Meeting Minutes: Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC)
Date: Thursday, April 17, 2025, 8:30 am – 10:00 am
Location: Virtual via Zoom

Welcome and Introductions: Jorge Redmond, JCPC Chair, welcomed participants and initiated introductions.

Review and Action of Minutes: The board reviewed meeting minutes from February. Judge Dotson-Smith noted an edit to correct the spelling of Judge Merrell's name. Angie Garner motioned to approve the amended minutes, Banta Whitner seconded, all approved, the motion carried.

Review and Action of Allocations Committee Recommendations, FY2025-2026: Committee Chair, Angel Redmond shared the recommendations from the Allocations Hearing on March 12, 2025. Each program was given 10 minutes to present and 5 minutes to respond to questions. After the program presentations, the committee deliberated. The total amount of JCPC funds available for the FY26 year is $644,477. The total amount of FY26/FY27 proposals was only $633,617, so there was an additional $10,860 available above the amounts requested. The Allocations Committee recommended to fund all the programs at the full amount requested, and then to split the remaining $10,860 between PIVOTPoint WNC and Umoja + UNETE.

Organization Name	Project Name	FY2026 Funding Request	FY2026 Proposed Funding
Buncombe County Justice Services	JCPC Administrative Funds	$ 15,500	$ 15,500
Buncombe Alternatives	Teen Court	$ 101,100	$ 101,100
Buncombe Alternatives	Earn and Learn	$ 200,000	$ 200,000
Aspire - Buncombe	Kids at Work! & The Connection	$ 117,716	$ 117,716
PIVOTPoint WNC	PIVOTPoint WNC Prevention / Diversion Interpersonal Skill Building	$ 125,944	$ 131,374
Umoja & UNETE Restorative Practices Program	Umoja & UNETE Restorative Practices Program	$ 73,357	$ 78,787
Total Buncombe County JCPC Allocation: $644,477			
**FY26 Requests came in under by $10,860. JCPC Allocations Committee voted to split the remaining amount between PIVOTPoint WNC and Umoja & UNETE (each program receiving an additional $5430)*		**TOTAL:**	**$ 644,477**

Angie Garner motioned to approve the Allocations Committee recommendations, Angel Redmond seconded, all approved, the motion carried.

JCPC Membership: The JCPC reviewed new member applications from:

- Michael Morrison is an attorney applying for a Community Member/County Commissioner Appointee. Mr. Morrison was present and shared his relevant experience and interest in joining the JCPC.
- Susannah Knox is a Juvenile Public Defender who has applied to step into the Juvenile Public Defender designee (most recently held by Scott Dennis).
- David Denninger, District Attorney designee spoke in favor of Ms. Knox's appointment.
- Judge Dotson-Smith moved to accept and approve the applications from Mr. Morrison and Ms. Knox to join the JCPC, Banta seconded, all approved, the motion carried.
- Hannah Legerton mentioned the remaining vacancies for a County Commissioner and a Youth Member under the age of 21.
- Rebecca Smith offered to send information about the JCPC to youth in the extended foster care group who are under the age of 21.

Upcoming

- Jorge and Hannah noted that the Annual Plan and Certification are due to be submitted to the NCDPS, documenting the work of the JCPC from the past year, and including funding recommendations or the coming fiscal year.
- Each year the state requires local JCPCs to submit a Certification and Annual Plan, due to the NC Department of Public Safety Division of Juvenile Justice by June 30th. Buncombe County JCPC will submit these documents pending the approval of the County Commissioners. The Annual Plan and Certification demonstrate that the Buncombe County JCPC has completed all the necessary requirements from the state and is in compliance per JCPC policies.
- The Annual Plan consists of the following: Executive Summary; County Funding Plan, FY2025-2026; JCPC Organization; Risks, Needs, and Strengths Summary Report including the linked Youth Resource Guide; Request for Proposals; Funding Decisions Summary; Funded Program Enhancement Plans (PEP) or Brief Program Descriptions.
- The Certification includes the JCPC Certification Standards, Membership List, Request for Proposals, Copy of News Release, Distribution List, and Administrative Budget.
- Chair Redmond suggested that the JCPC hold a brief virtual meeting to review and approve the JCPC Annual Plan and Certification. Angie Garner voiced support for the brief plan.
- Jorge mentioned that the during the June council meeting the council will vote on FY2026 leadership positions including JCPC Chair, Vice-Chair, Committee Chairs.
    - **a** Jorge Redmond expressed interest in continuing as Chair;
    - **b** Angie Garner voiced commitment to the work of the Planning Committee Chair;
    - **c** Banta Whitner expressed an openness to serving as Monitoring Chair;
    - **d** Angel Redmond said that she is open to continuing on as Allocations Chair; and

- Brandon Priester shared his interest in continuing to serve as Vice-Chair for the coming year as well.

Jorge Redmond reminded council members that they are all still welcome to share interest in Committee leadership, whether for next year or over the coming years.

