

Durham County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

Minutes of March 22nd 2006

Note Taker: Celia Jefferson

Member Present

Angela Nunn
 Becky Heron
 Martha Kaufman
 Keith Howard
 Harold Burch
 Donnie Phillips
 Sandra Hall
 Gudrun Parmer
 Kendra Montgomery-Blinn
 Pauletta Brown Bracy
 Mickey Brown
 Karen K. Thompson
 Rhonda Parker

Excused Absences

Gayle Harris
 Daniella Gabriel
 James Hill
 Peggy Kernodle
 Nicholas Tise
 Arnold Dennis

Absences

Jerry Younts
 Alvin Black
 Donald Hughes
 Jeffrey Locke
 Theresa Wahome

Others Present

Makiya Wilson,
 Parenting of Adolescent
Nicole Rider,
 Parenting of Adolescent
Jim Barbee,
 Area Consultant
Warren Herndon,
 Rites of Passage
Delphine Sellars,
 Community Outreach
Mike NiFong
 District Atty.
Stormey Ellis,
 Asst. DA
Janice Paul,
 District Atty.
Fungai Bennett,
 Asst. DA
 Denise Thomas, State

Karen Thompson, chair called the meeting to order at 4:20pm.

Karen welcomed everybody and asked the council to share community concerns and announcements.

Becky Heron reminded everyone that A New Day Juvenile Reporting Center uses the Bethesda Model in their program and that they had a visit from the Bethesda Day Model Center concerning future plans to certify the program.

Mickey Brown informed the council that according to the Human Relations Commission, Durham was number one for hate crime in 2005. The Human Relations Commission sends a report of all crime to the State and they investigate and send findings back to the city.

Warren Herndon stated that one of the Rites of Passage students is a finalist for a 4 year scholarship.

Delphine Sellars, Community Outreach Coordinator made a presentation regarding Parent Family Advocacy and Support Training. (PFAST) Delphine is a part of the NC Cooperative Extension Services. PFAST help parents get involved in the education of their children in many ways:

- Gain a level of cooperation with parents & school
- Building relationships
- Learn Collaboration
- Works with exceptional children

- Help find resources inside the school systems that parents can use
- Train parents to have a value voice that comes with knowledge (6 wks training)
- Helps parents become facilitators

The PFAST receives calls from across the state asking for their curriculum. They have received a grant from A&T to translate information into Spanish and will start the later part of next month. They are proud to state that there are a great number of men participating in the program. The PFAST team future plans are to introduce their program to teachers. (see attached handout)

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Mickey motioned that last month's minutes be accepted as presented. Kendra Blinn-Montgomery seconded it. Minutes were accepted as presented.

Durham's District Attorneys made a presentation to the JCPC about recent reorganizations of juveniles and were available to answer any questions they might have. Harold Burch stated that the current truancy process seems to keep kids away from school longer than needed. District Attorney Nifong informed the council that he is trying to get kids back in school before they get to truancy court; this will shorten the length of time kids will be away from school.

Becky Heron asked DA Nifong how he saw Lakeview Alternative School. According to DA Nifong, it was known as a school to attend if you wanted to learn how to be a gang member. D.A. Nifong, thinks that it would be ideal for each school to have it's own in school suspension program; pushing youth aside does not solve the problem.

Stormey Ellis, Assistant DA stated that it would be a good idea to put programs such as A New Day Juvenile Reporting Center into the schools.

It was stated that there are gaps in youth services, and that there are lots of programs in the community that serve juveniles and there is a need for more programs for kids who are not offenders.

Karen informed the council that programs applying for JCPC funding will be on video and available to those that will not be able to attend the presentations. Also, several new programs have expressed interest in funding. Karen reminded the council that the new DJJDP policies and procedures are effective 7/1/06 and all funded programs will need to be in compliance before December 2006.

Jim Barbee will offer training to the programs on how the policies and procedures will affect their program.

Meeting adjourned

Minutes attested by:

JCPC Secretary

JCPC Chair

