

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS

for

HOKE COUNTY JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL

May 15th, 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
Sgt. John Francois, Raeford Police Dept.
Randy Jones, Chief Court Counselor
Mary Spell, Director of Area LME/MCO Designee
Don Woods, Director of Dept. Social Services Designee
Richard Leak, Substance Abuse Professional
Rev. Al Anderson, Member of Faith Community
Gina Daniels, Non-Profit Organization
Taylor Thompson, Parks & Recreation Dept. Representative
Shirley Hart, County Commissioner Appointee
Isley Cotton, County Commissioner Appointee

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kelly Cribb, NC DPS Area Consultant
Lorraine Landry, JCPC Coordinator
Brittany Gillespie, Y.E.S. Program Coordinator
India McDuffie, MOCEDC Fiscal Officer
Brandy McPherson, Program Manager Molding Young Moguls
J'Leesa Haigh, Molding Young Moguls
Jayla, enrolled student from Molding Young Moguls
Charles Andrew Jacobs, Teen Court Program Manager
Michelle Payne, Teen Court

CALL TO ORDER / INVOCATION / LUNCH

Mrs. Jackie McLean, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.

(There was a quorum with 13 members present.)

Rev. Al Anderson began the meeting in prayer.

I. AREA CONSULTANT'S REPORT

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

- Newly Revised DPS JCPC Policy goes into effect 7-1-24; she encouraged programs and council to apply any changes necessary
- Budget Revision deadline is June 1st; hard deadline including signatures is 6-15-24
- Rockingham Youth Development Center recently changed from a YDC to a Flex Bed facility

Miss Kelly also notified the council of a funding situation with MOCEDC's Rebuilding the Dream Structured Day program. She stated that Miss Ophelia Ray is concerned that the \$10,602 allocation alone will not be enough to run the youth program in FY 24-25 since the requested \$10,000 from the County is not yet approved and that this may result in MOCEDC giving up the structured day program altogether. **Miss Kelly** asked if the staff from MOCEDC had anything to add or if the council had any comments or questions regarding this issue. **Jackie McLean** echoed that JCPC is awaiting a commitment from the County Commissioners and that a formal letter was written in April 2024 requesting Special Appropriation funds for this program. **Don Woods** asked for clarification on whether or not the County is required to give a \$10,000 match. **Lorraine Landry** stated that it was mistakenly understood to be so in past years, but that they actually are not required to give any funds. **Tom Landry** clarified that the County has given funds in the past, but it does not always have to be cash, but rather in-kind funds. **Don Woods** encouraged JCPC to make Mr. James Leach aware. It was stated that Mr. Leach is indeed aware.

II. TEEN COURT'S STAFF VACANCY

Charles Andrew Jacobs, Teen Court Program Manager, reported to the council that Miss Jada Maxwell resigned as the Teen Court Coordinator on 5-6-24 without any notice. He assured the council of the following:

- All student records have been secured.
- All participants have been notified; he sent staff members to hand out letters to students arriving at following Teen Court session.
- They are advertising for a new Coordinator.
- Jada Maxwell notified him afterwards that all cases had been already closed out.
- His staff are trying to decipher the files to eliminate loose ends; also checking within NCALLIES.
- He did not realize until Jada's resignation that the previous Teen Court session for 5-2-24 was cancelled by Jada.

Charles Andrew Jacobs asked for grace and patience from the council and if there were any questions for him. **Jackie McLean** expressed concern about the students' cases from the scheduled hearing on 5-2-24 and offered to facilitate Teen Court to get cases seen to and to assist with the files. A discussion followed about the frequency of sessions (3x month on Tuesdays). **Mr. Ronald Flippin** and **Mrs. Isley Cotton** also volunteered to assist. There were no further comments or questions for Mr. Jacobs. **Jackie McLean** stated that the JCPC exists to help the programs.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTE

Mrs. Jackie McLean, Chairperson, asked if the board members reviewed the minutes from the 4-17-24 meeting and if there was a motion to approve them as written.

Mr. Ronald Flippin pointed out the following corrections needed:

- Public Awareness Sub-Committee report needs to give credit to Molding Young Moguls for creating the pre-recorded PSA.
- An announcement for a Vaping Training held at Turlington School on 4-27-24 accidentally credited the school as sponsoring rather than hosting the event. ADS sponsored this event.

Lorraine Landry made note of these two corrections.

Rev. Al Anderson motioned to approve the JCPC Meeting Minutes from 4-17-24 with the two stated corrections.

Ronald Flippin seconded the motion.

All were in favor. Motion carried.

IV. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership & Nominating Committee – **Tom Landry**, Committee Chairperson, reported on the following:

- 2-Year Terms for 10 Council Members ending FY 23-24:
 Jackie McLean, County Commissioner Appointee
 Daphne Dudley, County Commissioner Appointee
 Shirlyn Morrison-Sims, County Commissioner Appointee
 Shirley Hart, County Commissioner Appointee
 Rev. Al Anderson, Member of Faith Community
 Richard Leak, Substance Abuse Professional
 Gina Daniels, Nonprofit Representative
 Raemi Braswell, Attorney
 Darrel McMillan, County Commissioner Appointee
 Tom Landry, Family Advocate

He notified the council that 7 of these council members have indicated they are willing to serve another 2-Year term, however; Raemi Braswell has not yet been contacted due her being on maternity leave, and he has contacted the Public Defender's office. He also reported that Darrel McMillan will not be available to serve again as he is caregiver for his father and he himself (Tom Landry) will also not be available to serve another term.