NCDPS Court Juvenile Justice Update: Sylvia Clement, Chief Court Counselor shared updates including:

- The numbers are about the same as recent months
- Chief Clement has had a couple of interviews with new Court Counselors candidates
- Assessments are going well, and virtual options for kids in detention have been very helpful
- The Court Counselors recently took some young people to the Asheville Adventure Center for ziplining
- There are 4-5 youth in secure custody today
- The Court Counselors were able to meet with Crystal Wynn-Lewis to review Racial and Ethnic Disparities (RED) data

There was additional discussion about when and how the JCPC can review the RED data with Crystal Wynn-Lewis. Judge Dotson-Smith and Jorge Redmond discussed requesting an in-person meeting with the JCPC and then sharing a data summary back with the School-Justice Partnership.

Area Consultant Update: Lorraine Williams, NCDPS, DJJ Area Consultant shared updates including:

- Update on state discretionary funding;
- The Governor's budget included money for the Western Area Crisis Multipurpose Center
- Program Reports will be sent out by email after the meeting, along with Program Implementation Reports

Hannah Legerton mentioned that there are some additional JCPC administrative funds available due to multiple virtual meetings this year. The JCPC voiced support for using additional administrative funding to support the purchase of supplies for the DJJ day-trip to Camp Grier in June.

Public Comment/Announcements

- Karen Peerson will send out information about upcoming Teen Court observation opportunities
- Brandon Priester will share information about an upcoming Youth Job Fair
- Stevens Lee and Umoja are hosting an upcoming violence prevention event

Adjournment

- Judge Dotson-Smith motioned to adjourn the meeting; meeting adjourned.

Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) Members/Attendees
04/17/2025

	JCPC Board Membership	N.C.G.S. § 143B-846 specifies members be appointed by county commissioners to serve on local Juvenile Crime Prevention Councils. In certain categories, a designee may be appointed to serve.			
	Specified Member	**Representative**	**Title**	**In person**	**Virtual**
1	School Superintendent or designee	Shanon Martin	Director of Student Services & Title IX Coord., Buncombe County Schools		
2	Chief of Police or designee	Craig Loveland	SRO Supervisor, Asheville Police Department		X
3	Local Sheriff or designee	Jorge Redmond	Senior Attorney, Buncombe County Sheriff's Office		X
4	District Attorney or designee	David Denninger	Assistant DA		X
5	Chief Court Counselor or designee	Sylvia Clement	Chief Court Counselor		X
6	Director, AMH/DD/SA, or designee	Angela Garner	Community Relations Regional Director, VAYA Health		X
7	Director DSS or designee	Rebecca Smith	Social Work Director		X
8	County Manager or designee	Dr. Noreal Armstrong	Chief Equity & Human Rights Officer		
9	Substance Abuse Professional	Nicole Stallings	Peer Support Specialist		
10	Member of Faith Community	Don Johnson	Chaplain, Buncombe County Detention/ABCCM		X
11	County Commissioner	*Vacant*			
12	Youth Member (under 21)	*Vacant*			
13	*Member representing families of youth involved in justice system* OR Youth under 21	CiCi Weston	Executive Director, The Christine Avery Learning Center		
14	Juvenile Defense Attorney	Vacant	Juvenile Defense Attorney		
15	Chief District Judge or designee	Susan Dotson-Smith	District Court Judge		X
16	Member of Business Community	Elizabeth Kraft	Member Manager, CURA LLC		X

17	Local Health Director or designee	Khadiya Ross	Program Manager II, Health & Human Services		X
18	Rep. United Way/other non-profit	Natasha Adwaters	Executive Director, Children First		
19	Representative/Parks and Rec.	Angel Redmond	Facility Supervisor, Asheville Parks and Recreation		X
20	County Commissioner appointee	Eric Robinson	Asheville Housing Authority		
21	County Commissioner appointee	Jeremy Bricker	Area Director, Clarvida		
22	County Commissioner appointee	Co-Kema King	Student Affairs Case Manager, UNCA		X
23	County Commissioner appointee	*Vacant*			
24	County Commissioner appointee	Banta Whitner	LCSW, Ancestral Lineage Healing Practitioner		X
25	County Commissioner appointee	Daysha Chaney	Student, UNCA		X
26	County Commissioner appointee	Brandon Priester	Youth Business Services Representative, Land of Sky Regional Council		X
	Area Consultant	Lorraine Williams	NCDPS Community Programs Area Consultant		X
	JCPC Staff Support	Hannah Legerton	Youth Justice Division Manager, BC		X
	Justice Services Admin	Moniqua Alexander	Administrative Coordinator, Justice Services, BC		
	Justice Services Director	Regenia Herring	Justice Services Director, BC		
	JSD Business Administrator	Lindsay Holland	Justice Services Business Manager, BC		
	CAPE Support	Angelica Tyler	Administrative Coordinator, Justice Services, BC		
	Aspire - Buncombe	Kim Castano	Robin Frasier, Sergio Fernandez		
	Buncombe County Teen Court	**Karen Peerson**	Jamie Lee Willocks		X
	Earn and Learn Restitution	**Karen Peerson**	Juan Holladay		X
	PIVOTPoint WNC	Matthew Nannis	**Tai Kulenic**		X
	Umoja + UNETE	Michael Hayes	**Richard Caro**, Aaron Griffin		X
	Umoja + UNETE	Norma Duran Brown	Luisa Rodriguez, **Jose Infanzon Chavez**		X

Additional guests: