



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
DECEMBER 1, 2014, 9:30 A.M.
ROBERT E. HIBBITTS MEETING ROOM
1924 COURTHOUSE, NEWTON, N.C.**



The Board approved a set of recommended proposed risk and needs priorities for the Catawba County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC), as recommended by the Council after review of court data, with input from juvenile court counselors and funded programs.

The JCPC is an organization established by the State of North Carolina's Department of Public Safety. Membership is determined mostly by the North Carolina Statute establishing the JCPC. Representatives are those involved with youth. The JCPC is advisory to the Board of Commissioners, and exists to identify risks of youth in the community, prevent crime among at-risk youth, review court data and identify needed programs to provide intervention and prevention. Funding is allocated by the State, then distributed to the County and then to programs.

The JCPC must follow a process each year that begins with prioritizing risks and needs, with the final step being approval of a funding plan. The risks and needs priorities are determined in the fall/early winter, and the approval of the funding plan occurs in the spring. JCPC identifies risk factors, based on court data; develops a list of priorities to address the risk factors; and reviews and approves the priorities. Once priorities are developed, the JCPC advertises to invite programs to submit proposals to address risk factors, reviews proposals and recommends a funding plan to the JCPC. In the spring, and once proposals are received, the JCPC develops an annual plan and submits the plan to the Board of Commissioners.

Based on JCPC discussions over the past year, the recommended list of priorities for funding for the next fiscal year are: 1) psychological services/comprehensive assessments; 2) counseling; 3) substance abuse; 4) restitution/community service; 5) mentoring; 6) mediation; 7) sexual offender; 8) crisis beds/emergency shelter; 9) home based services; 10) structured day; 11) parenting/family skill building; 12) interpersonal skills; 13) residential group homes; 14) tutoring, and 15) day treatment.

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