

# DURHAM COUNTY JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL

April 27, 2011

Note Taker: Celia Jefferson

## Members Present

Angela Nunn

Delphine Sellars

Pauletta Brown Bracy

Cathy Simmons (DSS)

Julie Linehan

Arnold Dennis

Nancy Kent

Jennifer Rogers

Rhonda B. Parker

Georgette O'Mary

David W. Addison

Karen K. Thompson

Fungai Bennett

Herman Scott

Donald Pinchback

## Members Absent

Timothy Burris

Keith Howard

Anna Lee Mosley

Johnny foster

Michelle Smith

Brenda Howerton

## Excused Absences

William A. Marsh III

## Others Present

Cindy Porterfield - DJJDP

Rebecca A. Williams - Visitor

## Welcome, Announcements and Community Concerns

Angela Nunn, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:05pm and opened with welcoming everyone and asking all to introduce themselves and share community concerns and announcements.

Delphine Sellars informed the council that the 3 year grant announcement by OJJDP for a Comprehensive Gang initiative has been withdrawn.

## News from DJJDP

Cindy shared information from Secretary Hayes about budgetary issues which affect our ability to serve families in NC. Cindy stated that we should feel free to contact or educate our legislators on how these changes can impact our communities.

The FY 2011-12 Senate proposed budget funds the Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (DJJDP) at \$135,593,692. This amount is \$15.7M less than the Department's continuation budget and the largest percent (10%) reduction of all the JPS agency budgets. The Budget eliminates 278.6 positions.

**The following concerns below were shared by the Department:**

1) **Youth Development Center Bed Shortage: 75 for FY 2011-12.** The Budget recommends the closure of two youth development centers (Swannanoa and Samarkand). After these closures, the Department will only have staffing and operating funds to operate 329 youth development center beds in FY 2011-12. The Department has NEVER had a committed youth average annual committed youth population below 387. The NC

Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission Report (Released to General Assembly February 2011) is projecting that the Department will need 404 beds for FY 2011. Based on the information above, the Department will be short 75 beds in FY 2011-12. **Recommendation:** Allow the Department to keep 58 staff positions and operating funds from the closed facilities (\$2,643,458) to build capacity at the other youth development centers. This will allow the Department to accommodate the committed youth population expected in FY 2011-12.

- 2) **Treatment Staffing Model at Youth Development Centers** The budget closes two youth development centers and eliminates 278.6 staff positions. In addition to the position eliminations, this provision places a staffing cap on the Department's youth development centers. With the normal staffing issues at facilities (FMLA, worker's compensation, position vacancies, etc.) it will be difficult for the Department to manage staffing shortages and ensure public safety with this provision. **Recommendation:** Do not include this provision in the Budget and allow the Department the ability to move staff positions as needed to address staffing shortages and programming needs.
- 3) **Allocate Realized Savings of Wilderness Camps to Fund Certain Level 2 Intermediate Dispositional Alternatives for Juveniles** This provision directs DJJDP to spend miscellaneous contractual service funds for wilderness camps and if not spent on wilderness camps, allocate the unspent funds to Juvenile Crime Prevention Councils (JCPC's) for use on level 2 dispositional alternatives. This spring, Eckerd closed 3 of the 4 wilderness camps it operates in the State and will not be reopening them. Other wilderness camps in the State are equipped to provide the level of service needed to serve this population. Also, research shows that there are several other evidence-supported programs that are more effective than wilderness camps. JCPC's do not have the additional operating capacity to provide services to the population to be served. **Recommendation:** Eliminate or revise the provision language to allow the Department to fund community programs that will more effectively serve this population.
- 4) **Eliminate Court Counselor Positions 47.0 FTE.** The proposal to eliminate 8 Chief Court Counselor positions and 39 Court Counselor positions would adversely affect the Court Services Division's ability to effectively manage the court counselor caseloads in each judicial district and provide a safe level of post release supervision to youth released from youth development centers. The number of youth to be impacted cannot be determined, but will be significant. The Court Services Division is also scheduled to lose 12 Court Counselor positions currently funded with American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds at the end of FY 2010-11. **Recommendation:** Restore court services staff positions to allow for adequate supervision/post release supervision and maintain public safety.

