

**Passaic County CIACC**  
**401 Grand Street, Paterson, NJ 07505**  
**Chair: Kelly Hart**  
**Vice-Chair: Ana Maria Rivera**  
**March 9, 2022**

**Attendance**

Present

Kelly Hart, Highlands FSC	Ingrid Vaca-Bullaro, CFFS
Ana Maria Rivera, Parent	Jenny Sierra, DCPD
Kathi Champagne, FSO	Jeena Williams, DCPD
Sybil Schreiber, MHCoP	Davetta Ford, BGC
Amanda Compton-Dover, JJC	Michelle Cardenas,
Rachel Kinne, BBBS	Alexandra Gray, NJ Health Coalition
Paulina Dutton, Circle of Care CMO	Nancy La Torre, Community
Joanna Gazabon, CMO Intern	Paulette Mader, Rutgers Univ. PPS 2.0
Joanna O'Rourke, Up in PC	Denise Nausedas, DCF
Maria Lopez, SNAP-Ed	Xiomara Gonell, DVRS
Daniel, SNAP-Ed	Natalie Contreras, CFFS
Berenice Lopez, S&N Family Success Ctr	Nancy Estrada, Community
Jaime Jackett, NJDOE	Bart Chou, PC Mental Health & Addiction
Mark Fischer, Paterson Schools	Le'Var Starr, PC YSC
Daisy Carrera, Jewish Family Service	Jenny Vuksic, PC Mental Health

Excused

Donna Glinkin, MRSS	Marion Golan, CASA
Diahann DeRuggiero, McKinneyVento	Francine Vince, PC Human Services

Absent

Gabriel Montero, M&S	Fanny Ochoa, Parent
Duwan Bogert, WIB	Rosy Messineo, Haledon Public Schools
Lisa Vainieri-Marshall, Paterson Schools	JacQueline Mestre, New Destiny
Abire Sibbagh, Palestinian American Ctr	

The monthly meeting of the Passaic County CIACC was called to order at 9:35am. The meeting was held via videoconference. *Minutes, agenda, and meeting link is available on the Passaic County website.*

- I. **Minutes:** On a motion by Paulina Dutton and seconded by Jenny Sierra, February 9, 2022 minutes were approved.
- II. **System Partner Updates:**
  - Paulina Dutton, Circle of Care CMO, reported 953 active youth, 68 new referrals, and 62 transitions. The RFP for Community Development Funds in the amount of \$68,000 is due by 3-22-22. <https://circleofcarecmo.org/2022-2023-community-resource-development-funds-request-for-proposals-rfp/>

- Kathi Champagne, FSO, reported total 84 referred, 22 visits with CMO, 23 without CMO, total 179 face to face virtual visits & some have taken place in-person. The support groups continue virtually, although the West Milford group has met once in person. Youth Partnership continue a hybrid schedule with 13 unduplicated youth in attendance. Bilingual FSP on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Nine Nurtured Heart Approach trainings, they now have 3 certified trainers.
- Donna Glinkin, CMRSS, handed in her report. They had 238 dispatches and are currently working with 350 families, and no petitions or shelter placements. They have staff and supervisor openings.
- Jeena Williams, DCPD – reported on February, Central Passaic received 179 referrals, and Northern Passaic had 165 referrals. RFPs are on the DCF website including Psychiatric Community Home programs closing on March 17, and also for existing Out of Home Treatment Providers due on March 15. Also Request for Qualifications for Intensive In-Home Clinical Supports for youth with Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities.
- St. Mary's Seton Center has a new Partial Care Program for youth ages 11 to 17, Peace Program hopefully to start on March 28<sup>th</sup>. A flyer will be sent containing details around the program.

