

**Mecklenburg County  
Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Meeting  
March 27, 2012 – Minutes**

**Members Present:** Kimm Campbell, Bobby Cobb, Keith Cradle, Sarah Crowder, Pete Davis, Tom Eberly, Douglas Edwards, Chris Ferguson, Franklin Freeman, Gwen Hester-Cohen, Laura Johnson, Lola Massad, Susan McCarter, Laura McFern, Pam Morris, Heather Taraska

**Staff Present:** Scott Stoker

**Members Absent:** Kimberly Best-Staton, Sara Holland, Mary Wilson

The meeting was called to order at 4:06 p.m. by the Chair, Sarah Crowder. Quorum was established.

**Approval of the Agenda for March 27, 2012:** Susan McCarter moved to approve the agenda and Tom Eberly seconded. Agenda was approved unanimously by the Council.

**Review and Approval of February 28, 2012 Minutes:** Heather Taraska moved Douglas Edwards seconded

**Funding Committee:** Heather and Douglas reported that the funding committee received 10 responses to the RFP and has evaluated them. This evaluation was objective and did not measure the merit of the RFPs, but instead whether the applications were complete and met the basic requirements set forth in the request for proposals. Only 5 out of the 10 submitted were complete.

Sarah noted that this presented a decision to be determined prior to moving forward. Would the JCPC hear presentations and review 1) all 10 proposals, 2) only those which were considered complete (5 proposals), and/or 3) hear all 10 presentations today and then allow additional time for those 5 applicants with incomplete proposals to resubmit?

Last year, extensions were granted for incomplete proposals and this affected the entire timeline and funding cycle which wasn't considered fair to applicants with complete proposals.

An example from the county was given which highlighted a taxicab company's proposal submitted 8 minutes past the deadline. This proposal was not considered.

Heather reported that she had been contacted by applicants regarding a lack of clarity of the sustainability plan. Laura McFern suggested that if components of the RFP weren't clear, applicants should have sought clarity prior to the deadline. Contact names and numbers were listed on the RFP. Laura Johnson noted that 40% didn't have sustainability plans, but Susan clarified that only 10% were missing the sustainability plan alone. The other 3/10 proposals were also missing additional requirements. Susan suggested that we hold a mandatory Q&A session next year for agencies interested in applying for JCPC funds. A checklist was also suggested as it may help to clarify some of the confusion

Delaying funding was a real concern. The council members do not want clients to have to wait for services. The JCPC needs to work towards the deadline of the end of April to make sure that programs are set up to be funded by late summer. Kimm Campbell expressed concern that the JCPC establishes criteria and then second-guesses it and thus, undermines its own credibility.

Kimm moved that the JCPC consider the five proposals which met the minimum requirements and if there is money left over, we rerelease RFP after funding decisions on the first five have been made. With a vote of 12 yeas, 2 nays, and 1 abstention, the motion carries.

Captain Pete Davis suggested that we hear from everyone who wants to be heard tonight, Franklin Freeman seconded the motion. With a vote of 4 yeas, 10 nays, and 1 abstention, the motion does not pass.

JCPC thus, heard presentations from the 5 applicants with complete proposals: Court Psychologist, DASH, GAP, LIFT, and Project Challenge.

Members thanked the presenters. They also thanked Sarah for arranging food. The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

*Minutes submitted by Susan McCarter*