



**Passaic County Youth Services Commission
March 17, 2021 Minutes**

Voting members present:

1. Susan Butterfield
2. Cynthia Heller
3. Commissioner Cassandra "Sandi" Lazzara
4. Hon. Rudolph Filko
5. Melanie Nowling, Esq.
6. Francine Vince
7. Myrna Villanueva for Dawn Moody
8. Kerry Klug
9. La'Quan Hargrove
10. D/Sgt. Kelly Pacelli
11. D/Sgt. Laila Cristobal
12. Brenda Browne
13. Carolyn McCombs
14. Donna Glinkin
15. Marqweesha Guthrie
16. Cristina Barnes-Lee
17. Shanell Toomer
18. Jason Harding
19. Stephen Radke
20. Raymond Branca

Voting members absent:

1. Kesha Drakeford
2. Duwan Bogert
3. Jayna Patel
4. James Sawyer

5. Humberto Cuadrado
6. Cristina Barnes-Lee
7. Larry Alvarez
8. Zhyiana Allen

Others present:

1. Amanda Compton-Dover
2. Kyle Sheehan
3. Kristin Hoffman
4. Deborah Holms
5. Miguel Williams
6. Le’Var Starr
7. Jenny Vuksic
8. Marilyn DelValle
9. Tashai McFarlane
10. Tenaya Bascomb
11. Sandra Castro
12. Gabriel Montero
13. Bonnie Roy
14. Cynthia Alameda
15. Kelly Hart
16. Lt. James Lane
17. Wendy Hartmann
18. Gino Arevalo
19. Rachel Kinne
20. Ryan Mcnamee
21. Robin Lavorato
22. Kimmeshia Rogers-Jones

The meeting was called to order by Heller, at 12:42 PM.

Hon. Rudolph A. Filko	Present
Melanie Nowling, Esq.	Present
Dawn Moody (Myrna Villanueva, Designee)	Present
Commissioner Cassandra “Sandi” Lazzara	Present
Jason Harding	Present
Larry Alvarez	Absent
Stephen Radke	Present
Brenda Browne	Present
Kesha Drakeford	Absent
Raymond Branca	Present
Francine Vince	Present
Shanell Toomer	Present
Donna Glinkin	Present
D/Sgt. Laila Cristobal	Present
Duwan Bogert	Absent

Cynthia Heller	Present
La'Quan Hargrove	Present
Humberto Cuadrado	Absent
D/Sgt. Kelly Pacelli	Present
Carolyn McCombs	Present
James Sawyer	Absent
Jayna Patel	Absent
Marqweesha Guthrie	Present
Cristina Barnes-Lee	Absent
Kerry Klug	Present
Susan Butterfield	Present
Zhyiana Allen	Absent

The Open Public Meeting announcement was made and was publicized on the Passaic County Website.

Approval of minutes

A motion was made by Vince and seconded by Guthrie to approve the minutes from February 17, 2021. Motion carried.

Presentation: (New Pathway) given by Robin Lavorato

Butterfield wanted the committee members to think about serving on the YSC sub-committees and further stated that it could also be one of their staff members and/or co-worker. If no one volunteers, then the Executive Committee will volunteer individuals.

Reports:

Monitoring Committee, McFarlane reported that the monitoring committee met on March 3, 2021 at 3:00 PM and they reviewed current monitoring policies. They also discussed the scope of the monitoring committee and the possibility of enhancing the monitoring tool. There was dialog around adding community members to the monitoring committee and they are currently scheduling monitoring for 2021 and emails will be sent out soon to all agencies.

Allocations Committee, Mcnamee reported that the committee met on March 10, 2021 and discussed the funding and how much money was in the budget and threw out some ideas on how to draw down the remaining unallocated funds. They also discussed bringing in New Pathways to give a presentation and the committee agreed to meet every 2 weeks so that they can come up with more ideas and something more tangible to bring to the Youth Services Commission for vote.

