

Minutes – 7/28/11
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Juvenile Crime Prevention Council
July 28, 2011, 8:30am – 9:51am
Maple Street Greensboro Police Station

Present: Stan Clarkson, Barbara Frye, Lindy Beauregard, Steve Hayes, Sarah Stewart, Vernice Thomas, Jenny Caviness, Gerald Walden, Joanne Schlaginhaufen
Excused: Chad Williams, Anthony Ward, Chris Justice,
Absent: Sherry Alloway, Doug Henderson, Lois Fuchs, Dot Marshall, Diane Givens-Moffett, Kay Cashion, Maria Hicks-Few, Michael Garrett
Vacant: Four Positions – Substance Abuse Counselor (1), Citizen (1), Youth (2)
Guests: Rich Smith, Leon Lorenc, Joy Hayes
Staff: Brenda Jones Fox, Michael Halford
Ex-Officio: Doug Logan

Quorum not present at meeting

Welcome and Introductions

Chairman Barbara Frye called the meeting to order and greeted everyone. Chairman Frye noted that a quorum was not present at the beginning of the meeting, so no official action could be taken by the Council.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the 5/16/11 meeting were not approved because a quorum was not present.

State Budget Update

Rich Smith discussed the requirement that the Council allocate the \$48,462 in JCPC funds held for re-advertisement by December 31, 2011. Mr. Smith recommended that an assessment of community indicators be conducted and the Council consider if community needs are being addressed. If there are unmet needs, the Council should issue a request for proposal (RFP) for programs to address the needs. If the Council finds that there are no unmet needs, he recommends that the Council ask current JCPC applicants to discuss how the additional funds could be used.

Rich Smith discussed a new RFP released by the state for programs serving Level 2 adjudicated youth. Grants from \$50,000 - \$150,000 per county (with no local county match requirements) are available. Program applications must be endorsed by the JCPC and the county and be received in Raleigh by September 15, 2011.

The Council discussed the new RFP, program requirements, and the state's approval process. Rich Smith reiterated that the local JCPC would need to endorse any programs applications submitted for consideration.

The Council discussed how it should solicit proposals. Lindy Beauregard proposed that Stan Clarkson to take the lead in assessing the county's current situation and in talking with area programs about developing proposals. Stan agreed to work with his staff to assess needs and discuss options with area agencies. The JCPC Finance Committee will review any proposals and make endorsement recommendations to the full JCPC at the next meeting.

The Council discussed the need to make a formal endorsement of program applications at its next meeting on August 25, 2011. Council members discussed the lack of a quorum at the meeting and the importance of having enough members at the next meeting to take action on program proposals.

County Budget Update

Michael Halford updated the council on the county's approved budget for FY 2011-12. He informed the council that the Board of Commissioners approved county matching funds for local agencies at the amounts approved in FY 2010-11.

Old Business

Juvenile Gang Advisory Committee

Doug Logan updated the Council on progress made in finding members to serve on the committee and indicated that he and Michael Garrett were ready to bring names to the Council for consideration.

Review of By-Laws and Voting

Barbara Frye discussed efforts to convene the By-Laws committee to review a number of issues related to the by-laws. Chairman Frye appointed Jenny Caviness to head the new By-Laws committee. Rich Smith, Vernice Thomas, and Gerald Walden also agreed to serve on the committee. The committee will review the current by-laws and develop recommendations regarding changes to conform to updated state statutes, allowing members to vote by phone/electronic means, and any other changes.

County Manager Brenda Fox offered to ask the County Attorney's office to review the current by-laws and develop recommendations for changes to address the Council's concerns.

New Business

JCPC Officers – Nominating Committee

Barbara Frye established a nominating committee to recommend members for the Chair and Vice Chair positions. Barbara Frye, Gerald Walden, Michael Garrett, and Joanne Schlaginhausen agreed to serve on the committee.

Michael Halford notified the Council that there are currently four vacancies – the Substance Abuse Counselor position, the Citizen position, and two Youth positions.

Announcements

Stan Clarkson discussed Reclaiming Futures and the JCPC's relationship with the project. Stan advised that the project director has recently resigned, but that he believes there is interest in an enhanced relationship between the Juvenile Drug Court and the JCPC. Doug Logan and Stan discussed the various gang and drug screening programs used for youth. Chairman Frye asked Stan to recommend names of people associated with Reclaiming Futures for appointment to the JCPC.

Michael Halford mentioned concerns raised by the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners a few months ago regarding potential conflicts of interest arising from county staff, such as the County Manager or Budget Director, serving on the JCPC and voting on matters that impact the county's budget. Although the statutes include the County Manager or designee as a member, there have been questions raised in various counties about the appearance of a conflict of interest. Rich Smith was not aware of any issues, but will check with others in his department and report back to the JCPC.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:51 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Halford