

Wake County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council
Minutes
March 18, 2021 (via WebEx)

JCPC Attendees: Eric Johnson, Sharif Deveaux, Jonathan Glenn, Darryl Blevins, Katherine Edmiston, Ann Godwin, Donald Pinchback, Carla Huff, Ruth Sutherland, Kim Newsome, Marrius Pettiford, Max Shafir

JCPC Guests: Denise Briggs, Wes Johnson, Amy Hall, Charlenzo, (no guests signed the attendance)

Welcome: Eric Johnson opened the meeting

Approval of Minutes

The February minutes were approved as written, following a motion and second.

DPS Updates

Programs' third quarter accounting is due next Friday. Certification will be done in ALLIES this year. She will need to do some training prior to the date.

Committee Updates

- **Program Support and Accountability** – Ruth Sutherland reported that she and Christy Famolare collected the six month reports from programs and have prepared the executive summary. Ruth thanked all members who had served as liaisons. They need additional liaisons, so will be reaching out to members. Christy has resigned from JCPC so Ruth needs a co-chair. The JCPC by-laws require each member to serve as a liaison in their first two years on JCPC.
- **Community Relations** – no update
- **Funding** – no report, funding process ongoing.
- **Annual Plan** – no report. Jonathan Glenn pointed out that there is an overlap between the Annual Plan and Funding committees, which work together to produce the annual plan.
- **Racial Equity** – All JCPC members should have received an email from Deborah Andrews with a definition of Racial Equity developed by the committee. The training facilitators have asked the Council to come to a consensus on the definition of racial equity prior to the training. Members were asked to read the definition and the two questions posed in the email and respond to the email with their thoughts and ideas. The idea is to have a conversation as a body leading up to the training. The discussion will continue in the April meeting. At last month's meeting the Council had approved funding \$2,500 for the program from the Administrative budget. The Council voted to approve spending \$1,250 from this fiscal year's budget and \$1,250 from the 21-22 FY budget.

The question was raised of whether program providers would be included in the training, but it is strictly for members. There will be a separate monthly meeting which will include guests, but the training sessions will be closed. It's important for JCPC members to get a better understanding of racial equity, so that they can use that lens to better evaluate and support programs. Hopefully training can be provided to a broader audience in the future.

Announcements

Denise Briggs has accepted a promotion from DPS as the JCPC Implementation Specialist. She will be working for the same section of DPS, Community Programs. This position focuses on JCPC policy. She will be attending meetings for the next two to three months.

Dr. Pettiford announced that the decision will be made next week about in person attendance for grades 6-12. They are doing a lot of work to prepare schools for the return.

Charlenzo Belcher announced that 4H spaces will be holding in person camps this summer, with limited spots available. The cost for the week is \$425 and there are limited scholarships available. Denise helps them choose their kids, who are moving through transitional periods. Carla Huff informed the group that Alliance has flex funds, \$450, for social activities for children and adolescents. Eric added that the kids must be connected to an Alliance provider to qualify for the funds.

Charlenzo also announced that SPACESTOO was hosting workshops for parents on COVID.

Haven House has formed a new partnership with a provider who will be coming to their sites to provide free eye exams and glasses. They have an upcoming event on April 3 and have a few slots left.

Eric announced that a child crisis facility will be opening up later this year in Fuquay Varina. It will be operated by KidsPeace. They will be providing Behavioral Health urgent care and a mobile crisis team for youth. It will most likely open in August. He will send out more information as it is available.

Amy Hall announced that Teen Court will be meeting in person beginning in May.

The next JCPC meeting will be held on April 15 via WebEx.

Meeting adjourned.