



**Passaic County Youth Services Commission
January 19, 2022, Minutes**

Voting members present:

1. Hon. Rudolph A. Filko
2. Arti Kakkar
3. Cynthia Heller
4. Whitney Young on behalf of Larry Alvarez
5. Myrna Villanueva on behalf of Dawn Moody
6. D/Sgt. Kelly Pacelli
7. Lt. James Lane on behalf of D/Sgt. Cristobal
8. Bart Chou
9. James Sawyer
10. Donna Glinkin
11. Kerry Klug
12. Marqweesha Guthrie
13. Cristina Barnes-Lee
14. Jamie Jackett on behalf of Kesha Drakeford
15. Francine Vince
16. Carolyn McCombs
17. Melanie Nowling, Esq.
18. Jason Harding

Voting members absent:

1. Raymond Branca
2. Stephen Radke

3. Jayna Patel
4. Laquan Hargrove
5. Duwan Bogert
6. Shanell Toomer
7. Humberto Cuadrado
8. Zhyiana Allen

Others present:

1. Amanda Compton-Dover
2. Le’Var Starr
3. Jenny Vuksic
4. Marilyn DelValle
5. Tenaya Bascomb
6. Kristen Williams
7. Charisa Moulton-Francis
8. Kathi Champagne
9. Ingrid Choconta
10. Bonnie Roy

Nomination of 2022 YSC Chair and Co-Chair

Mr. Starr announced that before the meeting begins, they will have to first nominate a chair and then a co-chair. McCombs nominated Heller to be the YSC Chair for 2022 and there were no additional nominations, objections, or abstentions. Nowling nominated Guthrie to be the YSC Co-Chair for 2022, and there were additional nominations, objections, or abstentions.

The meeting was called to order by Heller, at 12:45 PM.

Hon. Rudolph A. Filko	Present
Melanie Nowling, Esq	Present
Dawn Moody, Alt. Myrna Villanueva	Present
Commissioner Theodore T.J. Best	Absent
Jason Harding	Present
Larry Alvarez, Alt. Whitney Young	Present
Stephen Radke	Absent
Bart Chou	Present
Arti Kakkar	Present
Kesha Drakeford Alt. Jaime Jackett	Present
Raymond Branca	Absent
Shanell Toomer	Absent
Donna Glinkin	Present
D/Sgt. Laila Cristobal, Alt. Lt. James Lane	Present
Duwan Bogert	Absent
Cynthia Heller	Present
La’Quan Hargrove	Absent
Humberto Cuadrado	Absent
D/Sgt. Kelly Pacelli	Present
Carolyn McCombs	Present

James Sawyer	Present
Jayna Patel	Absent
Marqweesha Guthrie	Present
Cristina Barnes-Lee	Present
Kerry Klug	Present
Susan Butterfield	Absent
Zhyiana Allen	Absent

The Open Public Meeting announcement was made and was publicized on the Passaic County Website.

Approval of minutes

A motion was made by Pacelli and seconded by Klug to approve the minutes from November 10, 2021.

Motion carried

New Business:

No new business to report.

Reports:

Monitoring Committee, Starr reported that McFarlane will follow-up with a meeting date.

Allocation Committee, Starr reported that the committee met on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, and the RFP that was out for the After School Prevention Program for \$44,999 closed today and there were no responses. This information will be presented to the Allocations and Planning Sub-Committees to see if they want to RFP it again or go through our visions and identify other services for youth and families for those allocated dollars.

Planning Committee, McCombs reported that she has published their 2022 meeting schedule and they will be reviewing provider profiles for those providers that want to make any changes to identify any gaps they may have.

Education, Training, and Advocacy Committee report, there was no report.

Youth Services Commission Administrators,

Vuksic stated that the state YSC are looking at the regulations and there is a healthy discussion going on.

Starr made some announcements:

- Link to Restorative and Transformative Justice for Youths and Communities Pilot Program: <https://www.njoag.gov/acting-ag-bruck-jjc-announce-rules-establishing-restorative-and-transformative-justice-for-youths-and-communities-pilot-program/>
- The Applicant Conference for the Restorative Transformative Pilot Program was held of January 5, 2022, which a couple of our YSC members attended, and applications are due on May 9, 2022.
- Listening Sessions (Restorative Transformative Bill) - If you have a captive parent, family, audience, probation, professional staff and/or grass root organizations. We will be holding multiple listening sessions throughout the city, virtually, and at public libraries to hear from the community to make sure that we are planning properly.
- We will be establishing a Restorative and Transformative sub-committee

- Our By-Laws requires that all voting members participate in at least one sub-committee, if you are unable to participate, please afford staff or a designee that can participate on your behalf.
- Contract Packages were sent out in December, please make sure they are sent back by due date January 28, 2022.
- 2 Pre-Monitoring meetings will be scheduled with each provider, the first one is to help you understand the contract, objectives, and goals and the 2nd one is to pre-monitor the program to make sure we are all prepared for our official monitoring for 2022.

JJC (Juvenile Justice Commission) Compton-Dover stated that there is nothing to report on.

Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative, Nowling reported that the PEEP program is doing well, and they had a meeting on January 18, 2022, with the juveniles that will be participating in the program. Filko stated that he met last night with the 8 participants virtually and that the program is going well, and they are expecting 8 more participants to start.

Executive Committee, Heller reported that they do not have anything to report on at this time but will be going over recommendations for appointments for all the YSC Sub-Committees and present to the YSC in February. Starr further stated that the planning sub-committee is giving all providers the opportunity to sit down with them and be an active participant in the services that they are delivering. All providers make sure to take advantage of that.

Old Business:

No old business to report on.

Announcements:

No new announcements were made.

Filko moved and Pacelli seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

The next Youth Services Commission meeting will be held on February 16, 2022.

Attest:

Marilyn DelValle