DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS

for

**HOKE COUNTY JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL**

May 19th, 2021 at 1:00pm

Remote Meeting

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, Raeford Police Dept. Lt. Lee Davis, Sheriff’s Designee Yohan Namkung, District Attorney Designee Randy Jones, Chief Court Counselor   
Tom Landry, Family Advocate 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 Shirley Hart, County Commissioner Appointee

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 Brandy McPherson, Teen Court Coordinator Jennifer G. Pennington, DJJ Court Counselor Clint Williams, NC Family Services

CALL TO ORDER / INVOCATION / LUNCH

*(Pre-ordered lunches from “Taste of NY” distributed to board members and providers beforehand.)*

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

*(There was a quorum with 16 members present.)*

**Mr. Tom Landry** began the meeting in prayer.

1. PROGRAM REPORTS

*(All 4 monthly expense reports from MOCEDC and Teen Court were submitted by deadline and forwarded to council on 5-12-21.)*

MOCEDC’s “Road to Success” Mentoring Program – **Brittany Gillespie,** Program Coordinatorfor YES Community Service, gave this report due to vacant coordinator position. She reported that there have been 10 youth enrolled in RTS Mentoring this year, with 3 of them currently admitted; one doing diversion. They are continuing to do both Zoom and in-person activities. They have created lesson plans to be used this year. There were no questions from the council about this program.

MOCEDC’s “Rebuilding the Dream” Structured Day Program - **Brittany Gillespie,** Program Coordinatorfor YES Community Service, gave this report due to vacant coordinator position. She reported that there has only been one admission for the full year but are expecting more in FY 2021-22 because of the partnership with the school system and recent conversations with the school superintendent. There are no current referrals.

**Jackie McLean** thanked Brittany for the work she does and presented the following questions/comments regarding the Mentoring program and YES Community Service:

1. **Jackie McLean** asked about the 3 youth counted on Mentoring report and the 3 counted on the Community Service report. What is MOCEDC’s procedure if the same youth is enrolled in two separate programs? Would one youth be documented twice?
2. For solid clarification on MOCEDC’s monthly report, the dates need to coincide with the months. An error was found at the close of one of the current reports. **Brittany Gillespie** will make the correction.
3. Has anyone been hired for the two vacant Program Coordinator positions? **Jackie McLean** shared her concern about Brittany Gillespie running all three funded programs and expressed the need to have staff in place once school begins in August (especially for Structured Day).

**Brittany Gillespie** replied that the counted youth are often the same individual appearing on the reports of two programs; each youth has to be referred separately. She stated that MOCEDC’s procedure is to count the youth as an admission for the program they are in. **Jackie McLean** brought up the YES Community Service report has a “0 admitted”, but in Section 8 is lists “1 black male”; possible typographical error on report? **Brittany Gillespie** stated she will correct the YES Community Service monthly report and she will send Jackie McLean the link to the RTS Mentoring sessions. **Ophelia Ray** stated that the hiring process is ongoing for the two positions and interviews are being conducted among 15 candidates; possibly hiring someone for Mentoring program within the week and someone in July for Structured Day. **Miss Ray** assured Jackie McLean that she works along with Brittany overseeing the three programs. There were no further questions from the council about this program.

MOCEDC’s “Youth Engage in Service” Community Service Program – **Miss Brittany Gillespie**, Program Coordinator reported that there are no youth currently enrolled, but there has been one recent successful termination. There is a pending referral from DJJ. She shared that the back deck of the MOCEDC facility has been completed and invited JCPC to come to look at it or she will send out photos of the youth working on it. **Ophelia Ray** shared details about the Domestic Violence Family Engagement workshop on June 4th on Zoom; to bring all the parents together from all the programs.

**Ronald Flippin** asked how JCPC could assist MOCEDC with access to the school system. **Jackie McLean** commented how they have already met with the new Superintendent and staff. **Ophelia Ray** reminded Mr. Flippin that JCPC can send referrals and that DPS allows school referrals for all programs. There were no questions from the council about this program.

Project Reverso’s Teen Court Program – **Miss Brandy McPherson**, Program Coordinator reported that there is currently one youth enrolled and they terminated one youth successfully in April. She has continued to meet with the volunteers but was not able to hold their Restorative Circle. There will be a hybrid End-of-Year Celebration on June 10th; invites will go out to volunteers. She shared that Sandhills Collaborative asked Teen Court to participate in their panel discussion. She reported that the youth surveys that recently went out giving youth the opportunity to serve on the NC Youth Statewide Advisory Board have been fruitful. There were no questions from the council about this program. **Jackie McLean** shared her appreciation for Brandy; that she looks for other ways to engage the youth even though court is not in session.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Rev. Al Anderson, Chairperson,** asked if the board members reviewed the minutes from the April 21st, 2021 regular board meeting and if there was a motion to approve them as written.

**Tom Landry** motioned to approve the JCPC minutes from the 4-21-21 board meeting as written.

**Ronald Flippin** seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

1. JCPC COORDINATOR’S REPORT

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

Administration Budget FY 2020-2021 Update –

*(A current balance sheet was sent out to board members on 5-12-21.)*

As of 5-12-21, the balance of the $10,700 budget is $2,721.77. She reported that she will utilize the balance in the Food & Provisions line item the best she can with our last meeting in June. She stated that a few line item adjustments will need to be made before the end of the fiscal year due to unspent dollars in Communications, Advertising, and Other Services that could be better utilized in Office Supplies. There were no questions from the council 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 County approved and signed the County Funding Plan for next year but it does not yet include the anticipated $10,000 County match.

