

**Mecklenburg County  
Juvenile Crime Prevention Council  
Special RFP Meeting  
March 9, 2011 – Minutes**

**Members Present:** Kimberly Best-Staton, Kimm Campbell, Keith Cradle, Sarah Crowder, Pete Davis, Tom Eberly, Gwen Hester-Cohen, Jeff Hood, Laura McFern, Susan McCarter, Simona Mitchell-Kelly, Heather Taraska, Richard Zaleskie (D. Franklin Freeman was on the phone.)

**Guests Present:** Michelle Lancaster-Sandlin, General Manager with the County Manager's Office; Wendy Alexander, Emily Bridgers, & Kimberly Nesbitt (AYN); Sharon Bell & Becky Smith (Barium Springs Home for Children); Lucrea Jordan, & Takiyah McWilson (DJJDP) Sharon Plummer (YFS/FACET)

**Staff Present:** Rich Smith, Brandi Weathers, Tangela White

**Members Absent:** Douglas Edwards, Deborah Jackson, Laura Johnson Lola Massad, Pamela Morris, Steve Newman, Mary Wilson

The meeting was called to order at 5:50 p.m. by the chair, Jeff Hood. Quorum was established with 12 (Gwen Hester-Cohen had to leave, but Keith Cradle and Kimm Campbell had arrived.)

Sarah Crowder made a motion to adjourn in fairness to those who thought they could vote via telephone and then were told that they could not. Motion was seconded. Motion did not pass with 3 Yeas, 8 Nays, and 1 Abstention.

Jeff told Franklin Freeman (who was on the phone) that he could be part of the discussion but could not vote. Tangela White emailed those who had indicated an interest in telephone participation, the same.

Motion to approve the agenda was seconded and approved unanimously.

**Discussion of Motion (to remove Medicaid eligible programs from the RFP) from the February 22, 2011 JCPC Meeting which did not pass:** Brandi Weathers informed those present that the motion to remove Medicaid eligible programs from the 2011 RFP made at the February meeting did not pass – it had 8 Yea votes, 2 Nay votes, and 7 Abstentions.

Conversation ensued regarding different editions of Robert's Rules of Order. Kimberly Best-Staton had an online version, Sarah Crowder had a text copy, as did Michelle Lancaster-Sandlin. Since the County uses the Tenth edition, referred to as *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* (RONR) edition, this edition was agreed upon.

It was noted that with the large number of abstentions, perhaps council members did not understand the prior motion. Kimm Campbell explained that agencies providing Medicaid eligible services should draw that funding instead of JCPC dollars.

**Discussion and Vote of 2011-2012 RFP:** Kimm made a motion to remove the counseling (individ., family, and group), mental health assessment/treatment, and substance abuse assessment/treatment from the RFP. Discussion centered on whether creating a wider RFP with fewer restrictions is better, given the small number of proposals we had last year.

Questions were raised as to whether DJJDP requires a court psychologist and if they do, can they not fund it? Rich noted the time it can take to obtain court-mandated psychological evaluations. Similarities were drawn to FACET, buying access and availability. Kimm noted the desire to obtain the most bang for the County's buck – and to encourage innovative programs.

Kimm amended her motion to add court psychological services to the RFP but keep the other three program types off. Heather Taraska suggested that she would not want to discourage a group from applying based on the program types listed. A motion was made to leave all the program types and add court psychological services and add a sentence to the RFP which indicates that Medicaid eligible services will not be funded. Motion received a second. 8 Yeas and 4 Nays – motion passes. Motion was made and seconded to approve the RFP – 11 Yeas and 1 Nay – motion passes.

**Updates and Announcements:** Jeff announced that he will be resigning as Chair at the next JCPC meeting.

There was no **New Business**.

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

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

*Minutes submitted by Susan McCarter*