**Catawba County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council**

**Minutes April 16, 2024**

**Present:** Ronn Abernathy, Maria Ballard, Mark Bumgarner, Jennie Connor, Deb Dunn, Scott Hildebrand, Paul Holden, Lt. Andy Kerley, Jennifer Mace, Eric Page, Angela Simmons,

**Excused:** Heather Bain, Rev. Ron Carson, Chauncey Colter, J. Kyle Smith, Brandi Tolbert

**Agencies attending:** Renee Lewis – Repay; Cathy Starnes – CRC; Kimberly Townsend– Kids at Work; Mackenzie Smoak – Family Guidance Center; Tim Cook – Cognitive Connection.

**Staff attending**: Megan Webster and Philip Toelkes.

The meeting was opened by Scott at 11:30 am.

The minutes from the March 2024 meeting were reviewed and corrections made. Andy made a motion to accept, and Eric seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Report from the State**: Megan distributed printouts that presented the number of clients each local program had admitted, served, and terminated to this point in FY 23-24.

The NC SAFE Campaign is still underway and so far has distributed 25,000 gun locks. She reported that last year stolen guns were involved in 95,000 crimes in NC.

She announced the sad news that Project Challenge founder Gordon Keith passed away recently.

**Report from Juvenile Justice**: Ronn reported they have vacancies in the Court Counselors’ Office that they are hoping to soon fill.

**Governance:** Scott introduced a draft of the Annual Plan for FY 24-25. After review and discussion, Jennifer seconded the recommendation to approve the draft without change with the proviso that the Board of Commissioners re-appoint Brandi as Chair. If not, the plan would need to change to reflect the Vice Chair, Scott Hildebrand, and be signed by him. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Finance:** Jennifer noted there was nothing to report regarding the administrative budget.

A budget revision had been received from KAW. Chef Kim discussed the personnel changes in the revision that required Board review. Megan noted the in-kind changes will affect the County Funding Plan for this year. Mark made a motion to approve and Maria seconded. The revision was approved unanimously.

**Outreach:** No report.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip Toelkes