DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS

for

**HOKE COUNTY JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL**

Wednesday, September 16th, 2020 at 1:00pm

“WebEx” Remote Meeting

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lance Britt, NC DPS Area Consultant Ophelia Ray, MOCEDC Program Manager Brandy McPherson, Teen Court Coordinator Jennifer Gutierrez-Pennington, 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 Rita Monroe, Director MH/DD/SA Megan Tarver, Mental Health Director Designee April Locklear, Director of Dept. Social Services Designee Raemi Cobb, Attorney Isley Cotton, Health Director Designee Gwen Quick, County Commissioner Appointee Jackie McLean, County Commissioner Appointee Shirlyn Morrison-Sims, County Commissioner Appointee Shirley Hart, County Commissioner Appointee

CALL TO ORDER / INVOCATION

**Rev. Al Anderson, Chairperson**, called the meeting to order at 1:07pm.

*(There was not a quorum with only 10 members present.)*

**Jackie McLean**began the meeting in prayer.

1. PROGRAM REPORTS

*(Monthly expense reports for August 2020 were submitted to JCPC on 9-9-20 from all 4 programs and emailed to board members for their review.)*

Project Reverso’s Teen Court Program – **Miss Brandy McPherson**, Program Coordinator gave the council an update by reporting that they had their second virtual training session with volunteers which involved 9 youth. She reported that there were 3 youth offenders brought in during August. There were two circles in August, of which two JCPC members were a part of. Transportation was provided through H.A.T.S. service. The program staff had an opportunity to attend the NC Teen Court Association meeting virtually to see what rest of state is doing. She reported they attended another training called “Individual & Community Resilience in Time of Crisis”, which they will receive credit for.

1. JCPC COORDINATOR’S REPORT

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

Administration Budget FY 2020-2021 Update –

There were no new expenditures since the last council meeting, so a balance sheet was not sent out this month.

Conflict of Interest forms -

The forms will be collected from the council members who work locally.

1. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Risk Needs & Assessment Committee – **Isley Cotton**, Committee Chairperson, reported that her committee will have their first meeting on 9-28-20 at the Health Dept.

Membership/Nominating Committee – **Gwen Quick**, Committee Chairperson, stated that there was nothing to report at this time.

1. AREA CONSULTANT’S REPORT

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

Final Accounting – all completed for FY 2019-20 for the four JCPC Programs and JCPC Admin.

Risk & Needs State Presentation – he plans to present the state’s data during the November meeting, so he suggested that the JCPC Risk & Needs Assessment Committee prepare to do the same

SPEP Scores – he will report on these scores by end of October

Bylaws – he suggested that we review our Bylaws with the new state policy changes in mind (possibility of having 2-year funding cycles and 2-year annual planning cycles)

Quorum – he reiterated the importance of participation and suggested to have a conversation with those who are having trouble attending.

A lengthy discussion followed about JCPC membership:

**Linda Revels** expressed her concern over our lack of a quorum this year so far. **Rev. Anderson, Chairperson** also stated that the programs need to be reached out to also, since at this point in the meeting no one from “Maggie’s Outreach” is in attendance. **Lorraine Landry** reminded the council that the written reports from all four programs have been submitted for their review. **Jackie McLean** asked if it would be beneficial to send out friendly reminders to the funded programs and council members reminding them to attend, or to at least send a designee. **Lorraine Landry** reminded Jackie McLean that reminders are emailed out a week prior to each monthly meeting.

**Linda Revels** agreed and suggested that a letter be sent from the Chairperson and Membership Committee Chair to the JCPC members about participation. **Gwen Quick** agreed and said that the Bylaws need to be reviewed and possibly amended, specifically the Membership Terms section that refers to unexcused absences. **Rev. Anderson, Chairperson** also agreed. **Lorraine Landry** added that if it is the “WebEx” glitches that have kept board members from successfully logging on, then using “Zoom” would be another option, since it is apparently now permitted for government agencies. She continued by informing the council that “WebEx” is being paid for month by month, so it would not be a problem to cancel the service. **Lance Britt** agreed with Gwen Quick that the committee should follow the bylaws or amend them and move forward with these ideas. He also emphasized that recruiting individuals that want to attend is important. **Rev. Anderson, Chairperson** agreed to enforce the attendance policy within the JCPC Bylaws.

Regarding JCPC membership, **Megan Tarver** asked specifically about the change in the wording of her board position due to policy changes (changing to “Director of Area LME/MCO” effective 12-1-20) and if Rita Monroe and herself could still fill that seat. **Rita Monroe** stated that she also understands the wording change. **Lance Britt** replied that he will need to look at the exact wording of the new legislation before giving an exact answer, and he’ll follow up with Lorraine Landry.

**Lorraine Landry** stated that the only vacant board seat is the 2nd Youth Representative slot (formerly occupied by Tasheona Davis who has graduation high school and moved on). **Lance Britt** pointed out that a “family advocate” could also be recruited to fill that slot according to the new policy, effective 12-1-20. **Gwen Quick** asked Jackie McLean to contact Lauren Garcia to confirm if she is still willing and able to serve on the JCPC board.

1. PROGRAM REPORTS (Continued)

MOCEDC’s “Road to Success” Mentoring Program – **Miss Ophelia Ray, Program Manager** spoke for Miss Patrell Ray, Coordinator, who was on vacation. She reported that there has been 1 referral with 3 roll-overs in the program continuing out their year. She shared that they are on the virtual mentoring process but are still trying to provide face-to-face mentoring. The 3-month and 6-month follow ups are being done as well.

MOCEDC’s “Rebuilding the Dream” Structured Day Program – **Miss Ray** also updated the council on this program by reporting there were no new referrals. She shared that she spoke with Mr. Brewington who was interested in how referrals are done.

MOCEDC’s “Youth Engage in Service” Community Service Program – **Miss Ray** also updated the councilfor Miss Brittany Gillespie, Coordinator (who had trouble logging onto WebEx) by reporting that a referral was received from Teen Court. The program is working on the 8 hours of community service for one youth.

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Darkness to Light” virtual trainings – **Megan Tarver** will send out a list of upcoming dates for Nov. and Dec. to Lorraine Landry to forward (for parents and providers only)

“Back To School & Shoe Drive” free event – MOCEDC and Full Effect Gospel Ministries sponsoring this on 9-26-20. Voter registration and COVID testing offered.

1. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting ended at 1:58pm.

Next meeting on October 21st, 2020.

Respectfully submitted by

Lorraine Landry,

Hoke County JCPC Coordinator