff to create an exit survey for parents.

Rev. Anderson asked if anyone had any questions about the committee's reports.

Tom Landry motioned to accept these five Monitoring Reports for FY 22-23 into JCPC's records.

Isley Cotton seconded the motion.

All were in favor. Motion carried.

In reference to the reports, **Cornelius McDuffie**, Mentoring Program Coordinator, addressed the JCPC and admitted that he previously did not take the job seriously and was unaware of the technicalities but shared he has the heart to do the job and give back to the community. **Jackie McLean** assured him that JCPC is available to assist if lacking in skill set and that there is always training available. She assured him that everyone wants to see success and there is no condemnation.

V. AREA CONSULTANT'S REPORT

Mrs. Kelly Cribb, NC DPS Area Consultant, reported on the following:

- NCJSA Spring 2023 Conference in March; details will follow
- Program Applications need to be submitted in NCALLIES before deadline

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- RFP remains open until Feb. 3, 2023
- Restorative Justice presentation at next meeting
- "Bowl of Abundance" – **Rev. Anderson** announced this fund raiser for Open Door Soup Kitchen on Feb. 18th

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Rev. Al Anderson, Chairperson, asked if there were any further concerns and if there was a motion to adjourn.

Gwendolyn Quick motioned to adjourn.

Shirley Hart seconded the motion.

All were in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:12pm.