

Passaic County CIACC
401 Grand Street, Paterson, NJ 07505
Chair: Kelly Hart
Vice-Chair: Ana Maria Rivera
October 13, 2021

Attendance

Present

Kelly Hart, Highlands FSC	Donna Glinkin, MRSS
Ana Maria Rivera, Parent	Ingrid Vaca-Bullaro, FIS/CFS
Fanny Ochoa, Parent	Nancy Estreda, Community
Paulina Dutton, Circle of Care CMO	Stephanie Drag, Center for Alcohol & Drug
Cynthia Heller, CMO	Joanna O'Rourke, Up in PC
Sybil Schreiber, MHCoP	Nancy Estrada, Community
Kathi Champagne, FSO	Rachel Kinne, BBBS
James Sawyer, FSO	Yolanda Cobos, MHA of PC
Brenda Figueroa, SPAN	Le'Var Starr, PC YSC
Loumarie Vasquez, Community	Jenny Vuksic, PC Mental Health
Reya, Community	

Excused

Carin Leiva, 4Cs	Francine Vince, PC Human Services
Diahann DeRuggiero, McKinneyVento	Marian Golan, PC CASA for Children
Jaime Jackett, NJDOE	Paulette Mader, Rutgers Univ. PPS 2.
Amanda Compton-Dover, JJC	Denise Nausedas, DCF

Absent

Lisa Vainieri-Marshall, Paterson Public Schools	Santa Dastidar, St. Mary's Hospital PCH
Duwan Bogert, WIB	Rosy Messineo, Haledon Public Schools
Gabriel Montero, M&S	Jeena Williams, DCP&P
Dawn Moody, Probation	Nicole Digiore, St. Mary's, AWARE
Berenice Lopez, S&N FSC	

The monthly meeting of the Passaic County CIACC was called to order at 6:35pm. The meeting was held via videoconference. *Minutes, agenda, and meeting link is available on the Passaic County website.*

- I. **Minutes:** Minutes will be voted on in November 2021.
- II. **System Partner Updates:**
 - Paulina Dutton, Circle of Care CMO, reported that they are currently working with 883 youth and families, 63 new referrals. They are preparing for the holidays starting with their Thanksgiving Drive in partnership with the FSO.

- CMO/FSO hosted a County based Youth Forum. Youth shared stories on their experiences around social justices. Another Forum will be held in November.
- Community Development Funds were given to Oasis for Afterschool trauma prevention and resiliency, and Paterson Healing Collective.
- Kathi Champagne, FSO, reported they had 69 referrals in September, 13 initial visits, 16 meetings without CMO, 13 with CMO. There have been 173 virtual face-to-face visits, and 249 hours of time with youth and families. Virtual support groups have been taking place. Upper county support group is meeting once a month in person in collaboration with the Highlands Family Success Center. They had 14 support groups, 129 participants, that's including FaceBook Support group. They had 12 community innovative groups, and Youth group meets with about 15 unduplicated youth. Kathi also updated the council on the Youth Forum and discussed creating a Spanish flyer for the next forum in November.
- Donna Glinkin, CMRSS, reported they had 190 new requests for dispatches and are currently working with 300 families. They are preparing for the holidays and the drives that they usually do for families. They have some vacancies, crisis intervention specialist, supervisory positions, and other positions throughout the agency. They are having a virtual job fair on Friday.

III. **Committee Reports:**

- Racial Equity Committee: The flyer for the Youth Forum was sent. It was suggested to have the flyer translated in Spanish, or to address whether the forum is able to offer Spanish translation. Next Youth Forum to be held on November 16th.
- PFS II: Joanna O'Rourke, reported they have been collecting data from Passaic County and working on completing their Logic Model. The group came up with the problem statement of High use of Vaping and Marijuana Misuse in Passaic County. Then Root Cause being availability and access, and a low perception of risk. The local conditions identified were underaged sale of drug paraphernalia in retail sales in Passaic County, and marijuana and vaping being perceived as harmless by youth. They conducted a small focus group a couple of weeks ago with the Youth Tobacco Action Group. Vaping and marijuana was shown to be prevalent in Middle Schools and High Schools. The logic model should be completed by December 2021.
- Systems Partner Review: Donna Glinkin reported that Systems Partner Committee canceled their August meeting. More updates will be given next month. The next meeting is scheduled for October 22 at 1:30pm
- Community Voice: Ana Maria Rivera reported that they changed the meeting times. They will meet twice a month, on every second and last Tuesday. Parents discussed having difficulty with transportation. Also, the lack of the Medical Home Model where all specialists connected with the primary doctor. Discussed having a Nurtured Heart Approach Training for parents, and to provide the training in Spanish. Invited Brenda Figuoa to their committee to organize and project their goal and vision.

