

Mecklenburg County
Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Regular Meeting
February 18th, 2021

Members Present: Sonya Harper, Kendra King, Kevin Poirier, Judge Faith Fickling-Alvarez, T.L. Larry, Russell Price, Lt. Robert Childs, Janelle Fleck, Heather Taraska, Yosan Zerai, Jessica Davis, Ashley Titus, Wanda Douglas, Denise Steele-Campbell, Dr. Cotrane Penn, Tomika Moore

Staff Present: Scott Stoker, Elizabeth Swann

Guests Present: Shavonda McClure-Tresports, Darryl & Robin Sturdivant-Team Up Connections, Thompson Residential- LaDonte Lee, Thompson Assessment- Dr. Becky Smith-Thompson Court Assessment, Nalo Coban- Achieving Success on Purpose, Cara Evans-Patterson-CMPD Youth Diversion, Reggie McNeil-TYM (SHIFT), Glenn Smith-DASH Life Connections, Michelle Bego- Youth Development Initiatives,

Members Absent: Dr. Keith Cradle, Commissioner Pat Cotham, Tysha Shaw, Jason Tryon, Brittney Bogues, Jaylen Adams, Phyllis Barnette

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by the Chair Kevin Poirier.

Review and Approval of February 18th Agenda

Kevin allowed council members to review the agenda. Judge Faith Fickling-Alvarez moved to accept the agenda. Denise Steele-Campbell seconded. The council unanimously approved the agenda.

Review and Approval of January 21st Minutes

Kevin allowed council members to review the minutes. Judge Faith Fickling-Alvarez moved to accept the minutes. Kendra King seconded. The council approved the minutes.

Welcome

JCPC Chair Kevin Poirier took attendance by having the council members say present in order to keep an attendance log for meeting being virtual. Quorum was established.

Announcements / Reminders

The attendance requirement is now 65% of all regularly scheduled committee meetings.

The inclusion of special and assigned subcommittee meetings is no longer applicable, its 65% of all regularly scheduled meetings. There are no excused absences. Members cannot miss three consecutive regularly scheduled committee meetings. To have action in the subcommittee meetings there must be a quorum to be able to vote.

Budget Revision: YDI -Family Life Skills Academy

Line # 310 to reallocate \$4,025 funds to line-item #390 FLA trainings to extend the number of online training sessions as required by COVID-19 pandemic circumstances. YDI just received a partnership that is being formed with freedom communities and the mom's movement, so we are expecting up to 24 families being admitted on some degree over the next month, which means the sessions are greatly needed. YDI-FLA has been a critical component to the juvenile participants who have craved positive social interaction and constructive adult guidance beyond school. It has also become a vital income

resource for teachers who has been limited in working their typical job after school due to the pandemic.

Kevin asked for a motion to approve the budget revision for YDI Family Life Skills. Ashley Titus made a motion to approve. Tomika Moore seconded. The council approved the budget revision for YDI Family Life Skills Academy.

Budget Revision: Tresports

Tresports needs to reallocate \$1,000 from Line # 290 to Line # 310 in transportation. Tresports has been picking up children from home and transporting to Tresports and back home again depending on what days the children attend school.

Kevin asked for a motion to approve the budget revision for Tresports. Wanda Douglas made a motion to approve. Denise Steele-Campbell seconded. The council approved the budget revision for Tresports.

Program/Budget Revision: Achieving Success on Purpose- BRICK

Being married, it has come to our attention that we cannot be in the program fiscal manager roles, I have stepped into the program manager role and another board member has stepped into the fiscal manager role. Kareem will continue to provide counseling services, under professional services. Line # 190 annual audit wasn't required to maintain a certain amount due to this being our 1st year and we didn't have to go thru an official audit, so the funds were moved to FICA since we underestimated the employer pays a part as well as the employees. We only budgeted for the employee portion and not the employer's portion. We had some extra funds in insurance which was paid in July, those extra funds will be moved to payroll, which was underestimated monthly, but should have calculated as biweekly. Food budget will also increase.

Group therapy is being changed to once a week for 3 hours. Group therapy will address interpersonal challenges and psychological problems by delivering evidence-based content via instructional teaching, counseling, role playing, journaling and interactive group activities to improve the social and emotional intelligence.

