



**Passaic County Youth Services Commission
April 20, 2022, Minutes**

Voting members present:

1. Hon. Rudolph A. Filko
2. Cynthia Heller
3. Marqweesha Guthrie
4. Whitney Young on behalf of Larry Alvarez
5. Lt. James Lane on behalf of D/Sgt. Cristobal
6. Shannon Ferray on behalf of Bart Chou
7. Myrna Villanueva on behalf of Dawn Moody
8. Kerry Klug
9. Jamie Jackett on behalf of Kesha Drakeford
10. Jason Harding
11. La'Quan Hargrove
12. Donna Glinkin
13. Duwan Bogert
14. Francine Vince
15. Susan Butterfield

Voting members absent:

1. D/Sgt. Kelly Pacelli
2. Carolyn McCombs
3. Cristina Barnes-Lee
4. Arti Kakkar
5. Jayna Patel
6. Shanell Toomer
7. Humberto Cuadrado

Others present:

1. Amanda Compton-Dover
2. Le'Var Starr
3. Tashai McFarlane
4. Jenny Vuksic
5. Marilyn DeValle
6. Ingrid Fireflies.ai Notetaker
7. Mignon Huggins
8. Tenaya Bascomb
9. Dr. Sybil Schreiber
10. Jocelyn Cuff
11. Rachel Kinne

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

Hon. Rudolph A. Filko	Present
Melanie Nowling, Esq,	Absent
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, Alt. Shannon Ferray	Present
Arti Kakkar	Absent
Kesha Drakeford Alt. Jaime Jackett	Present
Bridget L. Thomas Smith	Absent
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	Absent
Carolyn McCombs	Absent
Francine Vince	Present
Jayna Patel	Absent
Marqweesha Guthrie	Present
Cristina Barnes-Lee	Absent
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 Guthrie to approve the minutes from March 16, 2022.

Motion carried

Reports:

Monitoring Committee, McFarlane reported that the monitoring committee will meet on Thursday April 21, 2022 @ 9:00 AM.

- All monitoring visits are scheduled except for 2 programs.
- The new monitoring tool was released; the monitoring committee will review it.
- The monitoring visits sign-up sheet was sent out with the minutes.
- All monitoring visits need at least 2 voting members; just cannot be in the same continuum.

Allocation Committee, Heller reported that they did not meet this month.

Planning Committee, Heller reported that the committee met on Tuesday, April 12, 2022.

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

- 2022 Contract Agreements- County Counsel will mail out the agreements to each provider, please make sure to sign and mail back to them.
- JAMS- 1st quarter narratives were due on the 15th, please make sure all intakes, completions, and quarterly narratives were completed.
- JDAI- Will submit the 2023 application.
- PEEP Graduation- was held on April 6, 2022, they will be the 1st program to be monitored for those who would like to attend the monitoring and have a better understanding of the program.
- Triannual Comprehensive Plan- 2023 will be the final year of the Triannual Comprehensive plan and would like for the YSC to be more involved in the planning process.
- JJC Funding Opportunity- is currently seeking a contract for training for their JJC staff. The contractor would have to implement a series of Restorative and Transformative Justice practices. The award period is from October 1, 2022, to September 30, 2023, and the amount being offered is \$75,000. Individual, non-profits, 501 C's as well as educational institutions are encouraged to go out for these funds. There will be a mandatory bidders conference on April 26, 2022 @ 1PM. The applications are due on May 16, 2022, by 3:00 PM.
- Paterson Police Department- will be hosting its 1st Annual Anti-Violence, Mental Health, and Wellness Conference. It will be held at International High School on Saturday, May 14, 2022 @ 10:00 AM. We are looking to have partners participate as a resource and if you are interested, please reach out to Le'Var Starr @ levars@passaiccountynj.org and he can connect those interested to Jordan Henry.
- Paterson Healing Collective- was awarded a grant from the Governor's Office and will be hosting a kickoff event on Friday, April 29, 2022, at School # 28 and one on May 13, 2022, at School # 6. They are looking to have a community event to provide safe healing spaces for our youths, families, and the community.

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

- 2022 Comprehensive Update- is currently at the Attorney Generals Office waiting for them to sign off on it.
- Research and Reform Specialist- Miguel Williams was replaced by Courtnie Thomas due to staff changes.

Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative, Filko stated that there was no update.

Chair report, Heller reported that they still need someone to sign up to be the chair of the Education, Training, and Advocacy committee. Guthrie wanted to remind everyone that the deadline for applicants for the 2nd Annual Youth Leadership Retreat is May 1, 2022. Please make sure we are doing all that we can to help groom Passaic County's future.

Commissioner's Report, Commissioner Best was not present.

Old Business:

Starr reported that Hargrove wanted to give the YSC an update on our youth in Detention and on how our alternatives are going.

New Business:

No new business to report on.

Announcements:

None reported.

Meeting moved by Lane and seconded by Klug to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 PM

The next Youth Services Commission meeting will be held in person at 401 Grand Street, 2nd Floor, Commissioner's Boardroom on May 18, 2022.

Attest:

Marilyn DelValle