



**Passaic County Youth Services Commission  
May 18, 2022, Minutes**

**Voting members present:**

1. Cynthia Heller
2. D/Sgt. Kelly Pacelli
3. Carolyn McCombs
4. Cristina Barnes-Lee
5. Lt. James Lane on behalf of D/Sgt. Cristobal
6. Bart Chou
7. Myrna Villanueva on behalf of Dawn Moody
8. Kerry Klug
9. Jamie Jackett on behalf of Kesha Drakeford
10. La'Quan Hargrove
11. Donna Glinkin
12. Duwan Bogert
13. Susan Butterfield
14. Bridget L. Thomas Smith

**Voting members absent:**

1. Hon. Rudolph A. Filko
2. Commissioner T.J. Best
3. Arti Kakkar
4. Francine Vince
5. Marqweesha Guthrie
6. Jason Harding
7. Whitney Young
8. Jayna Patel
9. Shanell Toomer
10. Humberto Cuadrado.

**Others present:**

1. Kristin Williams
2. Le'Var Starr
3. Tashai McFarlane
4. Jenny Vuksic
5. Marilyn DeValle
6. Mignon Huggins
7. Tenaya Bascomb
8. Dr. Sybil Schreiber
9. Jocelyn Cuff
10. Rachel Kinne
11. Stephanie Drag
12. Dondago Bellamy

The meeting was called to order by Heller, at 12:35 PM.

Hon. Rudolph A. Filko	Absent
Melanie Nowling, Esq.	Absent
Dawn Moody, Alt. Myrna Villanueva	Present
Commissioner Theodore T.J. Best	Absent
Jason Harding	Absent
Larry Alvarez, Alt. Whitney Young	Absent
Stephen Radke	Absent
Bart Chou	Present
Arti Kakkar	Absent
Kesha Drakeford Alt. Jaime Jackett	Present
Bridget L. Thomas Smith	Present
Shanell Toomer	Absent
Donna Glinkin	Present
D/Sgt. Laila Cristobal, Alt. Lt. James Lane	Present
Duwan Bogert	Present
Cynthia Heller	Present
La'Quan Hargrove	Present
Humberto Cuadrado	Absent
D/Sgt. Kelly Pacelli	Present
Carolyn McCombs	Present
Francine Vince	Absent
Jayna Patel	Absent
Marqweesha Guthrie	Absent
Cristina Barnes-Lee	Present
Kerry Klug	Present
Susan Butterfield	Present

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 Bogert, and seconded by Klug to approve the minutes from April 20, 2022.  
Motion carried

### **Reports:**

Monitoring Committee, McFarlane reported that the monitoring committee will meet on Thursday, May 19, 2022 @ 9:30 AM via TEAMS

- 9 programs have been monitored
- Still need at least 2 voting members for 9 remaining programs to be monitored

Allocation Committee, Starr reported that the committee met on May 11, 2022, and reviewed our current spending plan and identified a few vendors that may overdraw their current contract and allocation and we are developing a plan for that as well as those providers that may under draw their allocation. They also spoke about all the grant sources that are being managed. Starr further stated that if you are a YSC member who is not funded and would like to join the Allocation Committee, this would be an excellent opportunity for one to bring their experience and expertise to the group.

Planning Committee, McCombs stated that there are no updates but are starting to look at the Plan Update and their next meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2022, at 1PM via TEAMS.

Education, Training, and Advocacy, Bogert reported that they do not have any update but are working towards getting a working meeting scheduled.

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

- Thanked everyone who assisted in the monitoring
- The Restorative Application was submitted to JJC on April 9, 2022, and JJC is currently reviewing the submission
- The 1<sup>st</sup> public Restorative Transformative Justice meeting will be held on June 3, 2022, at 60 Temple Street from 6-7:30 PM (light refreshments will be provided)
  - The 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting will be held on June 17, 2022, location/time is TBD
  - The 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting will be held on July 8, 2022, location/time is TBD
  - The 4<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held on July 22, 2022, location/time is TBD

Starr reported that the Commission and the Board need to be aware that it is the intent of CJJSI to go for the Innovations for the year 2023, they will be applying for those funds. It is the Commission's duty to approve or not approve for the CJJSI Committee to apply for the 2023 Innovations funding.  
Commission approved.

JJC (Juvenile Justice Commission) Williams stated that they did receive and reviewed the Restorative Transformative Justice Application and Passaic should be receiving feedback shortly.

Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative, Starr reported during YSC Administrator's report.

Chair report, Heller reported that she is happy that everything is moving along with monitoring.

Commissioner's Report, Commissioner Best was not present.

### **Old Business:**

No new business to report on.

**New Business:**

- Heller announced that Circle of Care will be joining the Hudson County CMO once again for Healthy Body Healthy Mind on Saturday in Jersey City.
- Heller also wanted to see if there were any Juneteenth Events happening within the community to please either share today or send information for the YSC to distribute to all.

**Announcements:**

Stephanie Drag gave a quick announcement/presentation about their Strengthening Families Program.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM

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The next Youth Services Commission meeting will be held in person at 401 Grand Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Commissioner's Boardroom on June 15, 2022.

Attest:

Marilyn DelValle