Discussions:

Jessica asked if funds can be moved around for FICA? The changes are from the monitoring process which the Dept of Public Safety does of all programs in the first few months, some of the changes were noted in the monitoring, which the programs are taking action now as requested. Once its approved the county reimburses them and will see if the contract would also have to be changed.

Kevin asked about the lead clinician role is eliminated but work will continue as independent contractor under professional services, where does the decrease of \$54,704 go?

This was in-kind donation due to Kareem doing both the program manager and lead clinician role but only being paid for one position. The other position salary was being waived as in-kind donation.

Kevin referred to this being the 1st year for Achieving Success on Purpose being funded and its part of the growing pains being funded by the JCPC to work thru the irregularity and glad they are catching them now vs later.

Kevin asked for a motion to approve the program/ budget revision for Achieving Success on Purpose. Kendra King made a motion to approve. Sonya Harper seconded. The council approved the budget/program revision for Achieving Success on Purpose.

Recommendation Request from Asset ATC for FY21-22 Intensive Intervention Services to address an unmet service need for the juvenile population in our community by providing vocational group counseling and support for older youths. The ASSET ATC Program will target older youths (ages 15 and older) on a Level III or Level II disposition by District 26 Juvenile court. The program will focus on the employability of these youths by providing vocational, educational and employment supports for continued cognitive development reducing the likelihood of further legal involvement. ASSET ATC utilizes “Working Smart: Soft Skills for Workplace Success” coupled with Moral Reconciliation Therapy focused on developing critical soft skills relevant for workplace success. Service delivery will be in the Cabarrus Youth Development Center, the Mecklenburg County Juvenile Detention Center, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Athletic League Center and or via WebEx. ASSET ATC is the only program designed to begin delivery in the facility and transition to the community for completion.

ASSET ATC is a program of Mecklenburg County’s Criminal Justice Services Department within the Re-Entry Services Division (RES). RES has delivered re-entry supports to adults returning from incarceration since 2013 and juveniles since 2017. Once a client, juveniles can always voluntarily return for access to all services and supports of RES including basic needs, education, vocational training, treatment resources, and adult housing. NCDPS is requesting that the agency obtains a letter of support from their local JCPC council stating that this is a needed service and for it to be funded in 2022. The deadline is March 5th.

Kevin allowed the council members to review with recommendation letter by Hope Marshall, Re-Entry Services online. Jessica Davis moved to accept the letter of recommendation. Wanda Douglas seconded. *Sonya Harper* abstained from voting.

The council approved the recommendation request for the letter of support for the FY2021-2022 Intensive Intervention Services from Asset ATC.

Recommendation Request from Children’s Hope Alliance for FY21-22 Intensive Intervention Services

Kevin allowed the council members to review with recommendation letter by Christian Immel, Children’s Hope Alliance online

This letter is to support the proposal by this established organization to continue their endeavors to extinguish sexual recidivism in youth who have caused sexual harm. Youth who have caused sexual harm and have been adjudicated by the court system have a higher degree of risk factors and typically present with a level of dysfunction that requires therapeutic intervention.

Without this level of support, both the youth and community are at an increased risk of harm. Occasionally, these youth are underinsured or uninsured; this grant would allow them to receive the services of the TASK Program. The Children’s Hope Alliance TASK Program believes in the important of a safe and healthy community for our children and the community.

Discussions:

Judge Fickling-Alvarez asked if the funds will be going to other counties than Mecklenburg.

Currently the grant pays \$750,000 and it serves 28 counties along with Mecklenburg, so with this letter of support for next year 2022 your stating to the Dept of Public Safety that you would still like to be a part of that service.

Kendra King moved to accept the letter of recommendation. Tomika Moore seconded. The council approved the recommendation request for the letter of support for the FY2021-2022 Intensive Intervention Services from Children's Hope Alliance.

Plan & Logistics for March JCPC Meeting

The RFP is currently posted and for the 2 information sessions, we had 39 agencies and 51 individuals attend the presentation given by Scott Stoker, JCPC Area Consultant, Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice, North Carolina Department of Public Safety. The programs that meet the minimum score from the Funding Committee, we will be speaking about the logistics at the March Executive Committee meeting. An email on the logistics will be sent out similar to the one last year which will entail a 5-minute presentation, 5-minute questions, also requesting questions be submitted beforehand.

