



# North Carolina Department of Public Safety

## Governor's Crime Commission

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**Governor's Crime Commission  
Juvenile Justice Planning Committee  
1201 Front Street  
Raleigh, NC 27609  
May 26, 2020  
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:**

Members: Julius Corpening; Beth Freshwater-Smith; Virginia Lee Jicha; William Lassiter; Lauren Smith; Wendy Sotolongo; James Speight; Bruce Stanley; Chris Suggs; Lorraine Taylor; Robert "Bo" Trumbo; James West ; Dianne Whitman.

GCC Staff: Diane Barber-Whitaker; Marty Brown; Nickisha Livingston, Toni Lockley, Annette Parchue, Caroline Valand.

JJDP Chair, Reverend Bruce Stanley, called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

Chair Bruce Stanley called attention to the meeting minutes of February 25, 2020. The members approved the minutes.

GCC Executive Director, Caroline Valand, reminded members of the Covid Response Bill rules relating to remote meetings that members were required to introduce themselves every time they speak and that all votes will be taken via roll call.

**Contact Information/SAG Membership**, Chair Bruce Stanley. There were no updates.

**Staff Update– FY 2019 and FY 2018 Awards, Marty Brown**

**FY 2019 awards**

- Letters were mailed out.
- Coalition for JJ Annual Conference will be held November 18 – 21, 2020 in Washington, DC. Registration is now open. Some funding available to State Advisory Group.

**FY 2018 Awards**

- OJJDP notified GCC that funds will be released soon. Some of the awards moved over to other funding sources.

**3-year plan**

- A retreat is usually held in summer. Members were encouraged to think about a retreat for the latter part of year.

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**2020 JJ Applications Scoring, JJPC and GCC Staff (attachment 1)**

GCC Deputy Director, Diane Barber-Whitaker said that for the FY 2020 applications, the staff used the FY 2019 total award figure as a base since the 2020 amount was unknown. FY 2019 award was as follows:

FY 2019 Total Award	1,196, 967.00
10% Planning and Administration	(119,696.00)
SAG Allocation	(20,000.00)
Available Funding for Applications	1,057,270.30
Applications Recommended for Funding	934,431.18
Funding Remaining	122,839.12

- The staff ranked the projects first by priority, from highest to lowest scoring, followed by recommendation from the RED-DMC Subcommittee.
- Projects were color-coded as follows:
  - Green - recommended for funding based on order of highest scoring or where RED-DMC recommended.
  - Red - were the lower scoring projects which were not likely to be funded as they fell below the mark. The only place where the red was higher than the green was in racial and ethnic disparity.
  - Yellow – were projects open for discussion.
- 2020 Racial and Ethnic Disparities. There were 5 applications received under this program, 2 were recommended for funding while 3 fell below the mark.
  - Dr. Lorraine Taylor, Chair, RED-DMC Subcommittee, gave a summary of what was discussed during their meeting. Carolina Justice Policy Center (CJPC) application was the most popular and they had the largest budget of \$269,100.00. Although it scored highly, there were concerns about its feasibility and there being no Memorandum of Understandings to show that schools or other agencies were on board with their program. RED-DMC recommended that CJPC be funded at a lower level funding (about 50%) to free up money for others.
  - Based on RED-DMC Subcommittee decision, Dr. Taylor made a motion that the order of funding be changed as follows:
    - Tie for Guys
    - City of Goldsboro
    - Johnson County Schools
    - Carolina Justice Policy Center (allocate if funds remaining).
- 2020 Raise the Age Implementation. There were 12 applications submitted, 5 were

approved, 5 fell below the mark, 2 for discussion (these were small enough to be funded with remaining balance if approved as alternatives).

- NCCDA project would provide for a Juvenile Court Prosecutor. Although it fell below the mark, the members felt it was important to keep the position. Comments included that it brought awareness to raise the age across the state; it would be helpful to the new prosecutors who had not tried juvenile cases before; it would also be helpful since juvenile court was not just about how to try cases, but rather a therapeutic court in which one tried to find the right service for a child.
  - Wendy Sotolongo made a motion that the Committee approve funding for the 5 blocks of application under the 2020 Raise the Age Implementation.
- 2020 School Justice Partnership. There were 4 projects submitted, 2 were approved. HIGHTs Inc. was denied as it was awarded a large VOCA amount.
    - Virginia Lee Jicha made a motion that the 2 projects be approved.
    - Caroline Valand asked the committee to prioritize the remaining projects to see how best to spend the remaining funds of approximately \$105,000. Members expressed interest in Family Services of Davidson County, Inc.
    - The committee preference was as follows:
      1. NCCDA (Raise the Age)
      2. Carolina Justice Policy Center (Racial and Ethnic Disparities)
      3. Family Services of Davidson County, Inc. (School Justice Partnerships)
    - Billy Lassiter made a motion to accept the projects above as an alternative in the order listed.

James Speight, Beth Freshwater-Smith and Bill Lassiter had recusals.

New business: None

Old Business: None

Chair Bruce Stanley adjourned the meeting at 2:23 p.m.

Meeting minutes taken by Annette Parchue.

Attachment: 2020 JJ Applications Scores Update 2