



**Passaic County Youth Services Commission
September 21, 2022, Minutes**

Voting members present:

1. Cynthia Heller
2. Kim Casamassina on behalf of Melanie Nowling, Esq.
3. Francine Vince on behalf of Arti Kakkar
4. Felicia Murray on behalf of Whitney Young
5. D/Sgt. Kelly Pacelli
6. Carolyn McCombs
7. Cristina Barnes-Lee
8. Duwan Bogert
9. D/Sgt. Laila Cristobal
10. Mignon Huggins on behalf of James Sawyer
11. Bart Chou
12. Jason Harding
13. Dawn Moody
14. Kerry Klug
15. Jamie Jackett on behalf of Kesha Drakeford
16. La'Quan Hargrove
17. Donna Glinkin
18. Bridget L. Thomas Smith

Voting members absent:

1. Hon. Rudolph A. Filko
2. Susan Butterfield
3. Commissioner T.J. Best
4. Marqweesha Guthrie

5. Terri Rentiers
6. Jayna Patel
7. Shanell Toomer
8. Humberto Cuadrado
9. Sasha Lowery

Others present:

1. Le'Var Starr
2. Jenny Vuksic
3. Amanda Compton-Dover
4. Tashai McFarlane
5. Marilyn DelValle
6. Lt. James Lane
7. Gabriel Montero
8. Tenaya Bascomb
9. Dr. Sybil Schreiber
10. Rachel Kinne
11. Stephanie Drag
12. Charisa Moulton Francis
13. Kristina Bloodgood
14. Dondago Bellamy
15. Reverend Compton
16. Sandy Shevack
17. Nicole (guest)

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

Hon. Rudolph A. Filko	Absent
Melanie Nowling, Esq, Alt. Kim Casamassina	Present
Dawn Moody	Present
Commissioner Theodore T.J. Best	Absent
Jason Harding	Present
Whitney Young, Alt. Felicia Murray	Present
Terri Rentiers	Absent
Bart Chou	Present
Arti Kakkar, Alt. Francine Vince	Present
Kesha Drakeford Alt. Jaime Jackett	Present
Bridget L. Thomas Smith	Present
Shanell Toomer	Absent
Donna Glinkin	Present
D/Sgt. Laila Cristobal	Present
Duwan Bogert	Present
Cynthia Heller	Present
La'Quan Hargrove	Present
Humberto Cuadrado	Absent
D/Sgt. Kelly Pacelli	Present
James Sawyer Alt. Mignon Huggins	Present

Carolyn McCombs	Present
Jayna Patel	Absent
Marqweesha Guthrie	Absent
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 moved by D/Sgt. Pacelli and seconded by Klug to approve the minutes from July 20, 2022.

Motion carried

Reports:

Monitoring Committee, McFarlane stated that the monitoring committee met on September 16, 2022, and currently have 2 monitoring left to complete. The 2 programs are: City of Passaic, Police Department local SHAP and Mental Health Center of Passaic where they hope to complete them both in October as soon as they find 2 voting members to monitor each program.

Planning Committee, McCombs stated that the planning committee met on September 13, 2022, and further stated that the State Community Partnership was increased by \$400,000 for calendar year 2023. An email was sent to all current providers to see if they had ideas and want to expand their current programs. Only a few individuals sent in proposals, but it did not total to the \$400,000, so there will be an opportunity to put some of the dollars out for a bid proposal.

Youth Services Commission Administrators, Starr reported that they are looking to RFP the \$400,576 that will be received from JJC under Community State Partnership for 2023. They are still reviewing the proposals that were submitted from existing vendors as well as some intergovernmental agencies and will have another planning meeting to discuss those proposals in detail to see if we want to make recommendations on submitting those program expansions for 2023

Allocations Committee, Starr stated that the Allocations Committee did not meet this month and the last review was for a Paterson Stationhouse Adjustment Budget Modification.

A motion was made by Starr, moved by D/Sgt. Pacelli, and seconded by Moody to approve the 2023 1/3 Set-Aside with the additional increase of \$7,500 for the Case Expediter position.