Conversations on Referrals-Data

Kevin allowed the council members to review the report from Scott Stoker online. At the last meeting in January some of the referrals noted were lower this year, Scott and Russell Price will share information surrounding the data.

The report provides Mecklenburg juvenile complaints and juvenile numbers for the last three fiscal years and current year that give distinct number of juveniles in 3 different categories (adjudicated, diverted, closed). Also included is the number of complaints/petitions filed in those years. Scott asked Raleigh to run something quick that might help us in our conversation about low referrals during COVID. The FY20-21 numbers are much lower compared to the previous years. The total complaints that was received during intake for FY20-21 are much higher because of Raise the Age complaints.

If the JCPC needs to request more data sharing into the numbers, the council can request that, and Scott will request that data. The following will be helpful to understand the data:

- The counts are of distinct juveniles in each bucket.
- A juvenile can be counted in more than one bucket (i.e., in closed and diverted) if they had complaints that resulted in both statuses in the year.
- The counts will not sum to a meaningful number because some statuses were not counted – pending decision, currently in approved for court, dismissed, and transferred to superior court.
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Sonya Harper had questioned if there was an explanation as to what is driving the significant increase in the number of closed cases; particularly considering the adjudicated and diverted cases are trending in the opposite direction?

Scott indicated the closed is a diverted case that is not put on any diversion plan or contract and is closed after intake. Statewide NCDPS Juvenile Court Counselors offices are diverting around 40-45% of juveniles that come into intake and some of those are being referred to JCPC programs and other services within the communities. That is something that has been trending an increase over the last few years.

Russell Price discussed in looking at the numbers, a few explanations may be relevant, but not supported by the submitted data. We will probably need a more detailed break down of the data submitted to have a clear picture as to why the number of cases "Closed" considerably increased in FY19-20. Data showed that 509 juveniles were closed in FY19-20. For FY19-20, RTA began on December 1, 2019, many variables played into which system a 16 or 17-year-old entered (juvenile or adult). If we received a juvenile case and the juvenile had adult charges prior to December 1, 2019, but not convicted, we may have closed the case depending on the charge(s), risk, and needs, etc. We anticipated prior to RTA that

we would be closing a considerable number of cases of 16 and 17-year-old youth that would have penetrated that adult system prior to December 1, 2019.

COVID-for a period case flow was impeded due to the pandemic; therefore, more juveniles were closed, if they had minor offenses and their risk and needs were low. As far as our court involved youth, arraignments and dispositions were not occurring between March 2020 and June 2020; therefore, youth were not being ordered to comply with community-based programs

During the months of November (2019), December (2019), and January (2020), we were working through a backlog of intake cases. This may have contributed to the number of closed cases as well, but I would need to see data for those particular months. Our focus is and will continue to keep youth out of the system if available community resources are in place to address their needs. Many cases referred to juvenile court don't need our involvement as their risk and needs are low. I believe we need more detailed data for me to provide a more educated explanation

Judge Faith Fickling-Alvarez asked looking at the report are you talking about the other half of 2020? Yes, it is from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. It's very clear from the impact of adjudicated cases, what it had on the adjudications and the ability to adjudicate juveniles.

- impact on keeping kids in the juvenile justice system unfortunately longer
- we can't adjudicate them
- can't get the disposition
- can't start their probation

In FY20 while the number of cases increase to closed, if you look at the adjudications that was lower because half of that was due to COVID and not having court. When courts were open for a month, it was then shut down due to administrative orders, holidays, etc. Wanted to raise awareness around it, we are working hard in starting a new process virtually, which we have always done detention hearings virtually since the pandemic because the statute allows it. Virtually for delinquency matters in regard to the disposition and adjudication, the nature of the rights that are being affected, the fact that the parent and the juvenile needs to agree to that, these are things to take into consideration. The courts are working hard across the state seeing the evident impact of no in person court or having no court.

Russell indicated that COVID has had an impact on everything from business, meetings families, getting releases signed, we have some aggressive decisions in intake because for a period we weren't having court. We may get a kid that has a felony which could be a common law robbery, most districts would frown upon placing a juvenile common law robbery on diversion, since not having court right now. Do we approve this case for court, let this child sit until court presumes for 6 months or longer depending on the circumstances, or do we place the juvenile on a diversion plan and have him assigned to a court counselor with certain conditions to follow. We make sure they obtain resources to address their behavior in lieu of sending him to court, which can be done up to 6 months and if the juvenile doesn't comply with the conditions of the diversion plan we can make the decision to send him to court.