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

- Kathi Champagne reported that the Racial Equity's 3<sup>rd</sup> Youth Forum is taking place on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Al Moody Academy. The topic of discussion will be the Bridgewater Mall incident to start the discussion. We will use this conversation as a start discussion during virtual Forum in Partnership with the Boys and Girls Club in Paterson in April. Date to be determined.
- Joanna O'Rourke, PFS II, shared a copy of the logic model. Needs Assessment determined high problems with vaping and marijuana use in youth ages 9 to 17. They showed the root causes to be availability & access, and low perception of risk. The local conditions identified were underage sales, and the low perception of harm. As a workgroup, trying to decide on strategies and interventions to address the issue. Local interventions include creating awareness and education to parents in school; collaborate with business to education on consequences of early use; engage SACs in schools; and implement school-based programs on the dangers of vaping and marijuana use. Overtime evaluations will take place to determine successes.
- Ana Maria Rivera reported that Community Voice committee is meeting twice a month, on the second & last Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm. As Fanny Ochoa announced last meeting, she has moved from the county, so they are reorganizing, and the new vice-chair is Nancy La Torre. Fanny will still be available to provide support and her experience. They are preparing a proposal for family engagement and will send to Jenny Vuksic shortly. The group has been discussing DVRS and services for families. They have gathered testimonies from families that were requesting services through DVRS. They will have a meeting with volunteer partners to discuss concerns, DVRS was invited to have a meeting as well to address challenges. DVRS requested that concerns were sent in writing. Also, they are collecting information on parent's experience when they call the PerformCare.
- Planning/Education Committee: Continued discussion on the Promising Path to Success Funds, and discussion around engaging families in CIACC and subcommittees. Invited Iyana Anderson and Paulette Mader to our next meeting after CIACC, as well as individuals from Family Success Centers. They continue to address the rising numbers of referrals coming to the Emergency Room.

- IV. **Youth Services Commission:** Le'Var Starr reported that they are working on programs under YSC, the Probation Enrichment Education Program (PEEP) through PCTI as well as the Probation Orientation Program (POP). Under the State Community Partnership grant they partner with 12 agencies to provide 18 services. Seven of those in the Prevention Continuum, 5 in the Re-Entry continuum. YSC meets next week on March 16 at 12:30pm, notice of the meeting can be found on the website. They will be soon planning the annual Youth Service Conference. In collaboration with the Recreation Department in Passaic County and have established a Youth Leadership Retreat, and they are actively recruiting students. A letter for recruitment will be sent out to CIACC for referrals, they are looking take 20 students. Please refer those that may benefit from the program, and they will be bringing back 12 youth counselors that were trained last year. It is a 3-day/3-night retreat held at Passaic County Camp Hope.
- V. **Division of Mental Health & Addiction Services:** Bart Chou discussed Addiction Division RFPs and Mental Health RFPs. They always reserve some money for the family, youth adolescents for services. They have completed the RFP review and they are waiting on Commissioner approvals, which then can be presented.
- VI. **Stakeholder Updates:** It was questioned earlier if DCPD tracks where referral come from. Jeena was able to look into Data Hub which is available to the public. The latest data provided was from 2020. In 2020, the largest referral source was law enforcement. In 2019, the largest referral source was the school system. The link to the general DCF data hub portal: <https://njchilddata.rutgers.edu/>
- VII. **Announcements:** Le'Var Starr asked for agencies to present their programs to the YSC. Also looking for professionals/agencies to join a panel discussion. They have been recently asked from Pompton Lakes School Board how youth is responding after covid. There are questions from the Councilmen & Superintendents how child and families are responding in school, have we seen any differences in behavior, etc. Literature can be sent to those interested.
- Maria Lopez, SNAP-Ed, if you are interested in SNAP enrollment, Food Access, Free grant funds for Policy, System, and Environmental change for schools, after school programs, and pantries, and free nutrition workshops for kid's, seniors, and families. Feel free to contact me at 908-908-324-3418/mlopez@cfnj.org.
  - Kelly Hart, Highlands FSC, announced they are planning a Stigma-Free Scott's Fun Run on May 22. Looking to plan a Mental Health week the week of May 16<sup>th</sup>, please reach out to Kelly if you are interested in partnering. Have not confirmed plans for Earth Day at this time.
- VIII. **New Business:** No report

The CIACC meeting was adjourned at 10:30am. Next meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2022 at **6:30pm**. *Will be held virtually*. Please note the time of meeting.

Submitted by: *Jenny Vuksic*