DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS

for

**HOKE COUNTY JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL**

February 17th, 2021 at 1:00pm

Remote Meeting via “Zoom”

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lance Britt, NC DPS Area Consultant Lorraine Landry, JCPC Coordinator Ophelia Ray, MOCEDC Program Manager Brittany Gillespie, Y.E.S. Program Coordinator Patrell Ray, RTS Mentoring Program Coordinator Brandy McPherson, Teen Court Coordinator Alberta Lampkins, CARE Mentoring Clint Williams, Family Services NC Felicia Mitchell-McNeill, DJJ Court Counselor

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 Det. Sgt. Yurika Lorenzo, Chief of Police Designee Lt. Lee Davis, Sheriff’s Designee Keith Bullard, Chief Court Counselor Designee Megan Tarver, Director of Area LME/MCO Designee LuEvelyn Tillman, Substance Abuse Professional   
Tom Landry, Family Advocate Raemi Cobb, Attorney Judge Don Creed, Chief District Court Judge Isley Cotton, Health Director Designee LaKendrick Smith, Parks & Recreation Director Designee Gwendolyn Quick, County Commissioner Appointee Don Woods, County Commissioner Appointee Jackie McLean, County Commissioner Appointee Daphne Dudley, County Commissioner Appointee Shirlyn Morrison-Sims, County Commissioner Appointee Shirley Hart, County Commissioner Appointee

CALL TO ORDER / INVOCATION / LUNCH *(pre-ordered and distributed from “Dragon House”)*

**Rev. Al Anderson, Chairperson**, called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.

*(There was a quorum with 19 members present.)*

**Mrs. Daphne Dudley** was asked to say the invocation.

1. PROGRAM REPORTS

*(Jan. 2021 expense report for Teen Court were submitted to JCPC on 2-9-21. Jan.2021 expense reports from MOCEDC were submitted to JCPC on 2-11-21. All were emailed to board members for their review on 2-11-21 and 2-15-21.)*

MOCEDC’s “Road to Success” Mentoring Program – **Miss Patrell Ray**, Program Coordinator shared a brief report.

MOCEDC’s “Rebuilding the Dream” Structured Day Program – **Miss Ophelia Ray**, Program Manager, shared that they had a good meeting with the new School Superintendent, Dr. Dowless, with regards to school referrals. Dr. Dowless requested to see the RFP. Suspensions due to behavior are not currently being done, but there are several students expected to be referred in near future for credit recovery. **Miss Ray** continued to report that there are no referrals from Juvenile Justice at this time, but the program is engaging with the school system to ensure that the funding is used within the county.

MOCEDC’s “Youth Engage in Service” Community Service Program – **Miss Brittany Gillespie**, Program Coordinator, reported that they have served 8 youth to date with 3 of them currently still enrolled. They have received 2 recent referrals. She shared some of the service projects the youth have been working on (both in-person and at-home projects):

* painting the back deck of MOCEDC’s facility
* working on Lyons & Wades Family Farm
* being “pen pals” with Open Arms Nursing Home residents (300 words = 1 hour community svc.)
* distributed 50 food cards worth $50 to community

Project Reverso’s Teen Court Program – **Miss Brandy McPherson**, Program Coordinator, reported that they held two hearings in January with 6 youth and 4 adult volunteers on jury (including JCPC members R. Flippin and S. Sims). She explained that the offenders and parents came into the office while the jury was projected onto a screen. She also reported that there are now 18 trained youth on their roster, with only 5 left to train in the Restorative Justice training they are providing.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Rev. Al Anderson, Chairperson,** asked if the board members reviewed the minutes from the 1-20-21 regular meeting and if there was a motion to approve them as written.

**Shirlyn Morrison-Sims** motioned to approve the minutes from 1-20-21 as written.

**Shirley Hart** seconded the motion. All were in favor.

1. JCPC COORDINATOR’S REPORT

**Lorraine Landry**, JCPC Coordinator, reported on the following:

Administration Budget FY 2020-21 Update –

*(A current balance sheet was sent out to board members on 2-11-21.)*

Out of the $10,700 budget, $3,724 has been utilized and there is a balance of $6,975.

Budget Revision FY 2020-21 Update -

She reported that the line item adjustments discussed at January’s meetings have been approved in NC ALLIES:

Line Item #220 Food & Provisions increased by $500 (to continue boxed lunches for meetings)

Line Item #260 Office Supplies increased by $400 (for Adobe Acrobat software purchase)

Line Item #320 Communications created with $300 (for WebEx fees, postage)

Line Item #390 Other Services decreased by $1,200 (since no Legislative Event this year) There were no questions or concerns about the Admin Budget.

1. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Funding Committee – **Daphne Dudley**, Committee Chairperson, reported that the Request for Proposals FY 2021-2022 is currently being advertised on the county’s website, the JCPC website and there will be 3 display ads in the newspaper. She shared that there have been no applicants as of this date.

Membership/Nominating Committee – **Gwen Quick**, Committee Chairperson, introduced Lt. Lee Davis as Sheriff Peterkin’s choice of a designee to replace Lt. Scott McInnis who has resigned from law enforcement. She spoke highly of him and welcomed him officially. A Certificate of Appreciation and a thank you letter will be sent to Mr. McInnis for his service by Coordinator.