Judge Faith Fickling-Alvarez expounded on the difficult decisions court counselors make every day, analyzing which ones might be successful, reality is you can't make a juvenile do something pre adjudication but if they are entered into a diversion program, the court can order them to engage in treatment. So, they can hopefully engaged in activities and programs like the ones that JCPC support which also helps keep the community safer because the kids are involved in these programs and they

are not engaged in other activities and building healthy relationships. Even though the data is limited I see how it applies and how's it affecting the courts and JCPC and I wanted to provide my perspective. Russell and his court counselors are doing an incredible job thru this COVID crisis.

Tomika Moore questioned about a current report on the overview of juvenile court, school, and community data for Mecklenburg county. The previous one she has is FY18-19. Looking for data for FY19-20? Scott said he would provide a current risk assessment data report for Tomika.

Program Updates and Client Tracking Data - sent to JCPC council members via email for their review Kevin posted the tracking sheet online for viewing, this is the client count for number served, serve year to date in referrals. As each of the program presents, Kevin will pull up their report. Kevin concurred that this was important to look at the numbers as we transition to where we are presently for the monthly program tracking numbers and the program monthly updates. Scott added the programs in yellow are the Level II programs which has requested a letter of support.

Monthly Program Updates

DASH-SFP -have served 22 youths Year to Date, the total JCPC money funded this fiscal year is \$106,708 we have spent \$56,379.62. We continue to work with a grant given to us for the purpose of securing metrics for funding raising purposes. We are confident that we will have information to secure funding from some foundations and corporations.

Challenges this month are having some difficulties getting parents to commit. This has been our first year having this difficulty and much has to do with the pandemic. In the past we could get face to face with parents and develop more of a relationship and trust. Some families do not have internet nor access to electronic devices. We are including the court counselors more in the process of helping us get in contact with parents.

Also, we are taking the paperwork to the homes and using masks and safe distancing to ensure the orientation is conducted and we can assess the needs of the parents. We are getting tablets to those families that are in need. We have three Spanish speaking parents that are currently involved in the Strengthening Families program and we were able to get them to electronic devices they needed. The entire curriculum is in Spanish.

BUNK 57 Ministries- have served 8 youths Year to Date, we have spent \$16,429.44. We have had 1 unsuccessful termination. We are strengthening the vetting process for potential clients by requiring the client and parent/legal guardian to attend at least one group session together before officially being admitted into the program.

To obtain more funding we are seeking collaborations with local businesses and fundraising. We are creating monthly parenting classes for parents to attend while their child is in group session. Due to lack of referrals, we are currently expanding our network with community partners to seek out more referrals and sending weekly updates to our liaison. We are targeting churches, other houses of worships, barbershops, targeting neighborhoods to find our own referrals.

Our success story is J.S. is doing very well. He has completed a vision board and is determined to do better and be a positive example for his younger brother. He is currently developing an action plan for achieving his goals and has a great relationship with his mentor.

Thompson Court Assessment- have served 38 youths Year to Date, the total JCPC money funded this fiscal year is \$176,695 we have spent \$80,771.44. Three successful terminations. Court counselors are

closely involved in each case because they must initiate the referral. Number projected to be served this fiscal year: 72 assessments [33 assessed thus far] and 372 consultations [426 consultations provided thus far]. Our assessment program is unique in that JCPC funding allows immediate access to assessment and consultation services for any DACJJ-involved youth. There are other assessment programs in North Carolina funded by JCPCs in other counties, but there is likely no other JCPC assessor offering case management and consultation to the extent that we do. Many counties do not have access to a dedicated assessor. Most other states (such as South Carolina) have permanent, government-funded psychologist positions, with those individuals employed in regional evaluation centers (both in facilities and in community-based state offices). Regarding other funding sources, our program is essentially unable to bill Medicaid given the timeline of our assessments (taking more than 7 days from assessment to completion of the assessment report, in conflict with Medicaid reimbursement eligibility for assessments), and the fact that many youths assessed are incarcerated (meaning that Medicaid is suspended during that time). The court and other local stakeholders have high expectations of comprehensive evaluations and related reports, thus necessitating JCPC funding to support our program. No such service exists in the local community, unless families are able to pay private psychologists hundreds or thousands of dollars out-of-pocket for such an evaluation and any related case management, court time, and related advocacy work.

