

## JCPC Board Meeting

October 19, 2020

**PRESENT:** Stan Clarkson, Shontell Robinson, Fleming El-Amin, John Thacker, Keith Brown, Tia Warren, Anthony LoGiudice, Nerissa Crawford, James Patrick Ellington, Jack Monell, Eliza Lark, Marilyn Odom, Sarah Schaller, Anthony Jones, Brad Stanley, Latrenda Boyd-Gordon, Peter Watkins

**OTHERS:** Kimberly Busse, Rich Smith (DPS), Kayle Steele (Project X), Terra Lataille, Lynn Rhodes (Just Us), Zach Barth (WS/FC Schools), Valerie Glass (Eversley Village), Brittany Travis, Elizabeth, Yohmina Casey, Nicole Alford, Quinten Henighan, Chef Kimberly, Kim Castano, Megan Grigg (Forsyth Futures), Crystal Simmons

### Welcome

Chairman Clarkson welcomes everyone.

### Acceptance of Minutes from 08/03/2020

Motion to approve minutes from 08/03/2020 by Brad Stanley, Second by Jack Monell. Unanimously approved.

### JCPC Allocations Committee Report

Stan - We have \$49,877 of unallocated funds to disburse, County has provided additional \$100,000. Submitted RPF, Allocations committee met, reviewed 3 received proposals. Just Us, \$2880, to add yoga and mindfulness to program. Project X, new program, an integrated program for youth 14-20 yrs at high risk for gang involvement. Will have 2-3 outreach coordinators to go out in community. Ask was \$149,877. We requested they scale back for a total of \$107,735. Eversley Village, new program provides interpersonal life skills, based on Cure Violence model, is a pilot project in rolling hills community. Allocations committee recommends \$39,262 for this program, without the assessment for Cure Violence.

Rich - Share the spreadsheet for the recommendation from the Allocations committee. Propose a small change to county dollars vs JCPC dollars. County typically does not fund capital expenses. Applicants are on the line to answer any questions. El Amin – should identify allocation members that participated in the meeting. Stan, Shontell, Commissioner El Amin, Tia Warren, Keith Brown, Tony Lo Guidice, Nerissa Crawford.

El Amin – Motion to accept recommendations of Allocations Committee and send to the County Commissioners for approval. Brad Stanley Seconds. Marilyn Odom abstains. All in favor. Motion passes. Stan excited about the new programs.

### JCPC Committee Assignments

Stan – sent a survey gauging interest on committee members. Ongoing discussions. Additional conversations about creating a time sensitive committee of essential players of gun and gang violence in area. Appreciate your attendance and participation; would like to see the JCPC council to emerge as a greater contributor to important decisions going forward.

### Conflict of interest Statements

Stan - Some members still need to complete the Conflict of interest document. Kimberly – Correct, think only 3 outstanding, will reach out via email if we need a format other than DocuSign.

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### Gang Assessment Committee Report

Jack Monell – Megan Grigg, Forsyth Future, is here. Megan – now in 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of comprehensive gang study. Reached out to many members, experts, law enforcement, youth agencies, youth protective factors, etc. Next step, submitted formal request to WS/FC schools, due to nature of data, request sent through research and evaluation board, a very formal request, needed letter of support from School superintendent. In a good place to meet deadline. Covid has made things more challenging, Aiming for all data collected and analysis in January, Report completed in April. Rich – have you included the Adult probation gang unit in a request for information? Megan – no, have not. Rich – Will send you that information, they have a wealth of knowledge. Part of the assessments is focus groups – with Covid – how will you engage the community? Megan – one of first obstacles was student survey, really wanted that, but will move forward with online survey. Focus groups, will be creative, may be able to contact neighborhood associations. Working with programs that can help me connect with families, hoping WS/FCS can help connect me as well. Jack – been working with them to help connect with orgs that can help, been great to keep me informed, excited to see what they produce. El Amin – Have you been able to connect with Neighbors for better Neighborhoods? Meghan – no but that is a great avenue, contact? El Amin – Veronica Bidding.

