

Catawba County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

Minutes May 17, 2022

Present: Ronn Abernathy, Maria Ballard, Debra Dunn, Scott Hildebrand, Lt. Andy Kerley, Jennifer Mace, Eric Page, Angela Simmons, Brandi Tolbert, Katie Varnadoe.

Excused: Mark Bumgardner, Ron Carson, Jennie Connor, Tara Conrad

Agencies attending: Renee Lewis – Repay; Cathy Starnes, Chris White, Chloe Martin, Patti Ferree – CRC; Tim Cook, Josh Clay – Cognitive Connection; Robin Frazier– Kids at Work; Beth Ledbetter – Family Guidance Center.

Staff attending: Megan Webster and Philip Toelkes.

The meeting was opened via Webex by Brandi at 11:30 am.

The minutes from the April meeting were reviewed. Scott made a motion to approve and Deb seconded the motion. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Report from the State: Megan presented and discussed monthly program reports for each funded program in Catawba County. Client data, including the number of referrals, numbers served, admitted and terminated was reviewed and discussed. She suggested the focus should be on client success rates and how DPS and the local JCPC Board could help.

Megan reported the DPS Policy Committee met and has forwarded to administration a revised policy manual. She expects rollout of this new document July 1, 2022. The rate for daily county detention has increased – the first time since 2011. She announced the new rate is \$135 for each day in detention.

Megan announced all programs they must prepare and present any budget revisions for FY 21-22 at this meeting.

Report from Juvenile Justice: Ronn reported there are two vacancies in Catawba. All staff are healthy and COVID restrictions are gradually being lifted. Caseload numbers are on the rise. He commented on the success of Teen Court sessions in Catawba Court.

Governance: Officers were elected for the coming year. Deb moved to nominate the current slate of officers and Eric seconded the motion. After discussion, Brandi would serve as Chair, Scott as Vice-Chair and Jennifer as Finance Chair

Finance: Jennifer announced the administrative budget was on track. Further, she reported she had received requests for two budget revisions.

Renee presented written requests from the SAIS program that asked to move monies from office supplies to therapist services. Maria mad a motion and Angela seconded to approve the revision. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Robin then presented a request from Kids at Work to recognize additional in-kind and cash funds. Brandi made a motion to approve and Debra seconded the motion. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Outreach: Ronn reported the Longview community held a National Nite Out on May 3 which was attended by over 600 people.

Patti announced she was retiring and this would be her last meeting. Brandi thanked Patti for her years of service and welcomed Cathy Starnes as her replacement. She announced several changes for the Judges Office: Judge Cherry is planning to retire July 30, 2022 and; Judge Clifton Smith would be representing the Chief District Court Judge next fiscal year.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 16, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip Toelkes