Thompson's Resource Development Team seeks funding for the agency as a whole from a variety of sources on an ongoing basis. Thompson frequently identifies grants and other funding streams to provide clinical and supportive services, and a number of youths assessed through the Juvenile Court Assessment Program have been referred to and benefited from such programming at no cost to families. Thompson continually seeks additional funding opportunities to support its work, including national, state and local private and corporate foundations and government funding sources, through use of grant search engines and other online searching tools. In addition, Thompson monitors a variety of Juvenile Justice resources, including the Annie E. Casey Foundation and other national leaders in Juvenile Justice, to stay abreast of new funding opportunities and strategies for securing funding.

Our program continues to be significantly impacted by the overall JCPC budget reduction affecting the current fiscal year, which necessitated the reduction of one of our full-time clinicians to being part-time. This resulted in decreasing our overall number of youths projected to be served, having less shared responsibility for our extensive number of case consultations, and required meetings, and being able to serve fewer youth simultaneously at any given point in time. An additional challenge for our program is the labor- and time-intensive efforts required to track and report our work to various stakeholders. Beyond the documentation required for mental health services specific to Medicaid and Thompson, program staff spends countless hours documenting information for the JCPC/NC ALLIES, monthly JCPC reporting, monthly county reporting, Juvenile Justice Behavioral Health tracking, annual JCPC monitoring, state JCPC monitoring and audits, monthly research to report back to the JCPC to justify the rationale for the funding we have been awarded, and the completion of numerous types of required tools and forms related to partnerships with multiple stakeholders. The number of hours spent on these activities each month (and particularly around monitoring time and JCPC application time each year) greatly impacts the time we have available to spend on the client-related activity we are actually funded to do.

We have discussed perhaps seeking two full-time clinical positions during the next funding cycle. Alleviating the challenges of reporting and tracking has no foreseeable solution, other than to ask that stakeholders remain aware that these are challenges likely faced by all JCPC-funded programs and to be mindful when considering the addition of any other reporting requirements.

One youth who has been assessed multiple times through our program has been AWOL for some time now. During January, he was located safely and detained, allowing us an additional opportunity to resume efforts to connect him to treatment. We are fortunate to know his history given that our involvement with the case dates back about four years, which helps our forthcoming assessment to be as thorough and thoughtful as possible. This also helps us be able to advocate with a treatment provider to extend an opportunity to him despite some significant barriers related to his personal situation.

Thompson Residential- have served 24 youths Year to Date, the total JCPC money funded this fiscal year is \$700,000 we have spent \$338,814.67. We have had 2 unsuccessful terminations. Client (DC) AWOLed from placement on 1/5/21. Client returned to care on 1/5/21 by CMPD and communicated he was not remaining in care and would run-away again later in the day. Mr. Lee contacted Mr. Edwards (DJJ) and explained the situation. Due to the high risk of youth running away a second time, the decision was made and communicated to all parties (family (client's father) DJJ (Mr. Edwards)) that the team would be transporting him home and discharging him from program as unsuccessful.

Continuing to educate staff on prevention strategies to coach at risk clients who have AWOL historical behavioral pattern. In addition, working with other stakeholders involved with client during Child and Family Team meetings.

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In addition, one of Thompson's future goal is to acquire a statewide NCDPS contract.

Thompson is committed to the long-term sustainability of all its programming, including the DACJJ Short Term Residential Program. Thompson believes that all youth should not linger in detention facilities awaiting placement or mental health treatment. Our short-term residential programming is tailored to the needs of youth involved with the Mecklenburg County DACJJ. The program provides step-down care from secure settings, reduces time spent in detention, eliminates unnecessary hospitalizations, and prevents unnecessary placement into the custody of social services. Historically, this program has relied on joint funding from the JCPC and Mecklenburg County. Without JCPC's financial contribution, many courts involved youth would not have this alternative placement option.

The court stopped all in person hearings due to the rise in Covid-19 cases. This caused no referrals being submitted. We communicated with DJJ liaisons (S. B. and C. M.) via email on a regular cadence to make aware of bed availability. We currently have 3 youth awaiting placement. Client (AA) was successfully discharged from this program and transitioned to a higher level of residential care (Miracle Houses) on 1/8/21. He was able to earn three checks for his participation in apprenticeship experience!