### NC Department of Public Safety – Community Programs

Rich – Bi Laws going to slow down the changes. Wait to hear what we need to do with open meeting law and Covid. Not sure of in-person meeting requirements. Risk and Need committee – will go ahead and sent out at a glance document. Would like to approve RFP for FY22 at December meeting. Monitoring Committee – Forsyth County monitors programs in Fall and in Spring before funding recommendations. JCPC policy only requires one per year. Be thinking - do we want to only monitor one time this year? Can share thoughts with Kim, Stan, Dr. Warren, and Commissioner El Amin. Don't want to place undue burden on programs and us during Covid. Would have liked to get back the Forsyth Futures assessment before making policy recommendations, but due to increasing level of gang, gun violence, needed to expedite programming decisions. Numbers about 10 percentage points higher than state average. Department of Public Safety Issued another RFP for level 2 dollars for these issues. Process will not be a local process, statewide. RFP open until Nov. 9 11:59 pm. You will hear from orgs today asking for letters of support of these dollars. Local JCPC must provide letter for these programs to apply for the dollars.

### Requests for JCPC Letters of Support - Requests for Level 2 RFP

Yohima Casey, selfless foundation – executive director, operating in Greensboro NC, offices. Program - Exposed transitional living services, to teens 16-21. New cardinal provider. Job training, use ACRA approach, unique aspect - we maintain 50% Spanish speaking staff at all times. Valerie Glass – in research phase, no details yet. Kalya Steele – looking into these funds to add back outreach coordinator to work solely with court referred youth.

Stan – Rich, require a vote to provide letters? Rich – yes or can be done through executive committee. Stan would like to see this get Council approval.

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Keith Brown – motion to approve issuing letters of support to all three programs. El Amin – Second. All in favor. Motion passes.

### Juvenile Justice Updates

Stan – Challenging time as raise the age implemented. House bill 593, intention is to keep 16-17 year olds out of jail. Must go to Juvenile detention center. Strained with number of juveniles, one reason if 16-17 prob cause with class a-g felony, must be charged as adult. Brad Stanley – From the Sheriff's department, those youths that had charges prior to this law date, some issues in the transition.

### Other Announcements

Nicole Alford – Family Services – last year receiving referrals with much higher level of court involvement youth. Closer to gun/gang violence. Lynn Rhodes – Authoring Action- thank you for approval of funding, in past 6 years, have had about 20-30% gang involved participants. Will have a future budget revision as we bring on William Holmes as a male mentor. Chef Kimberly – kids at work – just finished virtual session, new location at Ardmore Baptist church, 9 students enrolled there with Chef Hollywood, still have the music program and vocational kids. Send referrals so we can serve as many kids as we can, trying to do more outreach. Valerie TRJ – impact circles restart, continuing virtually. Restart class just finished, new class starting soon. Impact circles hybrid – open for referrals now, aggression replacement training. Relying on schools for referrals, since not in session, an impact, but moving forward with other avenues. Quinten – lost a few sites due to covid, still have soup kitchen, other avenues. Serve 20 kids, 13 current. Marilyn Odom - Teen court starts tomorrow. Brittany Insight – 12 referrals for evaluation since July 1. Only 3 of 12 are pending. 9 substance abuse referrals, more 14, 15, 16 year olds.

Motion to approve Just Us budget amendment to accommodate new male mentor by Commissioner El Amin, second by Brad Stanley. All approved.

Lynn Rhodes – Question for Stan and Keith, seeing difference in juvenile justice system with kids not being in school? Stan – school based offenses down, many more violent, gun offenses, level of incident, more from 16-17 year olds. School justice partnership still around, Sherriff department doing more sros, tomorrow part of crisis intervention and eck (h=gun education).

El Amin – Moving forward, hope that all programs funded by Forsyth County JCPC give thought on how COVID has impacted your program, a summary, how is impacting youth in our community.

### Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn – Brad Stanley, second Commissioner El Amin. Meeting adjourned.