

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

Members Present: Kimberly Best-Staton, Kimm Campbell, Bobby Cobb, Keith Cradle, Sarah Crowder, Tom Eberly, Douglas Edwards, Franklin Freeman, Deborah Jackson, Laura Johnson, Lola Massad, Susan McCarter, Laura McFern, Pam Morris, Heather Taraska, Mary Wilson

Staff Present: Scott Stoker

Members Absent: (# of Unexcused/Excused absences since 01/01/11): Pete Davis (2E), Chris Ferguson (2U), Gwen Hester-Cohen (1U, 3E), Sara Holland (1U), Simona Mitchell-Kelly (2U, 4E), Pam Morris (1U, 2E)

Guests Present: Teresa White (LIFT Academy), LaRuth Brooks (Youth Villages, Inc.), Victor Earl (GAP), Bet Levine (YFS/FACET), Theo Loach (NC Mentor), Becky Smith (Barium Springs Home for Children), Kim & Sean Weaver (COMPASS Basic Training)

The meeting was called to order at 4:37 p.m. by the Chair, Sarah Crowder. Quorum was established.

Approval of the Agenda for October 25, 2011: Heather Taraska moved to approve the agenda and Susan McCarter seconded. Agenda was approved unanimously by the Council.

Review and Approval of September 27, 2011 Minutes: Lola Massad moved to approve the September 27, 2011 minutes and Laura McFern seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously by the Council.

Committee Interest Indication: Mary Wilson joined the Risk and Needs Assessment Committee. Chris Ferguson was not present to indicate his committee preference.

Agency Presentation: Gang of One update was presented by Major John Diggs and Fran Cook. They described the recent return of ARRA stimulus funds and current funding levels for the gang grants. With questions from the council, considerable time was spent on the Greenville Neighborhood Center and the facility renovation. Renovation bids have been out, Fran feels like they are close to finalizing the plans and will begin moving forward. Several council members offered their concerns over how long this process has taken. John and Fran agreed to copy Sarah on their quarterly reports. Newer members of the council asked Officer Diggs and Ms. Cook for an overview of this project. Gang of One plans to use the Greenville Center for group sessions with teens in re-entry and interventions program, leadership and life-skills lessons, and then once the kitchen is ready, culinary programming as well.

Monitoring Committee Report: Kimm Campbell presented a recommendation from the Monitoring Committee to pursue hiring the services of a consultant to conduct the JCPC program monitoring duties. Kimm explained that the consultant would visit the agencies twice a year and use an evaluation tool developed by the Monitoring Committee to evaluate the agencies/

programs. These reports would then be made twice a year to the JCPC. Kimm presented a motion that the Council accepts the proposal to hire this consultant to conduct the monitoring services. Tom Eberly asked if there was a written proposal for us to review. Several county and state officials then described the dollar amounts and procedures for drafting and funding an independent consultant's scope of services. Kimm agreed to draft a job description/scope of services for the committee's review. After further discussion, the motion was adopted.

Risk and Needs Assessment: Scott Stoker presented the state's risk and needs assessment data for '09-10. Mary asked if these could be formatted with percentages as well as total number of youth served/responding for each of the cells. Susan McCarter agreed and offered to work with the state's data in order to reformat it. Susan also reported that the Risk and Needs Committee will be meeting next week to review the risk and needs data and begin drafting next year's RFP.

CMPD Level II Grant Funds Application: Scott notified the JCPC that CMPD was not awarded the Level II grant. The state received over 80 grant applications and 16 programs were awarded the Level II grants. Five programs serving 8 counties (Surry, Stokes, Rockingham, Guilford, Forsyth, Rowan Iredell, Alexander) in the Piedmont region were awarded Level II grants.

Upcoming Meetings/Next Meeting: Discussion was held regarding changing the regular meeting time and day of the week to improve attendance and facilitate efficient meetings (which would require revising the Bylaws). Douglas Edwards noted that meetings have improved to start on time, use time efficiently, and end reasonably close to time. JCPC agreed to keep meetings at 4:30 on the fourth Tuesday of every other month beginning in January.

Given that the next scheduled meeting would be December 27, 2011, the Council members voted unanimously to move the meeting a week earlier – to December 20, 2011. Scott noted that this will certainly allow enough time to meet the proposed timeline for approving the FY 12/13 RFP.

Updates and Announcements: No updates or announcements.

The meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Please note: Next meeting is Tuesday, December 20, 2011 at 4:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Susan McCarter