Tresports- have served 34 youths Year to Date, the total JCPC money funded this fiscal year is \$191,139 we have spent \$102,840.33. We began planning for our 2nd annual MLK/Mentoring breakfast. The breakfast will take place on February 17, 2021 via Zoom. We have partnered with different agencies and solicited donations for the event. We were also to partner with Zack Johnson and host a Charity Comedy event. The funds raised from the event was able to assist the program in transportation.

One of our TreSports Fall session graduates was able to obtain employment. K.B set a goal to be employed before his 17th birthday, and we were able to assist him with identifying the steps needed to achieve this goal. We were very excited to receive a call from him last week letting us know that he will begin his first shift this week.

Achieving Success ion Purpose (ASOP) -have served 8 youths Year to Date, the total JCPC money funded this fiscal year is \$101,110 we have spent \$22,242.90. We had 1 unsuccessful termination. Mother completed first session via telehealth and agreed to juvenile's participation in the program upon release from YDC in December 2020. Juvenile had other charges pending that resulted in subsequent detention before he was able to fully participate in the program.

We plan to mitigate similar occurrences through increased communication with parent and court counselor about any additional pending charges. ASOP continues to seek grant opportunities, federal/state funding and solicit for donations through community partnerships. In addition, we will submit our proposal for the Intensive Intervention Services program.

Challenges experienced by the program are that referrals are low. Full parental participation has been a barrier to treatment for some of our participants. This has hindered the juvenile's engagement in the program.

Our success story is participant MM and his father were recently challenged by an outside party to a conflict. The heated exchange between son and the other subject possessed all the elements that would have escalated to violence. MM and his father processed this event in their family session and discussed the importance of thinking about the bigger picture and the tools that kept him focused on his future. Both father and son advised that this was something they wouldn't have done in the past. Both were praised for their commitment to right thinking.

DASH-Mentoring -have served 28 youths Year to Date, the total JCPC money funded this fiscal year is \$104,245 we have spent \$63,477.35. We have had 4 unsuccessful terminations. Youth refused to participate/ on the run/ did not attend/ unresponsive.

We continue to work with a grant given to us for the purpose of securing metrics for funding raising purposes. We are confident that we will have information to secure funding from some foundations and corporations. The COVID 19 pandemic, along with homelessness, inability to concentrate on school, hunger, overcrowded living conditions, re-offenses, etc. has exacerbated mental illness and the need to work with our youth.

JCPC funding was cut 35% this year. We need additional funds to address the challenging issues, which will plague our youth for years to come. We are implementing an environment for quiet space, food, counseling, homework and learning while dealing with on again, off again virtual learning and other environmental issues.

Our success story, one of our youth, who had a very serious adult charge, was released on bond, and made his way back to DASH Mentoring for our wraparound supports. He is now an adult, on probation, a new father and he is a student with the DASH Vocational Learning Community. He made sure he contacted his mentor when he was released after serving six months and is now still connected with us.

DASH-Vocational Learning Community -have served 9 youths Year to Date, the total JCPC money funded this fiscal year is \$107,717 we have spent \$64,530.36. There were no unsuccessful terminations, Youth must show academic/ test mastery toward obtaining a HISET or GED. Ongoing with court counselors via emails, reports, phone calls, face-to-face meetings, texts. We continue to work with a grant given to us for the purpose of securing metrics for funding raising purposes. Youth are not focused as much due to COVID 19, homelessness, lack of personal space, jobs, hunger, reoffending, etc. DVLC is implementing a "safe", quiet space to study, eat, rest and complete assignments at our physical classroom. Our success story two students will take the GED in March. It was a struggle for them who came to us with limited study skills, pending charges, domestic violence issues. Also, we have partnered with Mecklenburg County NC Works NextGen to provide additional wraparound supports for our students. Those services include paying for the GED, bus passes, jobs, paying for fast track vocational certification.

