

**Passaic County CIACC**  
**401 Grand Street, Paterson, NJ 07505**  
**Chair: Kelly Hart**  
**Vice-Chair: Ana Maria Rivera**  
**December 14, 2022**

**Attendance**

Present

Kelly Hart, Highlands FSC  
Bart Chou, PC Mental Health & Addiction  
Stephanie Drag, Children's Aid & Family Serv

Sybil Schreiber, MHCoP  
Debbie O'Brien, ASCF  
Jenny Vuksic, PC Mental Health

Excused

Ana Maria Rivera, Parent  
Francine Vince, PC Human Services  
Diahann DeRuggiero, McKinney Vento  
Kathi Champagne, FSO  
Le`Var Starr, PC YSC  
Dawn Moody, Probation

Amanda Compton-Dover, JJC  
Donna Glinkin, MRSS  
Jaime Jackett, NJDOE  
Jeena Williams, DCPD  
Cynthia Heller, Circle of Care CMO  
Marian Golan, C.A.S.A.

Absent

Berenice Lopez, S&N Family Success Ctr  
Jocelyn Cuff, CFPS  
Rosy Messineo, Haledon Schools  
Nicole Digiore, St Mary's  
Davetta Ford, BGC

Duwan Bogert, WIB  
Daisy Carrera, JFS  
Gabriel Montero, N&S Psychotherapy  
Joanna O'Rourke, Up in PC

The monthly meeting of the Passaic County CIACC was called to order at 6:39pm.  
The meeting was held via videoconference. *Minutes, agenda, and meeting link is available on the Passaic County website.*

- I. **Minutes:** Did not have a quorum to vote on November minutes. Will be voted on in January.
  
- II. **System Partner Updates:**
  - Report sent on behalf of Circle of Care CMO: In the month of November they received 95 new referrals and had 78 transitions. As of today, they had a total of 1026 active new youth. The Community Resource Development Funds Request for Proposal is due Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. They will welcome any interested CIACC member that would like to volunteer to be a part of the review committee: 2-3 90-minute meetings in early/mid-January to review proposals and make award recommendations to CSOC. Please contact Paulina Dutton if you are interested. Currently hiring Care Manager Support Specialists Spanish & Arabic Speaking – to apply visit the website. Co-hosting Holiday Movie Night for youth and families with FSO. A huge thank you to all who have supported our toy drive initiative!
  - Report sent on behalf of FSO: In the month of November, the Number of Families Referred from PerformCare (Not Including MRSS) was 102. The number of Initial Visits Completed with Care Manager was 8; Initial Visits Completed without Care Manager was 21; Face to Face Meetings with Families was 92; 29 participated in CFTs; and 22

- completed FANS. They had 7 Support Groups; 117 Support Group participants; 7 participated in community initiatives and meetings; 8 hours Spent actively engaged in Youth Groups/Activities; and 27 hours of staff time spent operating YP Program.
- *MRSS forwarded their report: They continue with telehealth and in-person services. They have 1 staff opening. There were 217 requests for dispatches, no shelter placements or petitions, and are currently working with donors for holiday gifts for families.*
  - DCPP – No report
  - Stephanie Drag, Children's Aid & Family Serv., received the 2 grants from the PCDMHAS. One program will bring program to a community charter school in Paterson; the other program will work with all the FSCs to bring a brand-new program on Hip Hop to Prevent Substance Use and HIV.

### **Committee Reports:**

- Jenny Vuksic reported on the Racial Equity Committee, they continue to meet and work on future Youth Forums and Trainings
- Community Voice: Attendance has been low, discussed ways to increase participation. The committee is asking for CIACC members to bring 1 or 2 parents to the meeting. CIACC Members discussed forwarding information to FSCs. It was suggested to send out to families in Head Start in Clifton. Also talking about having a meeting toward the end of January on how councils and committees work for families. Also, discussed resources for youth with developmental disabilities, Out of Home (OOH) has increased....as well as younger kids. Will try to capture this in the Data Dashboards and through the IDD Committee.
- Planning/Education Committee: They continue their planning for the Annual Conference and have a meeting on 12/20 to plan details for the event. The conference is scheduled for February 3, 2023, and we are trying to get the Save the Date flyer out. -Discussed the difficulties families are having finding housing. Families are able to receive voucher but cannot find housing to use their voucher. Lack of mobility to find housing regarding transportation or disability. Also, rent is too high for the voucher received. Some landlords are setting their price right above the voucher threshold. Housing is not up to standards or in unsafe neighborhoods. Families are in shelters for long periods of time....families are not supposed to be in shelter for more 90 days, 120 days the most with extenuating circumstances. Discussed having a navigator to assist families in the process. -Promise 2.0 returned unspent funds in the amount of \$4,664.
- Intellectual Developmental Disabilities: Jenny reported collecting resources and data for this population. When looking for resources, PassaicResourceNet.org had a lot of resources listed that are not captured in the Passaic County Find Help. -Gap between the ages of 18 to 21. Also, if a youth is in a charter school or private school, they will not have the same access to resources. If the kid graduates at 18, no resources are available for them. State law mandates student & families are aware of the options of whether services are extended past 16/18...also transition services should be available at age 14. Avidd was discussed as a transition services, and they will present to CIACC in January 2023. Discussed SPAGs (Special Education Parent Advocacy Groups)....Ambar Ramirez, from CMO, will look into going through Superintendents roundtable meeting for awareness and how to help families. Identify challenges from families and providers and collecting data. Will meet 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month.

- **By-Laws & Membership:** The revised CIACC By-Laws were shared with the Passaic County Mental Health Board for discussion at their December meeting. Will be voted upon in the January 2023 meeting.

III. **Youth Services Commission:** No report

IV. **Division of Mental Health & Addiction Services:** Bart Chou, PC DMHAS, reported that the Passaic County Comprehension Plan is due, and they are collecting data. Focus group survey designed for the providers. They also have a survey for the general public. They got 200 surveys from Clifton municipal's email blast.

-Have renewed all the contracts for the Division of Mental Health & Addiction Services.

V. **Stakeholder Updates:** No report

VI. **Announcements:** Yesterday they honored Kelly Hart for winning the Passaic 2022 County Award, Volunteer of the Year for the Alliance to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse from GCADA. Debbie O'Brien discussed how GCADA has a line item that will address Stigma specifically. Bart Chou discussed how they are planning to merge municipal alliances with stigma free committees.

VII. **Old/New Business:** No report

The CIACC meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm. Next meeting is scheduled for January 11, 2023 at 9:30 am. *The meeting will be hybrid.*

Submitted by: *Jenny Vuksic*