



**Passaic County Youth Services Commission
March 21, 2019 Minutes**

Voting members present:

1. Freeholder Theodore T.J. Best
2. Hon. Rudolph A. Filko
3. Dawn Moody
4. Jason Harding
5. Brenda Browne
6. Linda Chavez
7. Larry Feather
8. Samirah Johnson
9. La'Quan Hargrove
10. Gino Arevalo
11. D/Sgt. Laila Cristobal
12. D/Sgt. Kelly Pacelli
13. Le'Var Starr
14. Humberto Cuadrado

Voting members absent:

1. Melanie Nowling, Esq.
2. Judy Fallon
3. Nick Bucci
4. Duwan Bogert
5. Carolyn McCombs

Non-Voting members present:

1. Amanda Compton
2. John D. Givens
3. Francine Vince

Others present:

1. Jennifer Wood
2. Carl Phipps
3. Cristina Pagan Barnes-Lee

4. Donna Glinkin
5. Gabriel Montero
6. Jesse Wasserman
7. Rev. Joseph T. Robinson
8. Sondas Abid
9. Detective Angelica Rodriguez
10. Myrna Villanueva
11. Ryan Mcnamee
12. Tashai McFarlane
13. Kathi Champagne
14. Jaclyn Marcella
15. Elizabeth Cano

The meeting was called to order by Freeholder Theodore T.J. Best at 3:05 PM.

Members and other present introduced themselves.

Vince made the announcement of the Open Public Meetings Act.

A motion was made by Cuadrado and seconded by Filko to open the public portion of the meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

Seeing no members of the public, a motion was made by Cuadrado and seconded by Filko to close the public portion of the meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Cuadrado and seconded by Filko to approve the minutes dated January 18, 2019.

Motion passed unanimously.

Under Monitoring Committee Reports, McFarlane reported that all of the monitoring dates were scheduled and ready to start in the end of April. Compton stated that all of the programs have to be monitored and completed before the plan is submitted to JJC in August.

Under Executive Committee Reports, Best stated that the committee met on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 and was very productive. The committee had a chance to review and restructure the sub-committees to keep us more in line with our mission and things that need to be accomplished. Vince stated that all of the voting members were part of a committee and there were still vacancies for individuals to sign up. Compton stated that members and providers are also allowed to join sub-committees however if you are funded you cannot be on the allocations sub-committee but you can be on any of the others. Vince stated that the committee also talked about doing a potential modification to our application for this year. The Youth Recovery Coach was included this year but never got off the ground. It was put out for bid twice and received no applicants for either bid. One of the suggestions was made to put it back out to the providers to see if there was another program that can be done or to redistribute the funds of \$35,000 to existing providers. To the committee do you want to?

- A. Seek another provider for the Youth Recovery Coach Program
- B. Would you like to put it out to allocations to find uses for that money among our currently funded providers

Filko made a suggestion to reach out to Eva's and Mr. Santillo to see if they have any ideas or direction to see if we can get services for juveniles in need of a recovery coach. Compton stated that the recovery coach program can be a 1 year option and can be put out for RFP in 2020 and the \$35,000 can be reallocated for 2019.

A motion was made by Cuadrado and seconded by Filko to reallocate the \$35,000 from the Youth Recovery Coach Program.

Motion passed unanimously.

Vince stated that she will reach out to all of the providers letting them know that they have a small amount of time to let us know what they want to use that funding for, then we can put in a request to JJC after it has been approved by the committee at a special voting meeting.

Under Youth Services Commission Reports, Givens stated that they are still having problems with getting monthly, quarterly narratives and invoices in on time. Givens also stated that if anyone needs JAMS training to please let us know. Vince stated that a new database has been created so that the monthly reports will feed directly into a real-time master report on the numbers of folks we are serving and a real-time feedback on the spending going forward. Best stated that this system will allow the program announcements to be meatier so they may discuss special happenings within the program. Givens stated that they will hopefully be sending out the award letters since the approval package should arrive any day.

Under Juvenile Justice Commission Liaison report, Compton reported that on April 11, 2019 from 10 - 2:00 PM, Ocean County will be holding an open house for their Co-Occurring Disorder Program. Space is limited, if anyone is interested please contact Compton. Alexander will then confirm with those that are going. Vineland Prep is also having an open house on April 17, 2019 for one of their Substance Abuse programs.

Under Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative, Filko reported that they had a meeting at 2:00 PM today to formally vote on their 2019 Passaic County Youth and Family Enrichment Program for \$111,000. There was a unanimous approval through the local JDAI committee and is now presenting it to the YSC committee for approval.

A motion was called by Cuadrado and seconded by Moody to approve the 2019 JDAI Passaic County Youth and Family Enrichment Program.

Motion passed with Filko and Arevalo abstaining.

Best stated that in the Executive Meeting they also discussed the change of the YSC meeting time from 3:00 PM to 12:30 PM. The committee discussed the benefits of having an earlier meeting.

A motion was called by Arevalo and seconded by Browne to move the YSC meeting time from 3:00 PM to 12:30 PM.

Motion passed unanimously.

No old business.

No new business.

Under Program Announcements:

New Destiny was not present, all After School Prevention and Parenting reports were submitted.

