

**Passaic County CIACC**  
**401 Grand Street, Paterson, NJ 07505**  
**Chair: Kelly Hart**  
**Vice-Chair: Ana Maria Rivera**  
**December 8, 2021**

**Attendance**

Present

Kelly Hart, Highlands FSC  
Fanny Ochoa, Parent  
Paulette Mader, Rutgers Univ. PPS 2.0  
Sybil Schreiber, MHCoP  
Cynthia Heller, CMO  
Ingrid Vaca-Bullaro, FIS/CFS  
Donna Glinkin, MRSS  
Laurie Lieberman, JFS of Northern NJ  
Emma Ojeda, Parent  
Jason Harding, Family Court

Paulina Dutton, Circle of Care CMO  
Ingrid Vaca-Bullaro, CFES  
Michelle Higareda, Partnership for Maternal  
Yenny Tavarez, Partnership for Maternal Health  
Stephanie Drag, Center for Alcohol & Drug  
Nancy Estrada, Community  
Shannon Ferray, PC Mental Health & Addiction  
Bart Chou, PC Mental Health & Addiction  
Jenny Vuksic, PC Mental Health

Excused

Jaime Jackett, NJDOE  
Lisa Vainieri-Marshall, Paterson Schools  
Denise Nausedas, DCF  
Diahann DeRuggiero, McKinney Vento  
Kathi Champagne, FSO

Berenice Lopez, S&N Family Success Ctr  
Francine Vince, PC Human Services  
Amanda Compton-Dover, JJC  
Ana Maria Rivera, Parent  
Le'Var Starr, PC YSC

Absent

Gabriel Montero, M&S  
Duwan Bogert, WIB  
Joanna O'Rourke, Up in PC  
Nicole Digiore, St. Mary's Hosp Adol PHP  
Steve Radke, DCP  
Abire Sibbagh, Palestinian American Ctr

Carin Leiva, 4Cs  
Rosy Messineo, Haledon Public Schools  
Dawn Moody, Probation  
Jenny Sierra, DCP  
JacQueline Mestre, New Destiny  
Daisy Carrera, Jewish Family Service

The monthly meeting of the Passaic County CIACC was called to order at 6:40 pm. 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 Paulina Dutton, November 2021 minutes were approved.
- II. **Information Session:** Presentation from Michelle Higareda and Yenny Tavarez, Partnership for Maternal and Child Health of Northern New Jersey. Health Resources & Service Administration (HRSA) provided a grant for \$1 million to support their mission to improve

healthcare for vulnerable individuals during the corona virus pandemic. The grant plans to expand resources for Essex, Hudson, Passaic, and Union counties in northern NJ. In Passaic County, there is a particular concentration in Paterson and the City of Passaic working with school aged children 5 to 17. They have hired 11 full time community health workers, that are reflective of the language, demographics, and culture of the community served. Education materials provided to use in the targeted region. They are collaborating with agencies in Passaic County such as Family Success Centers, churches, and food pantries. They have an upcoming event with the Community Charter School of Paterson, hosting a vaccination clinic on December 12. The goal as community health workers is to host vaccination clinics within Passaic county to increase vaccination rates as well as just outreach programs for communities that are hesitant.

### III. **System Partner Updates:**

- Paulina Dutton, Circle of Care CMO, reported having seen an increase in referrals, they reported 904, 63 new youth, and 44 transitions. They had their Food Drive for Thanksgiving and provided 300 food baskets. They are currently working on the Holiday Toy Drive and the Youth and Family virtual Holiday Event. On January 27, 2021 at 7pm, they are hosting a Nurtured Heart Approach Webinar with the Wayne School District.
- FSO - No report.
- Donna Glinkin, CMRSS, had 246 new requests for dispatches and are currently working with 370 families, and no petitions or shelter placements. They have some staff openings and a supervisory opening.
- DCPP - No report.
- Fanny Ochoa, reported that SPAN provided one of the breakout sessions for the Youth Services Conference that took place last week. They spoke on the rights of parents with youth in the juvenile justice system. They will continue trainings starting in January 2022. They are increasing their outreach to parents, striving for parents to have the tools. Fanny shared that McKinney -Vento, Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program, has a Spanish speaking staff: Massiel Sanabria, [mysanabria1@gmail.com](mailto:mysanabria1@gmail.com), 973-343-6000 Ext. 6585. McKinney -Vento is having a workshop on Immigration on December 10, 2021 at 10:00am.

### IV. **Committee Reports:**

- Paulina Dutton reported that the Racial Equity Committee decided to take a break in December, so they will reconvene meetings in January 2022. Meetings are held virtually every Tuesday at 3:00pm. Will be looking at past wish lists for 2022.
- PFS II: No updates.
- Community Voice: Fanny Ochoa reported that they are working on strengthening their outreach to the community. McKinney-Vento came and spoke to the group. It will be followed up with ordering the McKinney-Vento flyers that can be posted throughout the community.
- Planning/Education Committee: Education Committee is working on getting presenters for the February 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. Keynote speaker to discuss Sexuality especially youth with developmental disabilities, Breakout Sessions will include sexting/social media and immigration.

- V. **Youth Services Commission:** Youth Service Commission will not meet in December. The next meeting will be on January 19, 2021 at 12:30 pm. The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Service Conference was held on December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, and it was a success.
- VI. **Staff Report:** Shannon Ferray, Mental Health & Addictions Services, reported that they are currently reorganizing Mental Health & Local Advisory Committee Drug and Alcoholism (LACDA) boards. Shannon shared the county link for resources, [Impact Passaic - Connecting People and Programs](#)
- VII. **Announcements:**  
-Kelly Hart, Highlands FSC, working on their Toy Drive and Coat donations.
- VIII. **New Business:**  
-- *Goals:* Please give some thought to CIACC goals for the upcoming year. Jenny Vuksic is working on a 2021 Year End Report to share with the CIACC.  
-- *Increase of children/youth involved in our system going to Emergency Room for services.* The CIACC talked about the lack of child psychiatrists, and long wait lists for services. Jenny will follow up with asking St. Joseph's hospital on the reasons for the visit, ages, and where referrals are made from. In Bergen, local providers provide schools with a clearance letter. In Mercer, schools would call both MRSS & family to meet at the school. PES requests that the youth is brought to ER instead of Mobile Outreach.  
-- *Promise 2.0 Grant:* Expand and sustain family voice at CIACC meetings and committees.

The CIACC meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm. Next meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2022 at **9:30am**. *Will be held virtually.* Please note the time of meeting.

Submitted by: *Jenny Vuksic*