

New Hanover County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

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Special points of interest:

The JCPC recently elected officers for the new fiscal year. They are:

Chris Coudriet, Chairman

Bob Speight, Vice-Chairman

**Dolores Williams, Secretary/
Treasurer**

For more information about your local JCPC, contact Dolores Williams, newsletter editor, at (910) 341-5851 or dolores.williams@wilmingtonnc.gov

The New Hanover County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council will meet at noon at on the following dates:

September 19, 2008

November 21, 2008

December 19, 2008

January 16, 2009

March 20, 2009

April 17, 2009

June 19, 2009

Meetings are open to the public. Call the County Manager's Office at (910) 789-7174 for more meeting information.

JCPC Recurring Funding Reinstated

The debate raged in the General Assembly this year as funding allocated to each of the 100 North Carolina counties for juvenile crime prevention programs was removed from the State budget. Members of the local JCPC and JCPC funded program directors went to Raleigh to speak with members of the allocation committees for the State House of Representatives and Senate. They also met with our local legislative delegation. The goal was to garner support to reinstate JCPC funding on a recurring basis. Other JCPCs throughout the State and other organizations concerned with the welfare of

our youth and juvenile crime prevention joined forces and convinced the General Assembly to reinstate JCPC funding on a recurring basis. As an added bonus, an additional \$500,000 was approved by the General Assembly for JCPC programs statewide. The allocation of these additional funds to the JCPCs is being handled by the NC Department of Juvenile Justice and Crime Prevention. New Hanover County may receive some additional program funding.

Each county has a JCPC authorized by State statute to assess, prioritize and identify ways to meet the needs of youth who are at-risk for

delinquency or who have been adjudicated undisciplined or delinquent. The JCPC recommends funding to the New Hanover County Board of Commissioners for youth programs that address the risk factors. The JCPC monitors the effectiveness of the funded programs.

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Juvenile Day Treatment Center—In the Spotlight feature story coming next issue

Local Program Funding Approved by County

At its July 7th meeting, the New Hanover County Board of Commissioners approved the JCPC recommendations to partially fund the Juvenile Day Treatment Center in the amount of \$168,570 and Juvenile Psychological Services in the amount of \$226,905; and

to fully fund New Hanover County Teen Court in the amount of \$40,150. Eight thousand dollars was allocated to the JCPC administrative budget. Five grants applications totaling \$625,495 were received. The New Hanover County funding plan

is awaiting approval from the NC Department of Juvenile Justice and Crime Prevention. For more information about the NCDJJCPC, visit its website at www.ncdjicpc.org. The local JCPC website is being updated and should be back online soon.

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THE WEB SOON!

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The NHC JCPC has 26 members. One position is vacant.

The current members serving on the JCPC are:

AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES:

Nancy Pritchett, NHC Commissioner

Chris Coudriet, Assistant County Manager

Lillian Salcines Bright, Assistant District Attorney

J H Corpening, Chief District Court Judge

Michelle Guarino, Gang Counselor, NHC Sheriff Department

Melissa Budd, Social Worker, Wilmington Police Department

Jane McDonald, Coastal Hori-

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Wanda Marino, Assistant Director, NHC Department of Social Services

Ellen Harrison, NHC Health Department

Robert Speight, Director, Department of Juvenile Justice

Judy Hall, Southeast Center for Mental Health

Dr. Rick Holliday, Director of Student Support Services, NHC Schools

Eline Rhoades, United Way

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

Business—Elena Pezzuto, Psychologist

Faith—Sonja Robinson

Juvenile Defense Attorney—Ruchadina Waddell

Parks & Rec—Ryan Tunstall, City Recreation Coordinator

Under Age 18—Alma Sanchez and Nicholas Scharff

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

Henry Batts, Jr., Retired

Hattie Cooper-Mclver, Wilmington Housing Authority

William Crews, Jr., Businessman

Walter Engle, Assistant Principal, Gregory School

George Tilley, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, NHC Health Dept. and Private Practice

Dolores Williams, Assistant City Attorney



Sonja Robinson, Chairman of the JCPC Publicity Committee and John Ranalli, Executive Director of the Juvenile Day Treatment Center work on updating the JCPC website.