



**Passaic County Youth Services Commission
February 16, 2022, Minutes**

Voting members present:

1. Hon. Rudolph A. Filko
2. Francine Vince
3. Cynthia Heller
4. Whitney Young on behalf of Larry Alvarez
5. Lt. James Lane on behalf of D/Sgt. Cristobal
6. Bart Chou
7. Chrystal Cleaves on behalf of Duwan Bogert
8. La'Quan Hargrove
9. Donna Glinkin
10. Kerry Klug
11. Marqweesha Guthrie
12. Cristina Barnes-Lee
13. Jamie Jackett on behalf of Kesha Drakeford
14. Carolyn McCombs
15. Ryan Mcnamee

Voting members absent:

1. D/Sgt. Kelly Pacelli
2. Arti Kakkar
3. Jason Harding
4. Dawn Moody
5. James Sawyer
6. Stephen Radke
7. Jayna Patel
8. Shanell Toomer
9. Humberto Cuadrado

Others present:

1. Amanda Compton-Dover
2. Le'Var Starr
3. Jenny Vuksic
4. Marilyn DeValle
5. Paulina Dutton
6. Charisa Moulton-Francis
7. Ingrid Choconta
8. Bonnie Belin
9. Jason Martinez
10. Nancy Dierdre
11. Gabriel Montero
12. Chris Johnson
13. Enrique Noriega
14. Ingrid Vaca-Bullaro
15. Wendy Hartmann

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

Hon. Rudolph A. Filko	Present
Melanie Nowling, Esq, Alt. Ryan Mcnamee	Present
Dawn Moody, Alt. Myrna Villanueva	Absent
Commissioner Theodore T.J. Best	Absent
Jason Harding	Present
Larry Alvarez, Alt. Whitney Young	Present
Stephen Radke	Absent
Bart Chou	Present
Arti Kakkar, Alt. Francine Vince	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, Alt. Chrystal Cleaves	Present
Cynthia Heller	Present
La'Quan Hargrove	Present
Humberto Cuadrado	Absent
D/Sgt. Kelly Pacelli	Absent
Carolyn McCombs	Present
James Sawyer	Absent
Jayna Patel	Absent
Marqweesha Guthrie	Present
Cristina Barnes-Lee	Present
Kerry Klug	Present
Susan Butterfield	Absent

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

Approval of minutes

A motion was made by Heller, moved by Lane, and seconded by Vince to approve the minutes from January 19, 2021.

Motion carried

New Business: 3- Presentations

- 1. Grades 4 Life - Chris Johnson,**
- 2. Voices, and On Ramps Programs – Dawn Norman and Dierdre Nance**
- 3. EOF Program – Enrique Noguera**

Reports:

Monitoring Committee, Starr reported that McFarlane will meeting with the committee on March 11, 2022, at 10:30 AM and are actively looking for members to join the committee.

Allocation Committee, Heller reported that they do not have an update today but needs more individuals to join the committee.

Planning Committee, McCombs reported that they are in the process of scheduling providers to talk about how their contracts are going, if they need any adjustments, and someone from the committee will contact each provider to meet.

Youth Services Commission Administrators, Le'Var reported the following:

- JAMS- Once open for 2022, please make sure you are entering all intakes, completions, and quarterly narratives.
- Monthly and expense reports are due by the 15th of each month.
- 2022 Contract packages- Please makes sure they are sent back.
- Contract Introduction and/or pre-monitoring meetings are currently being scheduled with each provider.
- Transformative and Restorative Grant application will be submitted on time to the state on or before May 9, 2022. The resolution to apply and accept has been completed. Engagement meetings with various sectors are already taking place.
- Executive Order 283 – system partners and professionals are allowed to enter the facility and meet with the youth with proof of vaccination and /or proof of negative Covid test.

JJC (Juvenile Justice Commission) Compton-Dover reported on the following:

- Effective March 30, 2022, all staff must be vaccinated based on the executive order.
- The Summer Expansion Programs – That are given every year, there were 30 applications from all three regions and once that is announced the information will be given to the YSC committee.
- The Entrepreneurial Project and Initiative that JJC is funding had 36 people attend the bidders conference.
- Middlesex County College has now started working on one-on-one college courses with 21 of our kids, in 7 facilities across the state.
- Passaic has submitted all their items for their award packages and therefore JAMS is open, and the review process is done.

Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative, Compton-Dover stated to be on the lookout for Innovations to be out again for 2023.

Chair report, Heller reported that in reviewing the By-Laws of this advisory group, it indicates that everyone who mis part of this must be on a committee and need people to sign up on one of the committees. An email will be sent explaining what each committee entails so that you can identify which committee best meets your strengths or best meets something you would like to learn.

Old Business:

No old business to report on.

Announcements:

Dutton reported that Circle of Care has created an explainer video in hope that the community organizations, caregivers, educators, and anyone in the community gets a sense of what Circle of Care can do for their families and their youth. *Video shared*

Klug moved and Chou seconded to adjourn the meeting.
Meeting adjourned.

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

Attest:

Marilyn DeValle