**Daphne Dudley** also reported that this year’s County Funding Plan has been updated to reflect the $36,000 in Discretionary Funds that MOCEDC recently applied for and has been awarded. If awarded, these funds are to be utilized by June 30th, 2021. *(The breakdown of* *exactly how these dollars will be spent was emailed to council on 5-12-21 for review before voting.)*

**Daphne Dudley** asked if there was a motion from the council to approve MOCEDC to receive the $36,000 in Discretionary Funds FY 2020-21 ($25,000 to YES Community Service, $6,000 to RTS Mentoring and $5,000 to RBD Structured Day).

**Linda Revels** asked if there were any questions regarding these funds.

**Ronald Flippin** motioned to approve MOCEDC to receive the awarded Discretionary Funds FY 2020-21, as stated above.

**Shirley Hart** seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Membership & Nominating Committee – **Gwen Quick**, Committee Chairperson, updated the council on the status of two board members who have been unable to participate regularly and who both have resigned as JCPC members due to their full-time work schedules:

* Michael Caulder, Behavioral Specialist for Hoke High School (County Commissioner Appointee)
* Lauren Garcia, 12th grade student (Youth under age 21 board position)

**Ophelia Ray** asked Gwen Quick if MOCEDC could recommend a youth to serve on the JCPC board. **Lance Britt** reminded the council that the age range changed from 18 up to age 21 for the youth board position; anyone who meets the qualifications for that board position can go before the Membership Committee for consideration for membership.

Regarding JCPC’s new officers for FY 2021-2022, **Gwen Quick** asked if there were any additional nominations from the council for the new Chairperson and Vice Chair positions. She shared that Jackie McLean previously submitted a nomination for Rev. Al Anderson to continue as the JCPC Chair and for Mrs. Linda Revels to continue as the Vice Chair.

**Gwen Quick** asked if there was a motion to close the nominations since no others were made.

**Ronald Flippin** motioned to close the nominations for JCPC officers for FY 2021-2022.

**Daphne Dudley** seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

**Rev. Anderson** asked if there was a motion to approve himself, Rev. Albergin Anderson, to continue as the JCPC Chairperson for FY 2021-2022.

**Jackie McLean** motioned for Rev. Albergin Anderson to continue to serve as the JCPC Chairperson for FY 2021-2022.

**Ronald Flippin** seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

**Rev. Anderson** asked if there was a motion to approve Linda Revels to continue serving as the JCPC Vice Chair for FY 2021-2022.

**Daphne Dudley** motioned for Linda Revels to serve as the JCPC Vice Chair for FY 2021-2022.

**Jackie McLean** seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Bylaws Committee – **Yohan Namkung**, Committee Chairperson, recapped his committee’s work; they met two months ago with Membership Committee to discuss changing term lengths and absentee policy in JCPC Bylaws; they drafted the policy changes and provided them to JCPC for review; changes were read during April’s council meeting and are ready to be voted on.

**Yohan Namkung** asked if there was a motion to adopt the changes.

**Gwen Quick** motioned to adopt the changes to the Hoke JCPC Bylaws.

**Daphne Dudley** seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Lorraine Landry will send a copy of amended Bylaws out to the council before the June meeting.

1. AREA CONSULTANT’S REPORT

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

Discretionary Funds – he pointed out that these funds were made available to all funded programs statewide and that the upper management makes sure they are not recurring funds because they are not guaranteed yearly. He stated he is hopeful that they will assist with transportation issues and other needs. He stated that the requests were well worded. He reminded all that it is difficult to receive funds in rural areas and encouraged the programs to make requests as the opportunities come. Once the updated Funding Plan is signed he will push it through.

FY 2021-2022 – He reported that the Program Agreements have all been reviewed and sent out for signatures.

Final Accounting – He reminded the programs that this process can be started after the last disbursement.

**Linda Revels** asked if there were any questions.

**Rev. Anderson** asked Lance Brittabout what to do once the County’s match comes through**. Lance Britt** advised that once there has been a County decision the Funding Plan will be updated and then addressed at a future meeting. **Jackie McLean** suggested that it could be a simple oversight that the County Commissioners did not approve the JCPC Funding Plan at their 5-3-21 meeting, since they had such a full agenda. She suggested that the Chair and Vice Chair call the Commissioners. **Lorraine Landry** pointed out that JCPC was on their consent agenda that evening and the document was approved and signed but did not include the anticipated $10,000 annual local match.

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS

9th Youth Talent Expo – changed from May 22nd to June 19th

Community Clean-Up Day – June 12th (Brandy McPherson invited the JCPC to join the Teen Court team that day. MOCEDC will have a team that day, too.)

MOCEDC’s End-of-Year Fishing Day – in Sanford (details to come)

Next Meeting “in-person”- June 16th at Wright Agricultural Building

1. ADJOURNMENT

**Rev. Al Anderson**, Chairperson, asked if there were any further concerns and if there was a motion to adjourn. He thanked the council for asking detailed questions about the programs.

**Linda Revels** motioned to adjourn.

**Ronald Flippin** seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Lorraine Landry,

Hoke County JCPC Coordinator