Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC)
Thursday, April 16, 2026
8:30 am – 10:00 am
Hybrid: 3rd Floor Conference Room 310 at 200 College St or Virtual via Zoom

Welcome and Introductions: The JCPC Chair, Jorge Redmond, had to step away temporarily, so Angie Garner, JCPC Planning Committee Chair, called the meeting to order, welcomed participants and initiated introductions.

Review and Action of Minutes: The prior JCPC board meeting minutes had been distributed in advance. A motion was made by Judge Dotson-Smith to approve the minutes; Angel Redmond seconded; all approved; the motion carried.

JCPC Business:

- The Council reviewed proposed updates to the JCPC bylaws. Members were not asked to vote during this meeting; instead, they were asked to review the proposed changes in preparation for a vote at the June meeting. It was noted that additional technical corrections may be received from County Legal, the Clerk's Office, and Finance. Updated revisions will be distributed by email with changes highlighted. The JCPC anticipates voting on changes to the bylaws in June. Members were asked to prioritize attendance because approval may require more than a simple quorum.
- The Council discussed the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC), formerly known as JRAC, and how JCPC should be referenced in CJCC's strategic plan. Members emphasized that JCPC and CJCC are separate bodies that may coordinate while maintaining distinct roles, and that juvenile justice efforts should focus on youth outcomes, community safety, prevention, appropriate services, and non-institutional alternatives rather than detention cost reduction alone.
    - The Council reached informal consensus to share JCPC's existing goals with CJCC, request additional dialogue, and avoid committing to a specific CJCC goal or measure until CJCC's role, goals, and strategic plan are further clarified. Jorge Redmond and others planned to attend the May 1 CJCC meeting and report back to JCPC in June.
- The Council discussed current and potential vacancies, including CiCi Weston's departure, Eliza Jackson's schedule conflicts, possible youth or young adult applicants, and Michael Pesant's application; Hannah and Jorge will follow up with Eliza, continue outreach, and distribute Michael's application for awareness and future consideration if an appropriate vacancy opens.
- The Council reviewed JCPC policy on capital purchase transfers, and equipment inventory from a closed program, specifically a large conference table and a rolling table

currently located on the 14th floor of the courthouse. Photos and measurements of the equipment will be shared via email, and interested programs should submit a reply indicating their proposed use before the next meeting. The Council will then decide transfer to another eligible youth-serving program, whether items remain with the former program, or transfer to the County, consistent with applicable policy.

JCPC Program Updates: Aspire was the only discretionary funds applicant and was approved for $9,734. Aspire presented a related budget revision for program supplies and equipment, and members clarified that required match may be provided as cash or in-kind. Angie Garner motioned to approve Aspire's budget revision; Dr. Noreal Armstrong seconded; all approved; the motion carried.

Annual Plan Certification and JCPC Administrative Funds

- Reviewed annual plan certification process, including Council work, risk/needs data, funding decisions, program plans, and FY county funding plan.
- Discussed authorizing the Executive Committee to complete final review and approval due to County budget timing.
- Discussed use of remaining administrative funds designated for food and supplies to support youth involved with DJJ, for example, supplies for the DJJ trip to Camp Greer, books for book club, or other identified needs from DJJ.
- Katie Kurdys motioned to authorize the Executive Committee to approve the annual plan certification process; Beth Kraft seconded; all approved; the motion carried.

Nominations and June Elections

- June 18 meeting will include nominations and voting for JCPC chair, vice chair, and committee chairs.
- Members may nominate themselves or others and should confirm interest or availability in advance.

NCDPS Court Juvenile Justice Update: Alesia Calhoun, Court Counselor Supervisor, shared DJJ updates on staffing, a positive recent trip for youth to the Asheville Adventure Center, and upcoming preparations for bringing a group to Camp Greer.

NCDPS DJJ Community Programs Update: Lorraine Williams, Western Area Consultant, shared the following updates:

- Detention costs continue to increase, moving from $150 to $165 per day this summer.
- NC SAFE planning and gun violence awareness and prevention activities are upcoming in June. Members interested in planning, outreach, materials, or gun lock distribution should coordinate with Hannah Legerton, Will Baxter, Lorraine Williams, or related partners.
- Keith Brown was introduced as a new Piedmont office area consultant.

Public Comment/Announcements

- The School-Justice Partnership meeting is scheduled for the following Wednesday, 12:30–2:00 p.m.

