

SOUTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR'S JUVENILE JUSTICE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2022 at 10:30 am

Epworth Children's Home

2900 Millwood Ave, Columbia, SC 29205

Members Present (In person): Rev. John Holler, Amanda Whittle, Dioné Carroll, Rev. Robert Reid, Roderick Pam, Kathryn Moorehead, Jerry Allred, Christopher Ross, Dr. Markesha Miller, Dr. Blake Taylor, Rachel Burns (Youth), Oscar Douglas (via WebEx)

Staff Members Present: Aloysius Anderson and Kayla Boston (recorder)

Guests (In Person): Christine Wallace, Eden Hendrick, Kayla Capps, Sean Fay

- I. Welcome by the Chair:** Acting Chair Amanda Whittle welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order.

Rev. Robert Reid asked for any prayer requests from the Council and led in prayer.

- II. Approval of Minutes:** Acting Chair Whittle asked if everyone had a chance to review the minutes from the June 10, 2022 meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

III. Agency Updates

- a. SCDJJ:** Director Eden Hendrick presented the update. The agency is working to revamp the executive staff and has hired a Deputy Director that will be over Programs and Services as well as a Deputy Director that will oversee Administrative Services.

The agency held its first in-person graduation where the students' families were able to attend. There are several students in college on and off campus.

Ten staff members visited a facility in Florida where they were able to see how a privately run facility is operated. This was an excellent team building and educational experience for the staff.

The agency plans to update the DJJ website regularly with capital project information and strategic projects that they are working on. There will also be positive stories posted on the agency's social media.

SCDJJ has a new mission statement, vision statement and new values.

b. Other Agency Update:

- i. DSS:** Mr. Sean Fay presented the update. There are over 22,000 children being served across the state through preservation, investigations and foster care. Currently, there are 3,910 children in foster care with 2,508 in a

traditional foster care setting, 875 in kinship care and 477 in congregate care or group homes.

- ii. **Children's Advocacy:** Acting Chair Whittle presented staff updates. The agency has hired a new Public Information Director that will start next week. They are in need of an IT Consultant and an IT Director. The agency now has a director of the Investigations Unit and two full-time Investigators.

Acting Chair Whittle informed the Council that Ms. Kayla Capps has had a title change to Deputy Child Advocate of System Improvement.

- c. **Staff Update:** Mr. Aloysius Anderson informed the Council that the 2021 Title II Formula award has been received with a 20% reduction due to compliance status. The total award is \$573,239, 50% of the award must be spent on deinstitutionalization of status offender projects.

- IV. **FY 2022 Grant Recommendations:** A motion was made to go into Executive Session. The motion was properly seconded and carried unanimously.

The Council voted on whether non-appointed members should be present while the FY 2022 Recommendations are being discussed. The majority voted that the non-appointed members are able to participate in discussion, however, they will not provide input on grant applications related to their respective agency and they will not vote on any projects.

Mr. Aloysius Anderson presented the FY 2022 Formula Grant recommendations. The Council voted to modify the recommendation for the Fifth Circuit Solicitor's Office by recommending funding for one juvenile solicitor instead of the two requested juvenile solicitors. A motion was made to approve the recommendations with the modification. The motion was properly seconded and carried.

- V. **Discussion:** None.

- VI. **Adjourn:** With no further discussion, meeting adjourned.