



**Juvenile Jurisdiction Advisory Committee  
Subcommittee: School Justice Partnerships**

3010 Hammond Business Place  
Raleigh, NC 27603

Tuesday, May 1, 2018

**Subcommittee Members:** Judge Jay Corpening, II, Chair; Ronnie Ansley; Betty Budd (m); Tarrah Callahan (m); Krista Hiatt (m); Rachel Johnson (m); Jeffrey Ledford (m); Kym Martin (m); Ben Matthews; Peggy Nicholson; Catherine Peglow; Cindy Porterfield; Jon Powell; LaToya Powell; Kimberly Quintus; and Mary Stansell (m)

Call to order 12:08 pm by Judge Jay Corpening, II

- Introductions

**School Justice Partnership Toolkit: Overview** presentation by LaToya Powell, Assistant Legal Counsel, NC Administrative Office of the Courts [Reference PowerPoint presentation]

- Toolkit will be available online at [SJP.NCCOURTS.ORG](http://SJP.NCCOURTS.ORG)
- Questions/comments can be sent via email to [SJP@nccourts.org](mailto:SJP@nccourts.org)
- Interest expressed in the role of the SJP regarding suspensions.
- How many Focus Acts trigger school suspension? The model suggests that schools should not use out-of-school suspension as punishment for misconduct. Research shows no improvement in behavior following suspension.
- Discussed supporting positive response (PBIS) to discipline.
- Discussed separate agreements for separate school systems in the same county. Individual counties will determine whether multiple agreements are needed.
- Subcommittee members expressed an interest in seeing DMC decision-point statistics.
- Updated training for law enforcement is being added to the current BLET. Some updates this year, some (raise the age specific) next year.
- Training is very important to clarify the role of an SRO. Explore legislative review of mandatory training (specifically with a time-based requirement). Online training was one recommendation. Will sit down with Trevor Allen and Scott Grantham of CJ Standards to discuss CJ Standards training for SRO training. Discussed possible DMC and SJP topic coverage in "Juvenile Minority Sensitivity Training" required of law enforcement officers (existing hours requirement).
- Discussion of pilot Court Counselor in school model.
- Keep SROs in the schools and out of the courthouse. Discussed list of possible offenses to include in the SJP agreement. Though, a lesser number of misdemeanor complaints will continue. The toolkit recommends a graduated response model.
- System of Care collaboratives in counties can help educate stakeholders in available community resources.

**(School Justice Partnerships and Juvenile Crime Prevention Councils)** presentation by Cindy Porterfield, Director of Juvenile Community Programs [Reference PowerPoint presentation]

- School Justice Partnerships and Juvenile Crime Prevention Councils can work together towards similar goals
- Discussion on addendum to annual plan to delineate how expansion funds would be used to address expanded population and goals
  - JCPC Consultant monitoring and existing required data submissions (with existing deadlines) would serve program monitoring well and allow agility to respond to successes and challenges. SJP Progress Monitoring Teams could receive and analyze annually reported data - coordinate with JCPCs.
- Discussion of the possibility of requiring a Letter of Intent from each county to receive expansion funding
- JCPCs currently serve some older children but must change the NC Administrative Code to reflect serving those 18 and older
- Discussed role of AOC policy for Chief District Court Judges in reference to SJPs.
- Will there be a requirement for SROs to be trained before funding is awarded?
- Letters of Intent should be implemented the second year of funding so we can provide more information to stakeholders.
- Discussion of grant funding and letters of intent. Discussion of introducing school justice partnerships model (role of increasing graduation rates and keeping SROs present in the school) to the school safety related stakeholders' discussions/summit.
- When toolkit is complete, Director Warren will notify Chief District Court Judges, and dates for convening SJPs will follow.

**Tarrah Callahan** made the following motion:

- Recommendation that requests for expansion funding for School Resource Officers include a training requirement for School Resource Officers and language consistent with plan to establish a school justice partnership.

Motion seconded and carried.

**William Lassiter** made the following motion:

- Recommendation that all school safety conversations must include School Justice Partnerships as part of the discussion.

Motion seconded and carried.

These recommendations will be made to the Juvenile Jurisdiction Advisory Committee on May 22, 2018.

Thanks to Peggy at Youth Justice Partnership for the data collection preparation.

Judge Corpening invited Dr. Benjamin Matthews of DPI to be included in upcoming meetings.

William Lassiter will reach out to William Hussey, State Director of Exceptional Children Services, NCDPI, regarding mental health in schools.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm