

**Mecklenburg County
Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Meeting
January 25, 2011 – Minutes**

Members Present: Kimberly Best-Staton, Sarah Crowder, Jeff Hood, Lola Massad, Steve Newman, Mary Wilson, Craig “Pete” Davis, Kimm Campbell, Laura Johnson, Heather Taraska (new), Keith Cradle (new), Deborah Jackson (new), and Franklin Freeman (new)

Guests Present: Teresa Abernathy (Project Challenge), Darryl Bego, Teresa White, Wallace Barnes, Temiai Lott-student, Anna Chechanmy-student (LIFT Academy), Becky Smith (Barium Springs Home for Children), Asha Sims (Therapeutic Concepts Foundation, Sharon Plummer (FACET), Greg McCall (DA’s Office), Andrew Murray-District Attorney.

Staff Present: Rich Smith, Tangela White, and Brandi Weathers (new)

Members Absent: Tom Eberly, Gwen Hester-Cohen, Laura McFern, Susan McCarter, Simona Mitchell-Kelly, Lopa Thakkar, Marc Thompkins, Richard Zaleskie, and Pamela Morris.

The meeting was called to order at 4:40 p.m. by the chair, Jeff Hood. Jeff introduced new members, Franklin Freeman (Non-Profit), Deborah Jackson (Juvenile Defense Attorney), Heather Taraska (DA’s Office), and Keith Cradle (Sheriff’s Office).

Review and Approval of November 23, 2010 Minutes: Steve Newman moved to approve minutes, Judge Kimberly Best-Staton seconded, November minutes were approved by the council.

Selection of Vice-Chair: Steve Newman will be providing an oversight for selection of Vice-Chair

Selection of Funding Committee Chair: Mary Wilson said that she would like to chair the Funding Committee, it was moved to be approved by Jeff Hood and seconded by Sarah Crowder.

Monitoring Update and Report: Laura McFern was absent and was not able to give an update. Kimm Campbell spoke in reference to her visits to FACET, Project Challenge, and LIFT Academy. Kimm recommended the JCPC RFP language be changed to add the following: only programs that are not eligible for Medicaid reimbursement will be considered for funding with JCPC dollars. Kimm also recommended that the monitoring form be changed to more accurately reflect what we actually monitor and that the dates be changed to reflect actuals.

Pete Davis asked the question “What do we do about misuse of money”. Rich Smith explained how to handle the misused funds. Sarah Crowder had questions about auditing.

Rich Smith shared some information about outside auditors. Laura Johnson made a commit about the Monitoring Committee. She feels like Barium Springs is being underutilized. Kimm Campbell suggested that the language be changed. Jeff Hood suggested that everyone should receive a copy of the Monitoring Reports as soon as possible upon completion.

Updates and Announcements: Jeff Hood stated that ‘New Member Training needs to be set-up, the place and time before the next JCPC meeting.

Kimm Campbell stated that she would like to be on the Funding Committee. She was placed on the Funding Committee at that time.

Mary Wilson said that she has more questions about New Member Training.

Judge Kimberly Best-Staton talked about the upcoming ‘Race Matters’ seminar. The seminar will be held on January 28th at the Westin Hotel from 9:00am until 12 noon. She also talked about her visit to Washington, D.C. and Pastor Willie Anderson/drop-in centers.

Jeff Hood announced that two JCPC slots are still open. Both are for youth under 18 years of age. Jeff asked that we please put the word out for youths to apply.

Brandi Weathers spoke about possible budget cuts from the state.

Darryl Bego spoke about raising funds.

Franklin Freeman agreed to be on the Funding Committee.

Mary Wilson suggested that we advertise the RFP’s on other sites. RFP’s need to be advertised in the month of February

New Business: None.

Meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Next meeting is Tuesday, February 22, 2011 at 4:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Tangela White