

**Passaic County CIACC**  
401 Grand Street, Paterson, NJ 07505

**Chair: Kelly Hart**

**Vice-Chair: Ana Maria Rivera**

**September 1, 2021**

**Attendance**

Present

Ana Maria Rivera, Parent	Donna Glinkin, MRSS
Fanny Ochoa, Parent	Jennifer Wood, Probation
Amanda Compton-Dover, JJC	Denise Nausedas, DCF
Carin Leiva, 4Cs	Natalie Contreras, FIS/CFFS
Jo Ponticello, Children's Aid & Family Services	Monica Lozano, EDNI
Berenice Lopez, S&N FSC	Deannie Reyes, Circle of Care CMO
Sybil Schreiber, MHCoP	Jaime Jackett, NJDOE
Nicole Digiore, St. Mary's, AWARE	Paulette Mader, Rutgers Univ. PPS 2.0
Davetta Ford, Safe Babies	Emma O, Community
Tatiana Rodriguez, DCP	Tom V., SNAP-Ed
Cindy Merced, Supreme Consultants	Joanna O'Rourke, Up in PC
Ingrid Vaca-Bullaro, FIS/CFS	Nancy Estreda, Community
Daisy Carrera, Jewish Family Services	Le'Var Starr, PC YSC
Stephanie Drag, Center for Alcohol & Drug	Jenny Vuksic, PC Mental Health

Excused

Kelly Hart, Highlands FSC	Francine Vince, PC Human Services
Diahann DeRuggiero, McKinneyVento	Kathi Champagne, FSO
Cynthia Heller, CMO	Marian Golan, PC CASA for Children

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

The monthly meeting of the Passaic County CIACC was called to order at 9:30am. The meeting was held via videoconference. *Minutes, agenda, and meeting link is available on the Passaic County website.*

- I. **Minutes:** On a motion by Sybil Schreiber and seconded by Fanny Ochoa the June 2021 minutes were unanimously approved.
- II. **System Partner Updates:**
  - Paulina Dutton, Circle of Care CMO, reported that they are currently working with 907 youth and families, 68 new referrals. They are working virtually and seeing

families in person when requested. Starting on Tuesday, the office will run on a 2-day hybrid model.

- FSO -- No report
- Donna Glinkin, CMRSS, reported they had 123 dispatches in July, and 150 in August. Looking to return to the office in some capacity. They have some vacancies and will have a virtual job fair on September 14<sup>th</sup>. They gave back to school supplies/backpacks for families. Are working with kids from 0 to 5, there are linking youth to MRSS officially next year, although they are linked to younger kids currently. They are getting a seven-week training to work with the population.
- Tatiana Rodriguez, DCPD continues to see an increase in referrals. They continue to work from home but will return to the office October 18<sup>th</sup>. Central office received 142 referrals, which was the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest in the state. Northern office received 138 the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest.

### III. **Committee Reports:**

- Racial Equity: Jenny Vuksic shared that the group is currently partnered with Camden County as a model that is being explored for our county. The committee is currently organizing a Youth Forum for Passaic County.
- PFS II: Joanna O'Rourke, reported they finished Step 2C for the grant process, and is currently working on the logic model. They came up with vaping and marijuana use among youth as the topic. The rough draft is due at the end of October, and the final draft is due in December.
- Donna Glinkin reported that Systems Partner Committee canceled their August meeting. More updates will be given next month.
- Community Voice: Ana Maria Rivera reported that they did not meet regularly in the last two months, they met twice. They met with CMO staff Jessie and Ruth and shared concerns that were addressed in the meetings. They shared that they have bilingual personnel and discussed how families can receive benefits. They also offered how to fill out any concerns when facing difficulties. Discussed guardianship options and other available options. Agreed to meet as needed to address concerns that arise. They also met with Diahann DeRuggiero, McKinney-Vento, and Nadia, Make the Road NJ. Working on distributing McKinney-Vento information for families in the community. The committee will start meeting weekly again, if you know any interested parents please email Ana Marie Rivera. Trying to create Leadership vision moving forward. You are invited to attend meeting. Carin Leiva invited them to attend the Parent Café.
- By-Laws & Membership: Jenny Vuksic reported that they are looking for membership. They meet on an as needed basis. Working on a CIACC Orientation packet. Will send out list of committees and their descriptions, along with a request to volunteer for committees.
- Planning/Education Committee: It was reported that DCF is looking to increase the amount of training. Also looking to track gaps and trends in a meaningful way.

### IV. **Youth Services Commission:** Le'Var Starr, YSC Administrator, reported that the Youth Service Conference is scheduled for December 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>. They have a space reserved in

Wanaque but will have a hybrid option. The next YSC meeting September 22, 2021. Innovation grants run programs through PCTI and Probation. This is a Partnership grant update year. Discussed the Restorative Justice Grant for the city of Paterson. They held a Youth Leadership Retreat at Camp Hope this summer. Looking forward to partnering with CIACC members.

- 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.
- VI. **Announcements:** Carin Leiva, 4Cs, discussed the various programs that are offered, and they are currently accepting applications. English Parent Cafe registration link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84451220000>  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0rceGpqTkuHdLnRce4XXMcHAjNUhNCQToC>  
Spanish Parent Cafe reg. link:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84451220000>  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0uce2hqDkrGtxMm5aXo54X3s4hi9X3XWdD>  
-Stephanie Drag, Center for Alcohol & Drug, Strengthening Families Program coming this fall for families with youth ages 10-14. This is offered bilingually. Free dinner, babysitting, transportation, and incentives for participating. Gift Cards for families who attend 5/7 sessions. If you know of an interested family you can contact myself or the coordinator Bridget Souza, bsouza@cafsnj.org 201-740-7011. She is bilingual - Spanish  
-Berenice Lopez, SN-FSC, has a Back to School Supplies Giveaway. Please share with your families. She can be reached at 973-333-6240 ex 12.

The CIACC meeting was adjourned at 11:00am. Next meeting is scheduled for October 13, 2021 at **6:30pm**. *Will be held virtually*. Please note the time of meeting.

Submitted by: *Jenny Vuksic*