Monitoring Committee – **Jackie McLean**, Committee Chairperson, stated that the Annual Monitoring FY 2020-2021 was completed on 1-8-21 and reported the specifics of the following JCPC programs: *(Monitoring Reports were emailed to board members on 2-11-21 for their review.)*

The committee met with Teen Court and gave a good report; committee recommended to continue funding without any conditions. **Jackie McLean** also reported that the committee met with the three components of MOCEDC, with the main concern that Rebuilding the Dream Structured Day had no activity due to pandemic; therefore the Monitoring Report is blank. The committee does not want this program to lose their funding. **Daphne Dudley** asked if committee was hoping to transfer funds to another MOCEDC program since funds not being utilized. **Jackie McLean** proposed to contact the state.

**Ophelia Ray** gave more insight on her meeting with the school Superintendent; that if there are no referrals soon they will lose the funding. Dr. Dowless and her staff wanted to include the Structured Day program in their strategic planning, so they will be looking over the details carefully. **Miss Ray** assured the council that they have made every effort to sustain the program before the end of the year; even speaking with Lance Britt about possible parent referrals, not previously permitted.

**Lance Britt** commented that it is hard to gauge the remainder of the year as far as schools go and recommended to find different ways to serve the youth. He added that JCPC can move funds to different programs, but it is not advisable because every program in the county would have equal rights to those funds, such as Teen Court. He advised for the three programs to be looked at separately, even though they are under one agency. **Rev. Anderson, Chairperson,** asked if it is permitted for Structured Day program to utilize their funds otherwise from how they were originally approved for. **Lance Britt** said that it would be a county decision. He reminded JCPC that every program is operating differently than their original Program Agreement spells out and that as long as the youth population is being served, it is okay as long as it can be justified. **Jackie McLean** asked Ophelia Ray if the Apex Center is being used, whether at home or in the school’s labs. Beginning March 1st, a one-on-one mentoring program will take place at the high school. **Ophelia Ray** replied that, yes, they have 25 elementary students are using it daily through other funding. **Jackie McLean** asked for a total number of all students that are being served. **Miss Ray** assured Mrs. McLean that services are not being overlapped. Structured Day uses JCPC students to meet their academic goals for their JCPC referrals, but MOCEDC does not use students from other programs for Juvenile Justice.

**Jackie McLean** asked what the pleasure of the board is now that there is more clarity. **Linda Revels** asked if there is time to work on this so that funds are not lost. **Jackie McLean** stated she can go back and follow up on Ophelia Ray’s meeting with the School Superintendent and staff.

**Jackie McLean** also brought up the issue of requested financial documentation from MOCEDC to complete their Monitoring Reports was discussed. Sheshared that India McDuffie, MOCEDC’s fiscal officer, responded to JCPC’s request and submitted the general ledgers on 2-16-21, even though MOCEDC’s accountant needed 45 days to prepare it. She then asked Lance Britt how to proceed, since the documentation was submitted so late. **Lance Britt** stated that he sent a notice to MOCEDC reminding them of the JCPC Monitoring Section of JCPC Policy & Procedures (pg.24) where it states detailed ledgers can be requested. He recommended that it is a good idea to supply ledgers to the Monitoring Committee, although it is not mandatory, because Third Quarter Accounting next month will show what is being spent in certain line items.

**Lance Britt** advised to let programs know ahead of time that ledgers will be requested so they can prepare, but it is up to the council**. Jackie McLean** stated that JCPC has a responsibility to the state, and to the funding and to monitor the best that they can; therefore the committee did not sign off on the Monitoring Report given that the committee did not have the requested information. **Lance Britt** replied that his process with Third Quarter Accounting would cover that issue next month, but since it is not a programmatic issue with MOCEDC’s programs and simply a request for fiscal information. He stated that JCPC has full right to ask for any information, except for confidential records on juveniles. He offered to follow through and make a report to the board so its in the minutes. **Linda Revels** asked if Jackie McLean would like to take board action today to approve the Annual Monitoring Reports FY 2020-2021, or table until next month. **Lance Britt** advised that if monitoring has already taken place, and has been reported to the council, then the board action is needed today, with the understanding that any follow through will be reported. Reports will then be submitted to Lynne Fleetwood at DPS.

**Linda Revels** asked if there was a motion to approve.

**Tom Landry** motioned to approve the four Monitoring Reports for FY 2020-2021 with the condition that the committee completes the report for Rebuilding the Dream Structured Day program since no recommendations were completed.

**Daphne Dudley** seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

1. AREA CONSULTANT’S REPORT

**Lance Britt**, NC DPS Area Consultant, updated the council on the following:

Third Quarter Accounting – He advised the programs to identify the areas of need and if there was any over expenditures and under expenditures of funds. Deadline is March 26th.

Funds from State – He reminded the council that funding is difficult to get for rural counties and encouraged programs to spend their excess funds ethically so that it can be justified.

Program Applications – He advised programs to submit their applications well in advance before the RFP deadline on 3-5-21, with the additional documentation attached.

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Truckload Chicken Sale – **Rev. Anderson** announced House of Raeford’s event on Feb. 20th (pre-orders only)

**Lance Britt** shared that our former Area Consultant, Ronald Tillman, recently lost his brother and asked for prayer for him.

1. ADJOURNMENT

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

**Daphne Dudley** motioned to adjourn.

**Ronald Flippin** seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 2:03pm

Respectfully submitted by

Lorraine Landry, Hoke County JCPC Coordinator