### **Minutes**

**Motion:** Angela motioned that minutes from January 25, 2011 and March 23, 2011 be accepted as presented.

**Action:** Seconded and Approved. JCPC February meeting was cancelled and a JCPC Program Fair was held.

### **JCPC Additional Funds**

Karen Thompson presented a brief overview of re-allocating additional funding from JCPC. Funds were reserved in JCPC FY 2010-2011 budget for any budget cuts that might happen from the State. By December 31, 2010 all funds had to be allocated. Our funds were allocated to the following programs: Evidence-Based Trauma Assessment & Treatment Program, Parenting of Adolescents Program, Young Warriors Athlete Scholarship Program, Adolescent Parenting Program, and Street Outreach Gang Prevention (Project BUILD) Program.

### **Programs Recommended for DJJDP Funding**

The JCPC Funding committee met on April 18th, 2011 at 1:00pm to review all applications requesting funding from the Department of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention/Juvenile Crime Prevention Council. At our regularly monthly scheduled meeting on April 25th, the funding committee presented recommendations to the entire council. The council voted individually or abstained due to a conflict of interest on the following recommendations:

**Motion:** Karen Thompson, JCPC funding chair motioned the **Adolescent Parenting** program be funded at the same level in the amount of \$12,000 as noted on the attached grid by the funding committee. **Action:** Motion seconded and approved. Gerri Robinson abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest.

**Motion:** Karen Thompson, JCPC funding chair motioned the **Building Family Strength** program not be funded as noted on the attached grid by the funding committee. **Action:** Motion seconded and approved.

**Motion:** Karen Thompson, JCPC funding chair motioned the **Evidence Based Trauma Assessment & Treatment** program be funded at the same level in the amount of \$12,000 as noted on the attached grid by the funding committee. **Action:** Motion seconded and approved.

**Motion:** Karen Thompson, JCPC funding chair motioned the **Juvenile Psychological Evaluation** service be funded at an increase level in the amount of \$55,803 as noted on the attached grid by the funding committee. **Action:** Motion seconded and approved.

**Motion:** Karen Thompson, JCPC funding chair motioned the **Juvenile Justice Project** be funded at an increase level in the amount of \$15,000 as noted on the attached grid by the funding committee. **Action:** Motion seconded and approved.

**Motion:** Karen Thompson, JCPC funding chair motioned the **Parenting of Adolescent** program be funded at an increase level in the amount of \$108,000 as noted on the attached grid by the funding committee. **Action:** Motion seconded and approved.

**Motion:** Karen Thompson, JCPC funding chair motioned the **P.R.O.U.D.** program be funded at the same level in the amount of \$50,000 as noted on the attached grid by the funding committee. **Action:** Motion seconded and approved.

**Motion:** Karen Thompson, JCPC funding chair motioned the **Rites of Passage** program be funded at the same level in the amount of \$8,400 as noted on the attached grid by the funding committee. **Action:** Motion seconded and approved. Arnold Dennis abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest.

**Motion:** Karen Thompson, JCPC funding chair motioned the **Project BUILD** program be funded at an increase level in the amount of \$67,963 as noted on the attached grid by the funding committee. **Action:** Motion seconded and approved. Delphine Sellars and Karen Thompson abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest.

**Motion:** Karen Thompson, JCPC funding chair motioned the **Teen Court and Restitution** program be funded at an increase level in the amount of \$170,000 as noted on the attached grid by the funding committee. **Action:** Motion seconded and approved.

**Motion:** Karen Thompson, JCPC funding chair motioned the **Young Warriors Athlete Scholarship** program be funded at an increased level in the amount of \$22,000 as noted on the attached grid by the funding committee. **Action:** Motion seconded and approved.

Meeting adjourned.