Planning Committee, McCombs reported that the committee met earlier today and had a great meeting with Troy Alexander from JJC. He gave some guidance around planning and how to get ahead of the curve for the Plan Update which will be due around August/October. They will be looking at schedule that they will be using to prepare for that Plan Update. The committee will be meeting monthly and the next meeting is scheduled for March 31, 2021 and then the following meetings will be held the 1st Wednesday of each month at 11:00 AM.

Education, Training, and Advocacy Committee, Starr reported that the committee were not able to meet and will report at the next YSC meeting.

Youth Services Commission Administrators, Starr reported that the Statewide meeting was held on March 15, 2021, and there was some conversation on the Governor's Proposed Budget around 4.2 million dollars

that was earmarked to the County Youth Services Commission, but it is not clear what it will be utilized for. In the Planning Committee meeting they asked the JJC State Rep. for clarity as to what the funds will be utilized for and they were not sure. Starr further stated that another item in the amount of 3 million dollars was earmarked for non-profit that will facilitate re-entry and was not just subject to adults and will be for youth as well. There was also some speak on the Garden State Guarantee which qualifying students with a household annual income of \$65,000 will be able to have their 1st 2 years of college or university paid for. Starr also reported that the State has completed their Comprehensive application review and we are awaiting an executed award and all providers should have received their award letters. Starr also stated that it is extremely important for all providers to send in their monthly ANNEX B.'s even if there were no expenditures/ and or not running any programs for that specific month for our records. New providers will have 2 pre-monitoring's to make sure they have as much support as they need. Starr concluded that he will be meeting up with Camp Hope to see if they can create a Youth Leadership Program for the youth and families of Passaic County.

JJC (Juvenile Justice Commission) Compton-Dover reported that to follow up with Starr, the Partnership Plan and Application is now at the Attorney General's Office. All JJC programs can move forward and believes that JAMS is updated. JJC is also in receipt of the Innovation Plan and Application and should also be at the Attorney General's Office. Compton-Dover also stated that there will be changes with the monitoring sub-committee and the monitoring teams. "If you are a non-funded member, we really need you to sign up for monitoring". The new monitoring tool will be on an average of a score, so the more people who attend the more visions the more accurate of a score we can get. Compton-Dover expressed the importance of when the email to sign up for monitoring goes out keep in mind that it is necessary and is required and they must get done for the Plan Update.

Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative, Nowling reported that there are not many changes and are waiting for the program to get off the ground that is in collaboration with PCTI (Passaic County Technical Institute) and are working with a list of youth from Probation who will be referred to the program. PCTI also hired their Coordinator (Tenaya Bascomb). Bascomb introduced herself and stated that she is working at PCTI full-time and they posted to hire instructors for the PEEP (Passaic Education Enrichment Program), laptops have been ordered for the program, and they are trying to solidify transportation for the participants. They program should be ready to go the 1st week of April 2021.

Executive Committee, Butterfield reiterated that the committee met last week and discussed today's agenda and discussed having more members join the sub-committees. If folks do not sign up, they will be chosen to join.

New Business

Juvenile Justice Reform

Harding reported that he wanted to give presentations regarding the Juvenile Justice Reform, the Attorney Generals Directive that took effect in December for all the new juvenile complaint systems and procedures. Harding stated that the best place to give the presentations would be through the Paterson, Passaic and Regional Passaic Police, Station House Adjustment Programs to try and pull in as many families from the local communities to come and observe the presentation. The presentation can also be extended to other providers, providing services to Passaic County, and can be done virtually for the next few months and hopefully have live presentations once the weather permits and they can be done outdoors. For those interested in having the presentation given to their participants and families, you can email Jason Harding @ JHarding@passaiccountynj.org.

Community Introduction

Starr asked if there was anyone from the community to please introduce themselves. Mr. Lenny Vega from the Passaic Police, Station House Adjustment Program introduced himself to the committee.

A motion was made by Guthrie and seconded by Heller to adjourn the meeting.
Meeting was adjourned at 1:45 PM

The next Youth Services Commission Meeting will be held on April 21, 2021.

Attest:

Marilyn DeValle