

**Passaic County CIACC**  
**401 Grand Street, Paterson, NJ 07505**  
**Chair: Gino Arevalo**  
**Vice-Chair: Kelly Hart**  
**May 12, 2021**

**Attendance**

Present

Gino Arevalo, PC CASA for Children  
Ana Maria Rivera, Parent  
Cynthia Heller, CMO  
Carin Leiva, 4Cs  
Ingrid Vaca-Bullaro, FIS/CFS  
Donna Glinkin, MRSS  
James Sawyer, FSO  
Kathi Champagne, FSO  
Sybil Schreiber, MHCoP  
Fanny Ochoa, Parent  
Joanna O'Rourke, Up in PC

Paulina Dutton, Circle of Care CMO  
Stephanie Drag, Center for Alcohol & Drug  
JacQueline Mestre, New Destiny  
Rachel Kinne, BBBS  
Jaime Jackett, Dept. of Education  
Monica Lozano, EDNI  
Dawn Moody, Probation  
DVRS  
Le'Var Starr, PC YSC  
Jenny Vuksic, PC Mental Health

Excused

Francine Vince, PC Human Services  
Brenda Browne, Division of MH&AS  
Abire Sabbagh, Palestinian American Community Ctr

Kelly Hart, Highlands FSC  
Marian Golan, PC CASA for Children

Absent

Lisa Vainieri-Marshall, Paterson Public Schools  
Duwan Bogert, WIB  
Gabriel Montero, M&S  
Jeena Williams, DCP&P  
Berenice Lopez, S&N FSC

Santa Dastidar, St. Mary's Hospital PCH  
Rosy Messineo, Haledon Public Schools  
Nicole Digiore, St. Mary's, AWARE  
Daisy Carrera, Jewish Family Services

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:** On a motion by Le'Var Starr and seconded by Sybil Schreiber the April 2021 minutes were unanimously approved.
  
- II. **System Partner Updates:**
  - Paulina Dutton, Circle of Care CMO, reported that they are currently working with 902 youth and families, 75 new referrals. They hosted an ACEs training with Dave Ellis. They held a Yoga Event this week. Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI) has a Family and Engagement Subcommittee, and they meet every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday.

They are working on a new website, new launch when released. Discussed updating PassaicResourceNet.com and discussed creating a committee for updating the site. Also, the website also has the ability for providers to attach flyers for upcoming events.

- Kathi Champagne, FSO, reported they had 81 families in March, 28 initial meetings with CMO, 5 initial meetings with Peer Support Workers, and 156 face to face virtual visits with families. They had 34 CFTs and 20 Family Assessments of Needs and Strength. They had completed 18 support groups, with 168 participants including webinars held, engaged 22 in community events. Young Adult Group is meeting in person. They are back to engaging with face to face visits upon request.
- Donna Glinkin, CMRSS, reported they had 175 new requests for dispatch. They are open with 400 families through telehealth or face to face visits. They are building partnerships with the local police. They have one (1) staff opening.

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

- Racial Equity: Kathi Champagne let the group know that they continue to meet weekly. They are very active, and always have interesting discussions.
- PFS II – SOAR: Joanna O’Rourke, finished the assessment and working on the logic model. Will present ACEs to CIACC in June.
- Donna Glinkin reported that Systems Partner Committee discussed Juvenile Reform Services, which would not be punitive. Looking at the model Hudson County CMO is using. Paterson Healing Collective meeting on May 26.
- Nominations/By-Laws and Membership Committee: The Nominating Committee presented the slate for officers. The committee presented Kelly Hart for Chair, and Ana Maria Rivera for Vice-Chair for the term of 7-1-21 through 6-30-2-23. There were no nominations taken from the floor. A vote will take place in June.  
-The Membership list for appointments are being worked on to present to the Passaic County Mental Health Board at their June meeting.
- Planning/Education Committee: Need to start meeting again, please let us know if you are interested in participating in the group and you will be added to the group email. Members at the meeting volunteered (Paulina Dutton/Amber Ramirez, Jaime Jackett, Joanna O’Rourke, Carin Leiva, Fanny Ochoa, Ana Maria Rivera, Donna Glinkin, & Monica Lozano).
- Community Voice: Ana Maria Rivera reported that the committee meets every Tuesday. They created their own mission/vision as a group. They have created an email and developed a flyer to share with the CIACC and would like collaboration with families. They met with Carin Leiva, 4Cs, and had great conversation in their parent café. Carin shared information on their events, and they are on the email list to receive event information to share with families. Invited Georgio Klinar, Educasa, who provided information on how to organize credit to buy a home. Discussed program called Community Development in Passaic City offers benefits to buying a house for first time. Would like to meet with other providers in the CIACC/County aware of home buying opportunities. Fanny Ochoa further discussed the training and awareness for ACEs is highly available, but how can we work on that if families with low incomes are still struggling. They do not have the same opportunities for housing. The inequity for housing in Passaic County is huge, which brings mental health issues not only for the parents but for the children. They are drafting a letter to 4Cs which offers testimonies from families and when they do not qualify and how that has affected them. Passaic

County has the highest number of youth with disabilities becoming adults, and housing will be an issue. Cynthia Heller discussed the way bring upon systemic change is though advocating to stakeholders/politicians. It was discussed that those conversations happen all the time, funds are being directed toward change. Need to host a Community Conversation so community voices are heard.

- IV. **Youth Services Commission:** Le'Var Starr, YSC Administrator, reported that the Youth Service Commission committees are active. There was discussion on the YSC program through Camp Hope.
- V. **Staff Report:** No report.
- VI. **Announcements:** Carin Leiva, 4Cs, announced they have their next Parent Cafe on 5-17-21 from 6-7:30pm; and Wednesday in Spanish from 6-7:30pm.
  - Sybil Schreiber announced that the Mental Health Clinic of Passaic is hosting a Trivia Night on their Instagram account on June 3, 2021 from 7:30 to 8:30pm, and the cost is \$20.00
  - Ingrid Vaca-Bullaro, FIS/CFS, announced they are having a Job Fair on 5-20-21 from 10am to 6pm, and on 5-21-21 from 10am to 2pm.

The CIACC meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm. Next meeting is scheduled for June 9, 2021 at **9:30am**. *Will be held virtually*. Please note the time of meeting.

Submitted by: *Jenny Vaksic*