Mecklenburg County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Meeting April 26, 2011 – Minutes

Members Present: Kimberly Best-Staton, Kimm Campbell, Keith Cradle, Sarah Crowder, Pete Davis, Tom Eberly, Douglas Edwards, Gwen Hester-Cohen, Laura Johnson, Lola Massad, Laura McFern, Susan McCarter, Simona Mitchell-Kelly, Pamela Morris, Steve Newman, Heather Taraska, Richard Zaleskie

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

Members Absent: (# of Unexcused/Excused absences since 01/01/11): Deborah Jackson (2E), D. Franklin Freeman (1U), Jeff Hood (1U), Mary Wilson (1U, 1E)

The meeting was called to order at 3:14 p.m. by the interim chair, Richard Zaleskie.

Quorum was established.

Approval of the Agenda for April 26, 2011: Agenda was approved unanimously by the council.

Review and Approval of March 25, 2011 Minutes: March minutes were approved unanimously by the council.

Reports of Officers: Program Agreement Revisions – Richard Zaleskie reported that he has been meeting with Brandi Weathers and others working on the program agreement revisions. This work is going as scheduled.

Committee Reports: Monitoring Committee Report – Laura McFern stated that the Monitoring Committee's work is complete. All monitoring reports are in. Brandi has emailed these to all JCPC members.

Funding Committee Report – Kimm Campbell noted that the Funding Committee met to review proposals submitted in response to our RFP. These proposal packages were in varied degrees of completeness. Given that the majority of proposals were incomplete, the Funding Committee decided to request additional information from agencies/organizations by a new specific deadline. All organizations were, however, still invited to make a presentation at this evening's meeting.

The Funding Committee will then collect the additional information to be supplied by the organizations and will meet to review proposals. The Funding Committee will present their recommendations to the full council which will then vote on the allocation package. In order not to delay funding getting to agencies, Susan McCarter moved that the JCPC hold a special meeting on Tuesday, May 10, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. to vote on next year's JCPC allocations. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Simona Mitchell-Kelly noted Jeff Hood's previous sentiment that organizations begin to focus on sustainability. No group should rely solely on JCPC funds and each should develop strategies to diversify sources of funding. Kimm Campbell reported that there are twice as many programs applying this year for less money and that the JCPC will face tough funding decisions.

New Business: Program Presentations – The JCPC heard presentations from: Alexander Youth Network/Multidimensional Treatment, Barium Springs' Home for Children/Court Psychologist, Children's Home Society of North Carolina, True Destiny Christian Church/COMPASS Basic Training, Mecklenburg County DSS/FACET, International Association of Applied Control Theory/DASH, First Baptist Church – West Community Services/GAP, Youth Development Initiatives/LIFT Academy, Project Challenge North Carolina/Project Challenge, Queen City Prep Basketball Inc./FAME Youth Theatre, Substance Abuse Prevention Services/Reconnecting Youth, Girl Talk/Tailoring Teens for Success, and Beyond Today/Walls and Bridges.

The **Funding Discussion** did not take place because the majority of programs had incomplete proposals. The JCPC will hold a special meeting for the funding discussion on Tuesday, May 10, 2011 at 4:30 p.m.

There were no Updates and Announcements.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Next meeting is Tuesday, May 24, 2011 at 4:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Susan McCarter