- 6 Vacant Board Positions:

District Attorney's designee (Mr. Mike Hardin has been contacted and asked to name a new designee, but no response yet.)

Health Dept. Director's designee (Ms. Helene Edwards has been contacted and asked to name a new designee, but no response yet.)

Youth Under Age 21

Business Owner (Chamber of Commerce has been approached; one suggested individual was not able.)

County Commissioner Appointee (will be vacant after FY 23-24 with Darrel McMillan's exit.)

Family Advocate (will be vacant after FY 23-24 with his own exit.)

Tom Landry welcomed any suggestions to fill these seats. He hopes to have some recommendations for the next meeting.

He asked if there was a motion from the council to approve renewing the terms of the seven JCPC Members (Jackie McLean, Daphne Dudley, Shirlyn Morrison-Sims, Shirley Hart, Rev. Anderson, Richard Leak and Gina Daniels) for another 2 years (FY 24-25 through FY 26-27).

Don Woods motioned to approve the renewal of the mentioned seven JCPC Members for another 2 year term.

Isley Cotton seconded the motion.

All were in favor. Motion carried.

- Nominations of JCPC Officers for FY 24-25:

Tom Landry reported that he only received one nomination; Jackie McLean to remain as JCPC Chair and Don Woods for Vice Chair. He asked if there were any other nominations. There were not. He asked both Jackie McLean and Don Woods if they would accept. They both did.

Tom Landry asked if there was a motion to close out the nominations.

Shirley Hart motioned.

Ronald Flippin seconded the motion.

All were in favor. Motion carried.

- Election of JCPC Officers for FY 24-25:

Tom Landry asked if there was a motion to elect Jackie McLean as the JCPC Chair and Don Woods as the Vice Chair beginning 7-1-24.

Shirley Hart motioned to approve Jackie McLean and Don Woods as the new JCPC Officers.

Ronald Flippin seconded the motion.

All were in favor. Motion carried.

Bylaws Committee – In the committee chair's absence, **Tom Landry** asked if there were any suggested amendments to the current Hoke JCPC Bylaws. There were none. He asked if there was a motion to approve them as is.

Isley Cotton motioned to approve the current Bylaws, keeping them the same.

Rev. Al Anderson seconded the motion.

All were in favor. Motion carried.

V. SUCCESS STORIES FROM ENROLLED STUDENTS IN JCPC PROGRAMS

Rebuilding the Dream Structured Day – **Brittany Gillespie**, MOCEDC staff member, read aloud the comments from William, an enrolled 12th grade student who could not attend due to illness; “My experience at Maggie’s was a good experience. We had a lot of fun teachers with nice and very professional and push me to do my work and to better myself. And the teachers and owner of the school help me with the work and trying to help me sign up for the college I want to go to so I would say my experience at Maggie Outreach was amazing and very helpful.”

Youth Engaged in Service Community Service - **Brittany Gillespie** stated there was not a student available from this program to share.

Molding Young Moguls – **Brandy McPherson**, Program Manager, introduced Jayla, age 18. Jayla shared she has helped with other students at MYM and how Brandy and J’Leesa supported her with leadership skills, goal setting and connecting with community; it was an overall good experience. She is a recent graduate of Sandhills Early College. It was also noted that she was also a part of Teen Court for 5 years and spoke highly of her experiences there, including an essay she wrote about Restorative Justice.

Randy Jones, Chief Court Counselor, commended Brandy McPherson on how well she did as a presenter in the break-out session at the NCJSA Spring 2024 Conference. **Rev. Anderson** agreed and added how impacting the conference was that he learned a lot; more specifically, the importance of a brochure highlighting each funded youth program for community leaders to be aware of resources available, and also that there may be additional funds available for all JCPCs to apply for in the future.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Rebuilding the Dream’s Graduation – **India McDuffie** announced they have 3 students who have finished all their classes, including a culinary project. Ceremony at MOCEDC on 5-29-24.
- A.S.S.I.S.T. Training – **Isley Cotton** announced this 2-day suicide training for May 28-29, 2024 at the Health Dept., including lunch. Details will follow.
- Molding Young Moguls staff change – **Brandy McPherson** announced that they are seeking a new coordinator and already received several responses. J’Leesa Haigh and Gwendolyn Quick will be leaving the program.
- County Building Closings 6-19-24 – **Rev. Anderson** pointed out that JCPC will not be able to meet in a county building on 6-19-24. **Lorraine Landry** will notify the council of an alternative date for June.
- Vendor Fest – on 6-8-24 from 9:00am-4:00pm at Raz Autry Stadium; \$40 vendor fee
- Spades Tournament – at Aquatic Center on 6-21-24 at 5:30pm; \$25 entry fee by June 7th; proceeds for Open Door Soup Kitchen and Habitat for Humanity
- Center for Family Well-Being – **Isley Cotton** announced grand opening of this new non-profit; 6-14-24 at the library at 12:00pm
- NAACP Annual Community Leaders Awards Breakfast – **Jackie McLean** announced this event for 6-8-24 at 9:00am and that Isley Cotton is the recipient of this year’s award

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Jackie McLean, Chairperson, asked if there were any further concerns and if there was a motion to adjourn.

Isley Cotton motioned to adjourn. **Rev. Al Anderson** seconded the motion.

All were in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:00pm.