



## Juvenile Jurisdiction Advisory Committee

3010 Hammond Business Place

Raleigh, NC 27603

(Meeting held via WebEx)

Friday, July 16, 2021

### **Members:**

Bill D. Davis, Co-Chair, Garry Frank – Co-Chair, Stella Bailey, Betty Budd, Tarrah E. Callahan, J. H. Corpening, II, Beth Freshwater-Smith, Jennifer Knox, Michelle Hall, Andrew Heath, Krista Hiatt, Jennifer Knox, William L. Lassiter, Jeffrey Ledford, Martin B. McGee, Carol McManus, Robert B. Rader, Mary D. Stansell, Heather Taraska, Dr. Robert Taylor, Eric Zogry

### **Attendees:**

Catherine Anderson, Ryan Boyce, Tasha Jones Butts, Venecia Carr, Duane Cogdell, Justin Davis, Brandy Farrell, Garry Frank, Sonja Frison, Jonelle Giulianelli, Jeffrey Goldsmith, Elizabeth Halstead, Amber Hardy, Erin Hickey, Jerry Higgins, Adam Johnson, Diana Kees, Peter Kuhns, Phil Maychek, Ian McAdoo, Cindy Porterfield, LaToya Powell, Russell Price, Kimberly Quintus, Jamie Sales, Jennifer Short, Angie Smith, Theresa Stanley, Michael Williams, Keesha White

**Swearing in of new members:** Associate Justice, NC Supreme Court, Philip Berger, Jr.

### **Call to Order: 10:05 AM**

- Bill Davis, Co-Chair, welcome and opening remarks
- Review of minutes from April 23, 2021 full committee meeting. Motion accepted, seconded, Motion passed.

### **Presentation by Michael O'Key**

- Introduced by Duane Cogdell, Juvenile Justice Education Services
- The experience of Mr. Michael O'Key in the JJ system, observations and recommendations

### **Juvenile Justice Implementation Update**

William L. Lassiter, Deputy Secretary for Juvenile Justice

(Kimberly Quintus, JJRA Coordinator and Cindy Porterfield, Director of Juvenile Community Programs)

- Welcome new members and brief overview of JJAC
- Update of RtA: Data and Programming
  - Overview topics: School Safety Summit to be held on 8/2/21 at UNC-G will discuss the State Action Plan on School Safety and Mental Health
  - Discussion of racial equity training for all Juvenile Justice staff and program providers- GCC grant.
  - Discussion of Program Data
  - Overview Topics: Juvenile numbers steady during pandemic. Detention population and length of stay, YDC commitments, delinquency rates, and transfers to supreme court data shared.
  - Discussion of Juvenile Community Programs/Program Expansion Highlights
    - Overview topics: lessons learned regarding state processes and partnerships, JCPC funds and intensive services, expansion strategies, impact of jurisdiction policies, pilot programs for teen court

## **Legislative Update**

Justin Davis, DPS Legislative Affairs

- S 207: JJAC recommendations:
  - Part 1-YDC extended commitment and Post-Release supervision
  - Part 2-Juvenile Transfer Housing changes
  - Part 3-Superior court responsibilities
  - Part 4-Keeping D-G felony cases in juvenile court
  - Part 5-Raises the minimum age for delinquent and undisciplined youth under juvenile court jurisdiction (child consultation, counselor involvement, parental responsibility)
- H 252: JJAC recommendations
- H 301: Petitions to expunge certain crimes.
- H 173: Separation of Juvenile Justice and Adult Corrections into two divisions
- H 183: Juvenile Court Counselor sensitivity training – Agency Bill. Passed prior to crossover but has not moved in Senate
- H 225: Didn't meet crossover
- H 261: Didn't meet crossover

**Lunch.**

## **Minimum Age Update**

J. H. Corpening, II, Chief District Court Judge for District 5

- Presentation by J.H. Corpening, overview of subcommittee's work.
- Clinical considerations for capacity to proceed to trial for juveniles. Subcommittee continuing to meet to craft a capacity recommendation.

**Public Comment** –received following the conclusion of the meeting

- “Thank you for your great work on SB207. At Disability Rights NC, we support raising the minimum age to 10 or even higher. It is vitally important to children with disabilities in NC that SB207 be passed as is, without any exceptions or carve-outs limiting its scope and application.” -Tara Muller, Disability Rights  
“On behalf of the ACLU of North Carolina, I am writing to express our strong support for raising the minimum age to 12 (or at least 10) years old. We need to protect young kids from the trauma of being taken to court and instead focus on helping them thrive. It is essential that this bill be passed without exceptions to its application.”  
– Ann Webb, ACLU of NC

## **Next Steps & Chairs' Direction**

Honorable Garry Frank & Mr. Bill D. Davis

- Next meeting: October 29th, 2021
- The Minimum Age subcommittee will continue to meet.

Moved and seconded to adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM.

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