Youth Development Initiative/ FLA -have served 17 youths Year to Date, the total JCPC money funded this fiscal year is \$75,035.00 we have spent \$34,391.35. We will continue to research local funding opportunities. We had 12 juveniles successfully or satisfactorily completed the program this month as our engagement and participation rate remains very high. One DJJ juvenile in particular so enjoys the YDI life skills sessions that she got permission from her schoolteacher to leave her school class early after completing her work in order to complete a makeup of the YDI session she missed the day prior. She and her group have completed all but one YDI session and will formally and successfully complete their life skills training by the end of next week. Additionally, most parents enjoy the relevant topics and express appreciation for keeping their child(ren) focused on achieving positive futures

CMPD Youth Diversion -have served 65 youths Year to Date, the total JCPC money funded this fiscal year is \$200,706 we have spent \$117,801.83. In January 2021, the (CMPD) Research and Planning Division submitted the Governor's Crime Commission (GCC) Juvenile Justice Planning Committee Grant Application. This grant cycle we asked to pay for Diversion programming which requires surrounding municipalities using Diversion to pay a 25% match. Diversion has applied for GCC funding in the past, but the fear is we will not be fully reimbursed like in 2018, 2019 and 2020.

Juvenile arrest and referrals are low due to COVID and virtual school which has resulted in a huge decrease of Diversion referrals. Diversion referrals are down 80% and juvenile arrest are down by 63% when comparing current YTD to previous year same time frame. Diversion also receives weekly arrest reports with the number of 6-17yo arrested and this data is compared to the previous week and previous year. Current YTD there were 103 arrest and last year same time frame was 280 resulting in a 63.2% decrease in juvenile arrest.

This month Diversion staff sent our Envision Academy Summer program application to many participants and they were all extremely excited to attend.

Team-Up Connections -have served 24 youths Year to Date, the total JCPC money funded this fiscal year is \$150,533 we have spent \$84,403.00. Still meeting face to face and following CDC guidelines. One in a million campaign, Team-Up Connections is asking for donations from a million individuals to receive \$1.00 from each person. We have raised \$700.00 from the campaign. We are seeking an accountant for our bookkeeping services.

We celebrated 3 mentees 6 months involvement with Team-Up Connections. Challenges would include getting more DJJ referrals.

Youth Development Initiative Meck Vocational & Career I have served 32 youths Year to Date, the total JCPC money funded this fiscal year is \$111,282 we have spent \$70,335.40.

Ten (10) of our juvenile clients have engaged in paid work experiences and successfully completed the YDI Vocational and Career Development program. They earned Certificates of Completion from both the Life skills and Vocational components of the program. They were all proud of their accomplishments.

- YDI continues to have juvenile and parent participation with our programs. They continue to express appreciation for the relevant content their adolescent kids are receiving in the program.
- We continue to steadily receive referrals from the DJJ court counselors, who also routinely visit the YDI programming site. We have built solid partnerships with the court counselors that have referred juvenile to YDI.
- Juvenile K.W. informed his DJJ Court Counselor that he has already submitted four job applications since joining YDI in January. Self-Efficacy.

Kevin thanked all the programs for their monthly update and success stories. Feedback from the last Executive Meeting pointed out that the programs don't have to read their report verbatim. It can be approached as glows & grows for each program. Kevin advised the programs to submit their monthly programs for the March meeting, but due to the compact agenda we will not be sharing out the same way.

Lt. Robert Childs had received a promotion and will be leaving the JCPC Council on March 12, 2021, congratulations are in order.

T.L. Larry has accepted a position at the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Office and will be leaving the JCPC Council on February 26th, 2021, congratulations are in order.

Committee Reports:

State	Funding committee understands the deadline for the RFP is postmark by March 2 nd
County	Next month the CJS Research & Planning Team provides the monitoring report.
Marketing Committee	N/A
Monitoring Committee	N/A
Risk & Needs Committee	N/A
Funding Committee	Funding Committee will meet on March 16 th @3pm via WebEx
By-Laws Committee	N/A
Nominating Committee	N/A
Program Support	N/A
Executive Committee	Meeting in March to discuss the logistics of the RFP & assisting the programs to present

Kevin thanked everyone for their time and commitment, lot of interests for FY21-22 RFP. Kevin shared as an Assistant Principal that a lot of youths are struggling now, so the work that we are doing here, the time we're putting in and intentionally behind the conversations, looking at the reports is well appreciated.

Kevin asked for a motion to adjourn, Sonya Harper made a motion to adjourn. Russell Price seconded. Meeting ended at 6:05pm.