- A youth emerging violence and gang symposium hosted with UNC Asheville and the North Carolina Gang Investigators Association was announced for April 30. A flyer and registration link will be distributed.
- Members discussed a coalition meeting focused on community violence prevention and intervention, including possible crisis response coordination with trained community health workers and violence prevention professionals.

Adjournment: Jorge Redmond thanked members and invited follow-up questions or concerns. Angel Redmond motioned to adjourn; Angie Garner seconded; the meeting ended after approximately 1 hour and 38 minutes.

Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) Members/Attendees, 4/16/26

	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		X
2	Chief of Police or designee	Craig Loveland (Monitoring)	SRO Supervisor, Asheville Police Department	X	
3	Local Sheriff or designee	Jorge Redmond (Executive, Planning, Monitoring, Allocations)	Senior Attorney, Buncombe County Sheriff's Office	X	
4	District Attorney or designee	Katie Kurdys	Assistant District Attorney		X
5	Chief Court Counselor or designee	Sylvia Clement (Planning, Allocations, designees do monitoring)	Chief Court Counselor Designee		X
6	Director, AMH/DD/SA, or designee	Angela Garner (Planning, Executive, Allocations)	Community Relations Regional Director, Vaya Health	X	
7	Director DSS or designee	Rebecca Smith (monitoring)	Social Work Director		X
8	County Manager or designee	Noreal Armstrong (Planning, Monitoring, allocations?)	Chief Equity & Human Rights Officer	X	
9	Substance Abuse Professional	Nicole Stallings	Peer Support Specialist		X

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10	Member of Faith Community	Don Johnson (Monitoring)	Chaplain, Buncombe County Detention/ABCCM		
11	County Commissioner	Drew Ball	County Commissioner	X	
12	Youth Member (under 21)	Eliza Jackson	Youth Member		
13	*Youth under 21 or Member representing impacted families*	*Vacant*			
14	Juvenile Defense Attorney	Susannah Knox	Juvenile Defense Attorney	X	
15	Chief District Judge or designee	Susan Dotson-Smith	District Court Judge		X
16	Member of Business Community	Elizabeth Kraft (Allocations, Monitoring)	Member Manager, CURA LLC	X	
17	Local Health Director or designee	Khadiya Ross (Planning)	Program Manager II, Health & Human Services		X
18	Rep. United Way/other non-profit	Natasha Adwaters	Executive Director, Children First		X
19	Representative/Parks and Rec.	Angel Redmond (Executive, Monitoring, Allocations)	Facility Supervisor, Asheville Parks and Recreation	X	
20	County Commissioner appointee	Eric Robinson	Asheville Housing Authority		
21	County Commissioner appointee	Jeremy Bricker (Allocations)	Area Director, Clarvida	X	
22	County Commissioner appointee	Co-Kema King	Student Affairs Case Manager, UNCA		X
23	County Commissioner appointee	Michael Morrison	Senior Associate Attorney, Ford & Harrison LLP		X
24	County Commissioner appointee	Banta Whitner (Executive, Monitoring, Allocations)	LCSW, Ancestral Lineage Healing Practitioner		X
25	County Commissioner appointee	Daysha Chaney	Fellow, Buncombe County		X
26	County Commissioner appointee	Brandon Priester (Executive,	Youth Business Services, Land of Sky Regional Council		

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		Monitoring, Allocations)			
	Area Consultant	Lorraine Williams	NCDPS Community Programs Area Consultant	X	
	JCPC Staff Support	Hannah Legerton	Youth Justice Division Manager, BC	X	
	Justice Services Director	Regenia Herring	Justice Services Director, BC		
	JSD Business Administrator	Lindsay Holland	Justice Services Business Manager, BC		
	Information & Communication Specialist	Samantha Kirk	Communications and Public Engagement, BC	X	
	Aspire - Buncombe	Kim Castano	**Elexis Bryant**	X	
	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, Loui Lindsay**, Maureen Fitzgerald	X	X
	Umoja + UNETE	Michael Hayes	**Richard Caro**, Atorra Ervin		X
	Umoja + UNETE	Norma Duran Brown	Jose Infanzon Chavez, **Jaime Rodriguez**	X	

Additional guests:

- Victoria Reichard, Buncombe County, Health & Human Services Department
- Jess Supik, Vaya Health
- Stephanie Jones, Vaya Health
- Briana Plummer, RHA Prevention/The Partnership for Substance Free Youth
- Keith Brown, NCDPS Community Programs Area Consultant, Piedmont (Virtual)