Melanie Nowling, Esq. Alt. Kim Casamassina	Abstain
Dawn Moody	Yes
Jason Harding	Yes
Whitney Young, Alt. Felicia Murray	Yes
Bart Chou	Abstain
Arti Kakkar, Alt. Francine Vince	Abstain
Kesha Drakeford Alt. Jaime Jackett	Yes
Bridget L. Thomas Smith	Yes
Donna Glinkin	Yes
D/Sgt. Laila Cristobal	Yes
Duwan Bogert	Abstain
Cynthia Heller	Yes

La'Quan Hargrove	Abstain
D/Sgt. Kelly Pacelli	Yes
James Sawyer Alt. Mignon Huggins	Yes
Carolyn McCombs	Yes
Cristina Barnes-Lee	Yes
Kerry Klug	Yes

Motion passed with 13 yeases and 5 abstentions.

A motion was made by Starr, moved by Murray, and seconded by D/Sgt. Pacelli to approve the 1/3 Set-Aside with the additional increase of \$8,500 for the Juvenile Officer position.

Melanie Nowling, Esq, Alt. Kim Casamassina	Abstain
Dawn Moody	Yes
Jason Harding	No
Whitney Young, Alt. Felicia Murray	Yes
Bart Chou	Abstain
Arti Kakkar, Alt. Francine Vince	Abstain
Kesha Drakeford Alt. Jaime Jackett	Yes
Bridget L. Thomas Smith	Yes
Donna Glinkin	Yes
D/Sgt. Laila Cristobal	Yes
Duwan Bogert	Abstain
Cynthia Heller	Yes
La'Quan Hargrove	Abstain
D/Sgt. Kelly Pacelli	Yes
James Sawyer Alt. Mignon Huggins	Yes
Carolyn McCombs	Yes
Cristina Barnes-Lee	Yes
Kerry Klug	Yes

Motion passed with 12 yeases, 1 no, and 5 abstentions.

A motion was made by Starr, moved by Klug, and seconded by D/Sgt. Pacelli to approve the 2023 Comprehensive Update Application and Plan in its entirety.

Melanie Nowling, Esq, Alt. Kim Casamassina	Abstain
Dawn Moody	Yes
Jason Harding	Yes
Whitney Young, Alt. Felicia Murray	Yes
Bart Chou	Yes
Arti Kakkar, Alt. Francine Vince	Abstain
Kesha Drakeford Alt. Jaime Jackett	Yes
Bridget L. Thomas Smith	Yes
Donna Glinkin	Abstain
D/Sgt. Laila Cristobal	Yes
Duwan Bogert	Yes
Cynthia Heller	Abstain
La'Quan Hargrove	Yes

D/Sgt. Kelly Pacelli	Yes
James Sawyer Alt. Mignon Huggins	Yes
Carolyn McCombs	Yes
Cristina Barnes-Lee	Yes
Kerry Klug	Yes

Motions passed with 14 yeases, and 4 abstentions.

Committee Reports Cont.

JJC (Juvenile Justice Commission) Compton-Dover stated that there were no updates.

Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative, Casamassina reported that Judge Filko wanted the Commission to see the grant opportunities that was shared from the Annie Casey Foundation which were specific to our providers who are serving juvenile justice youth. *The information was shared with the commission via email.*

Chair report, the chairs did not have any updates.

Commissioner’s Report, Commissioner Best was not present.

Youth Services Conference Update

Starr reported that they have identified a keynote, a few breakout sessions, and a bunch of resources. Starr also encouraged everyone to sign up to participate in the conference as a resource if they did not do so already.

Provider Update

D/Sgt. Cristobal reported that they will be starting their 2nd local Station House Adjustment Program on Saturday, September 24, 2022, and it will run on the weekends and weeknights. The Regional Station House Adjustment Program will start on October 1, 2022, and will run on the weekends only on Saturday.

A motion was made by Heller, moved by McCombs, and seconded by Moody to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:36 PM

The next Youth Services Commission meeting will be held via TEAMS on October 19, 2022

Attest:

Marilyn DelValle