

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

**Members Present:** Keith Cradle, Sarah Crowder, Tom Eberly, Douglas Edwards, Gwen Hester-Cohen, Richard Griffin (for Laura McFern), Susan McCarter, Mary Lisa Moore, Pamela Morris, Paul Risk, Emmett Tankersley, Heather Taraska

**Staff Present:** Scott Stoker

**Guests Present:** Becky Smith – Barium Springs, Gordan Keath & Teresa Abernathy – Project Challenge, Teresa White – LIFT Academy, Bet Levine – FACET/YFS, Mike Noble – Tarheel Challenge Academy

**Members Absent:** Kimberly Best-Staton, Bobby Cobb, Pete Davis, Phil Endress, Emerald Fulmore, Sara Holland, Lola Massad

The meeting was called to order at 4:39 p.m. by the Chair, Sarah Crowder. Quorum was established.

**Approval of the Agenda for November 27, 2012:** Agenda was approved unanimously by the Council

**Review and Approval of September 25, 2012 Minutes:** Tom Eberly moved that the April 24, 2012 minutes be approved as presented and Douglas Edwards seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously by the Council.

**Report from CMPD Youth Diversion Program:** No one from CMPD was present to provide report.

**Report and Action on Project Challenge Special Appropriation Funds:** Gordon Keath from Project Challenge updated the JCPC on their Board's decision regarding the \$27,968 discussed at the 09/25/12 JCPC meeting. The program had \$27,968 of funds in the original budget for administration cost. That is now covered under the Special Appropriation funds from the General Assembly. At the 09/25/12 meeting, the Council voted to keep the money with Project Challenge and use the funds for salaries/bonuses. Gordon reported at the November meeting that the agency could only use \$8,316 for Salary/Bonuses and the other funds were going to be used in other line items in the budget. The council voted to give the agency (Project Challenge) the \$8,316 for salaries/bonuses and offer the other funds (\$19,652) to currently funded programs at the January 2013 meeting.

**FY 2011/12 Final Accounting:** Scott Stoker provided an overview of the FY 2011/12 Final Reporting including that the FY 11-12 programs returned \$37,520.97 during Final Accounting.

He also provided client tracking numbers from July 1 – November 27, 2012:

- a. CMPD Youthful Offender Program has served 0 clients.
- b. Project Challenge: Served 252
- c. Lift Afterschool Academy: 62
- d. LIFT-LAMP Mentoring: 0
- e. Gap program: 49
- f. FACET: 26
- g. Court Psychologist: 24
- h. DASH program: 220

**Report on GAP Program Financial Review:** Scott reported that the GAP Program Final Accounting was not approved by Mecklenburg County and this resulted in the Department of Public Safety completing a Financial Review in November 2012 of the program.

Scott also reported on the CMPD Youthful Offender Diversion program not serving kids as of the meeting. The program hired a Program Coordinator in October 2012 (Cara Evans-Patterson). The program was approved by the Department of Public Safety on July 3, 2012. He provided an orientation to CMPD staff on July 17, 2012 and provided an orientation to the new program coordinator on October 23, 2012.

**Risk and Needs Data:** Scott provided the 2011/12 Risk and Needs Data. JCPC's Risk and Needs Committee will meet in either December or January. The JCPC Monitoring Committee will need to complete their monitoring report by January 31, 2013.

**Quarterly Report Update:** Tom Eberly updated the Council on the programs' quarterly reports.

**Monitoring Process:** Tom explained that the contract the JCPC had with an outside consultant to monitor and evaluate the JCPC programs was not renewed. Thus, the Council needs to decide how it would like to conduct the monitoring evaluations for this fiscal year. Several options were discussed. The Council asked Tom to pursue finding another consultant – possibly through a local university.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.