- **By-Laws & Membership:** Jenny Vuksic reported that they created a CIACC Orientation packet and emailed it to members. Jenny will add it to the county website.
- **Planning/Education Committee:** The committee will not have their annual conference like it has been done in the past. Looking for topics.
 - Discussed looking at the needs for children and youth. There are many needs that we all know about that continue to surface. Sybil reported that they have increasing referrals for children and adolescents. The rate of teenage pregnancy is also increasing. These are related to the pandemic, and we should discuss and hopefully address issues identified.
 - DCF would like to collect data for a Needs Assessment. CIACC has been involved in the planning of the Human Service Advisory Committee Plan.
 - CSOC will now be assisting families for children under 5. It was questioned how many other programs work with children that age. Is it becoming more prevalent, and it was questioned whether providers have seen an increase for that age range. Mobile Response is receiving referrals for younger children, and their staff is going through an infant mental training. They were receiving 50 youth a month that were between ages 3 & 5. It is an unidentified need. Center for Family Services for the past 4 years have had training for their staff on infants in children's mental health for youth 0-5.
 - Also discussed was the lack of transition for youth with disabilities and transitions to adult life. Also lacking are trainings on sexuality for youth with disabilities in Spanish.

IV. **Youth Services Commission:** Le'Var Starr, YSC Administrator, reported that the Youth Service Commission meeting is on 10-20-21 at 12:30pm. 7th Annual Youth Service Conference will be held on December 2nd and 3rd. Save the date flyer has gone out. They are working on a Vendor Resource Registration. Please email Le'Var if you are interested. College Application Series at Camp Hope was held virtually October 7th. Second part will be held on October 21st.

V. **Staff Report:** It was announced that Brenda Browne is no longer Division Director. The position is currently vacant, updates will be provided. There have also been some staff changes within the Department of Human Services. Arti Kakkar has been assigned the Director of Human Services. Francine Vince will continue in a Leadership role as Deputy Director. They are currently filling other vacancies within the office.

-Jenny discussed the Dream Project coming out form CSOC. It is working with School Districts on Trauma informed trainings, Prospect Park, Paterson, and West Milford have been piloted in this project. James Sawyer added that FSO is working with Dreams to bring Nurtured Heart Approach into the Educational System. It will be an individualized approach of having schools go through the process of building their own approach.

VI. **Announcements:**

-Stephanie Drag, Center for Alcohol & Drug, announced having their annual conference on November 12th. The conference will be \$30.00 and include up to 4 CEUs and

Professional Developmental hours. It will be recorded, so you can watch parts that are missed. They also have 2 cycles of Strengthening Families groups starting soon.

-Kelly Hart, Highlands FSO, working with the county to provide Thanksgiving Meals.

-Sybil Schreiber announced that Mental Health Clinic is having an open house for their new building located on 108-114 Hoover Avenue in Passaic on October 27 from 4pm to 6:30pm.

-Brenda Figueroa, SPAN, Statewide Special Education Parent Leadership Roundtable, NJ SEPAG Network. This is an opportunity for parents, Special Education Parent Advisory Group (SEPAG) members, school and district staff, and community members to come together to network and exchange tips, tools, and strategies to build collaborative partnerships that benefit students and their families.

Monday, October 18th @ 7:00 PM

Register here: <http://tiny.cc/SWRoundtable101821>

Wednesday, October 20th @ 10:00 AM

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The CIACC meeting was adjourned at 11:00am. Next meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2021 at **9:30am**. *Will be held virtually*. Please note the time of meeting.

Submitted by: *Jenny Vuksic*