

**Passaic County CIACC**  
**401Grand Street, Paterson, NJ 07505**  
**Chair: Gino Arevalo**  
**Vice-Chair: Kelly Hart**  
**February 10, 2021**

**Attendance**

Present

Gino Arevalo, FIS /CFS	Nicole Digiore, St. Mary’s, AWARE
Kelly Hart, Highlands FSC	Berenice Lopez, S&N FSC
Fanny Ochoa, Community	Stephanie Dragg, McKinney-Vento
Sybil Schreiber, MHCoP	Denise Nausads, DCF
Cynthia Heller, CMO	Rachel Kinne, BBBS
Paulina Dutton, Circle of Care CMO	Jeanette Pimentel, DCP&P
Brenda Browne, Division of MH&AS	Erica Fischer-Kaslander, PC CASA for Children
Kathi Champagne, FSO	James Lane, Passaic Stationhouse Adjustment
Jeena Williams, DCP&P	Cindy Merced, Supreme Consultants
Ana Rivera, Community	Nell Korman, PC Special Child Health services
Davetta Ford, CASA	Joanne O’Rourke, Up in PC
Rosy Messineo, Haledon Public Schools	Carin Leiva, 4Cs
Marian Golan, PC CASA for Children	Heather Batton, CMO
Natalie Contreras, FIS /CFS	JacQueline Mestre, New Destiny
James Sawyer, FSO	Tracy Salmon, State of NJ
Yolanda Cobos, PCMHA	Le’Var Starr, PC YSC
Sherrine Schudlt, Up in PC	Jenny Vuksic, PC Mental Health
Donna Glinkin, MRSS	

Excused

Diahann DeRuggiero, McKinney-Vento	Francine Vince, PC Human Services
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Absent

Lisa Vainieri-Marshall, Paterson Public Schools	Santa Dastidar, St. Mary’s Hospital PCH
Duwan Bogert, WIB	Daisy Carrera, Jewish Family Services
Gabriel Montero, M&S	

The monthly meeting of the Passaic County CIACC was called to order at 9:35am. The meeting was held via videoconference.

**I. Presentation:**

Presentation by Tracy Salmon, TLS Consulting Solutions LLC, gave a brief presentation on unconscious bias, implicit bias, and microaggression. This presentation came from the CIACC Racial Equity Subcommittee to promote equity within the community. Tracy gave us a 30-minute brief presentation based from her full day trainings. It was described that the current

environment turned out to be the perfect storm for change. We have learned of major disparities within the health, wealth, and education that need to be addressed.

-Kathi Champagne further expressed to support the fight for racial equity for the right of those in the community. The subcommittee has worked on a statement for members to work together to bring about change that will be shared with the group.

## II. **System Partner Updates:**

- Jeena Williams, DCP&P, reported that in January both Central Passaic and Northern Passaic offices received around 160 referrals each. These numbers are lower than the pre-pandemic days, but still high. They are still amongst the highest in the state.
- Kathi Champagne reported they are currently working with 207 families. They had 85 new families in November, 20 initial meetings with CMO, 11 initial meetings without the CMO. They had 130 virtual face to face visits and 46 CFTs. They had 26 family members attended the English-speaking support group, 18 attend Spanish-speaking group, attended the Upper Passaic County group, and 10 attended the Youth Groups.
- Donna Glinkin, CMRSS, reported they had 173 new requests for dispatch. They are currently working with 300 families. There were 0 petitions and 0 placements. They have 2 staff openings.
- Paulina Dutton, Circle of Care CMO, reported that they are currently working with over 860 youth and families. She encouraged members to attend the Camden County Town Hall meetings, which is run by youth discussing racial equity. They had a webinar with Wayne Education FAST program, which had 150 participants supporting teenage mental health. She also spoke about the Governor discussing covid, the disparities in treatment of the black and brown population, and how to get everyone vaccinated.

## III. **Committee Reports:**

- Race Equity: The presentation to CIACC from one of their committee members was held today.
- PFS II – SOAR: Sherrine Schudlt, Up in PC, introduced Joanna O'Rourke to CIACC members. A survey will be sent to CIACC members, please complete. The next PFS II committee meeting will take place on February 23, 2021 at 10:00am. At this meeting we will look at the Passaic County CIACC 2017 assessment.
- Community Voice: Fanny Ochoa, Community, reported that they are meeting Tuesday nights at 6:30 pm. They reviewed the By-Laws and had recommendations on how to build on membership. They recommended a housing representative, someone from developmental disabilities, 4Cs, DVR, County Service specialist (schools), Oasis, and Maternal & Child Health.

IV. **Youth Services Commission:** Le'Var Starr, YSC Administrator, reported that YSC is looking for more community participation. The next Youth Service Commission meeting will be held on February 17, 2021 at 12:30pm.

V. **Staff Report:** Brenda Browne, County Division of Mental Health & Addiction Services, reported on the Hope One Van for community addiction outreach. The agency that has the grant

is Prevention is Key. The Passaic County Sheriff Officers are on board and can now go throughout the county with the mobile recovery unit.

-Eligible county employees were able to receive covid19 vaccinations.

-The Division has created suicide prevention hotlines. More information to come.

-Passaic County began a Behavior Health Task Force to look at the prevention of Opioid Misuse.

VI. **Announcements:** Carin Leiva, 4Cs, announced that they were holding Parent Cafes. Please reach out to Carin for more information.

-Kathi Champagne, FSO, announced that they had their Youth and Family Conference on February 2 & 9. Announced Bridging the Gap between youth families and law enforcement webinar series. Take a Walk in my shoes on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, and “The Talk’ on March 9<sup>th</sup>.

VII. **Previous Minutes:** The January 13, 2021 CIACC minutes were approved.

The CIACC meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am. Next meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2021 at **6:30pm**. Please note the time of meeting.

Submitted by: *Jenny Vaksic*