

Davie County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council
September 9, 2022

The Davie County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council met on Friday, September 9, 2022, at Noon at Davie County Community Park, 151 Southwood Dr., Mocksville, NC. Rob Taylor, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and called the meeting to order at 12:06 P.M.

J.D. Hartman made a motion to approve the minutes from May 13, 2022. Jackie White seconded, and the motion carried.

Attendees:

Members

Cindy Chapman	Co. Manager Designee
Andreia Collins	Commissioner Appointee
Aubrey Draughn	Business Community
Benita Finney	County Commissioner
Luke Harris	Non-Profit Agency
JD Hartman	Sheriff
Jordan Hemmings	Commissioner Appointee
Krista Hiatt	Chief Court Counselor
Jimmy Myers	Chief District Court Judge
Julie Parker	Commissioner Appointee
Rob Taylor	District Attorney Designee
Brittany Travis	Substance Abuse Counselor
Jackie White	Commissioner Appointee

Staff to Council & Guests

P. Scott Stoker	DPS - Area Coordinator
Karen Gordon	JCPC Admin
Brian Barnett	Davie Co. County Manager
Craig Poteat	Chief of Cooleemee Police
Jenna Patton	YMCA
Harry Hatcher	Pastor at Rescue House
Allie Fruits	Davie Co. Schools

Insight Human Services – Brittany Travis

Aspire – Robin Frazier

Piedmont Mediation – Susan Smith

UPDATE FROM AREA CONSULTANT

Scott Stoker presented the client tracking report totals as of September 8, 2022. Forty-three (43) juveniles have been served and 28 were juvenile justice referrals. He reported on the measurable objective status of each program for 7/1/2021 - 6/30/2022. Davie County Sentencing Circle exceeded each of their objectives. Insight Human Services exceeded 4 of their objectives and met the other one. Vocational Directions exceeded all their objectives. Kids at Work exceeded 4 of their objectives but showed a 37.5% for clients successfully or satisfactorily completing the services – their goal had been 70%.

Scott talked about the partnership between Dept of JJ and RYCNC. Susan Smith works for Piedmont Mediation in Iredell County. She is part of the Restoring Youth Coalition of North Carolina (RYCNC), who has been collaborating with the Community Programs division of the DPS/Department of Juvenile Justice since 2020 to guide, build capacity, encourage, and provide structure for restorative justice programs within the Juvenile Justice scope of services in North Carolina. RYCNC has been invited by Cindy Porterfield, Director of Community Programs at NC Dept. of Public Safety, to make a presentation to every JCPC body about the newly approved Restorative Justice programming options and an overview of Restorative Justice. Susan is the Restorative Justice Advisor for Davie County and that she will be making a presentation for us today.

Scott stated that for the last 2 years Davie Co. has reported on the JCPC Certification Plan that the JCPC membership was not reflective of social-economic and racial diversity of the community. In the future the JCPC and county need to review potential JCPC members to meet the social -economic and racial diversity of the community. Also, he reported that the RED (Racial and Ethnic Disparity) data in Juvenile Justice system will be coming out in the next couple of months. Once that data is released it will be reported to the JCPC and the JCPC might considered developing a RED Sub-Committee. He offered his help with this.

Scott mentioned the School Justice Partnership (SJP) which is a group of community stakeholders – including school administrators, the law enforcement community, court system actors, juvenile justice personnel, and others – that develops and implements effective strategies to address student misconduct. SJPs work to reduce the number of suspensions, expulsions, and referrals to the justice system by timely and constructively addressing student misconduct when and where it happens, helping students succeed in school and preventing negative outcomes for both youth and their communities.

OLD BUSINESS

Truancy Court – Andreia Collins reported school has just started and no court yet. She will email me a report for last year.

Aspire Youth & Family – Stephanie Acosta reported for Aspire. Aspire is working all programs with in-person instruction and continuing to provide transportation for students to participate in programs.

Kids at Work: During the interpersonal part of the program, the youth did Karaoke. The reason this particular exercise was chosen was due to the fact that the youth were feeling vulnerable about school starting again and worried about what their peers and others would think of them. Karaoke necessarily put them in a vulnerable position as none of them wanted to get up and sing. They did have fun with it once they started with the lesson learned that they should be comfortable just being themselves and not worry what their peers think.

Additionally, they recognized that their peers were probably just as nervous as they were.

Year To Date served : 13 Pending Admits: 1

Vocational Directions: The youth attended a Stop the Violence Rally over the weekend where they worked with other non-profits. The youth did trash pickup and served the food and drinks. Additionally, they helped monitor some of the games and activities. Year to Date served: 5 Pending Admits: 3

Insight Human Services – Brittany Travis reported that Insight continues to provide substance abuse assessments and treatment at the Davie County Middle and High Schools, Early College, and at the outpatient offices in Mocksville and Winston-Salem. Since this program is conducted within the school system, school summer break is typically a time of few, if any, referrals, and this summer was no exception. However, Insight was able to successfully conduct monthly summer programming in the form of group counseling sessions this summer and this was enjoyed by those clients who attended. Currently, there are 18 active clients (4 of which are DJJ clients) and 4 pending referrals, 1 of which is in the process of being referred to a higher level of care. Now that schools are back in session, it is expected that referrals will resume

Piedmont Mediation- Susan Smith reported for Piedmont Mediation. They have received 1 referral from DJJ since July 1. She shared the following stats for their classes:

FY 21-22 They had 4 parents complete the Love & Logic classes and 4 juveniles complete the Building Peace classes. In FY 22-23 they have had 2 parents complete the Love & Logic classes in August.

NEW BUSINESS

Rob Taylor instructed the members to complete their conflict-of-interest forms and give them to Karen Gordon.

Rob asked for volunteers to serve on the Committees. He encouraged every member to pick at least one Committee and that it is a good way to be involved in the JCPC. Members who signed up today as are follows
Risk and Needs volunteers: Rob Taylor, Julie Parker, Luke Harris, and JD Hartman.

Monitoring Committee: Rob Taylor, Julie Parker, and Jackie White

Funding Committee: Rob Taylor, Julie Parker, Krista Hiatt, Cindy Chapman Bonita Finney, and JD Hartman

Susan Smith made a presentation today about the newly approved Restorative Justice programming options and an overview of Restorative Justice. Susan is the Restorative Justice Advisor for Davie County and works with Piedmont Mediation that provides the Davie County Sentencing Circle program. She plans to email a copy of the PowerPoint presentation to Karen Gordon for forwarding to the group.

There was discussion about it being difficult to hear what is being said at this meeting because of the room being so large and with high ceilings. The Sheriff offered their training room as a meeting place for future meetings.

The Council vacancies are: Two persons under 21 OR one person under the age of 21 years and one member of the public representing the interests of families of at-risk juveniles and a Commissioner Appointee position.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next JCPC meeting will be October 14, 2022.

There, being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Gordon, JCPC Admin.