Family Intervention Services/Sexting/Cyberbullying Program, Arevalo reported that they had (12) referrals, of the (12), (7) successfully completed the program, and (5) dropped out. The 2nd round will take place at Highlands Family Success Center in West Milford by the end of April or beginning of May and are targeting the community in West Milford since services are limited there. They will also be doing their Strengthening Families there for the 2nd quarter. Arevalo further reported that they are also thinking of bringing the program to incorporate in the Passaic Station House Adjustment Program and to also include the schools.

Passaic Police Department/Station House Adjustment Program, Cristobal reported that they are still waiting for their 2019 award letter and currently have (20) juveniles waiting for their next Station House Program to start. For the month of February they had (6) new SHAP referrals, (58) juveniles were arrested, of those (19) cases were petitioned to court, (39) were handled within the department via curbside, station house, curfew and or referred to other agencies.

Family Intervention Services/Family Crisis Intervention Unit, Glinkin reported that in February they had (113) new referrals and did not have any petitions or placements.

Paterson Police Department/Station House Adjustment Program, Pacelli introduced their new Detective, Angelica Rodriguez. They currently have (18) juveniles waiting for their next Station House Adjustment Program. In the beginning of February they had (9) juveniles, (3) entered last month and (0) were discharged. They have (47) juveniles currently under investigation, (3) were referred to Family Crisis, (5) were referred to Family Court, and (7) were referred to the Paterson Board of Education for disciplinary actions.

County of Passaic, Department of Human Services/High Supervision/Home Detention Programs, Givens reported that they started the month with (15) youth, (11) entered during the month, and (2) came from Risk Screening Tools. Of the (18) that were discharged, (6) were terminated, and (12) completed successfully. They serviced (64) during the month and closed with (46).

Options Counseling Center/Drug and Alcohol Counseling, Abid reported that they had (3) the first day of the month, (2) entered, (2) new referrals, and they closed the month with (5).

County of Passaic, Department of Human Services/MDT, Hargrove reported that they started the month with (37) juveniles, (12) juveniles entered, (7) entered, (7) were discharged, cumulative number was (19), they received (12) new referrals, and there were (31) the last day of the month.

Probation/Girls Group, Wood reported that the Girls Group was held on February 28, 2019 and all of the referrals came from Probation. There were (12) referrals and (8) girls attended the program. The facilitator for this event was Twanna White from Free the Queens and she presented from their Passaic Branch location.

Probation/Probation Orientation Program, Wood reported that they had (17) new referrals for the month and hosted an Art Contest where (10) juveniles participated by submitting art pieces reflecting their representation of the past, present, and future. On February 7, 2019 they held a family gathering where they presented the juveniles with awards and gifts. The art will be displayed in Family Court as soon as they receive frames for their artwork.

Moody stated that they have not started their Life Skills portion of their programs due to not receiving their award letter. Givens stated that if their program's authority allows you to start your program without

an award letter, the County of Passaic will pay you. Please start your programs. Best stated that PCCC has an Arts Grant they give out every year and the grants range from \$1,000 - \$10,000 and that would be perfect to buy materials and bring in outside artist to work with the juveniles.

City of Paterson, Youth Services Bureau/Disposition Program for Life Skills and Vocation, Pagan Barnes-Lee reported that in March they had (12) youth, (4) were successful, (1) violation, and currently have (7) youth, (2) in the Options Program, and (1) started a job. All of the students are attending school. The juveniles participated in an anti-violence men's conference in March and they program did not participate in any family nights. Pagan Barnes-Lee wants to plan a graduation in the freeholder's room in May for the (5) youth that successfully completed the program.

City of Paterson, Youth Services Bureau/Evening Reporting Center, Pagan Barnes-Lee reported that they started the month off with (5), (2) completed, and (1) juvenile entered the program. In February, they started the month with (2), (5) entered, and they completed the month with (2). Activities included: Movie outing, weekly arts and crafts, and a volunteer group comes in once a week. They continue to participate in the Living Proof DV organization.

Arevalo announced that the Family Engagement Committee will be starting their Trauma Series on March 27, 2019 from 6-8 PM at the Youth Services Bureau Community Hope Center once a month. Their 1st conversation will be on Healing/Trauma, recognizing what trauma is and services that can be provided and ways to deal with it for the community.

Discussion on the City of Paterson/Youth Services Bureau program and how successful it is.

M&S Psychotherapy and Counseling/ Juvenile Sex Offender Program, Montero reported that in January they had (6) juveniles in treatment and no new evaluations. In February they had (2) new evaluations and there were still (6) juveniles in treatment.

M&S Psychotherapy and Counseling/Drug and Alcohol Evaluations Program, Montero reported that in January they had (7) new referrals and they submitted (12) since they had some pending from December. In February there was (1) new referral and (6) were submitted for evaluations. Montero introduced Elizabeth Cano as their new Director of Community Relations and Marketing.

HOPE for Ex-Offenders/Re-Entry Community Options Program, Phipps reported that in February they started the month with (6) juveniles and they are still in the program.

Newark YMCA/Shelter Beds Program, Johnson reported that they currently have (1) youth and for January and February they had (3).

Compton stated to all providers when receiving referrals, it does not matter where the docket comes from as long as the youth is a Passaic County resident, please do not reject referrals from non-Passaic court.

Givens stated that during the course of a monitoring certain programs requires for them (Monitoring Committee) to see the kids.

A motion was made by Browne and seconded by Cuadrado to adjourn the meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 PM.

Attest:

Marilyn DeValle