

Passaic County CIACC
401 Grand Street, Paterson, NJ 07505
Chair: Kelly Hart
Vice-Chair: Ana Maria Rivera
February 8, 2023

Attendance

Present

Ana Maria Rivera, Parent

Nancy Estrada, Parent

Ashley Rios, Community

Paulina Vargas, Parent

Sybil Schreiber, MHCoP

Cynthia Heller, Circle of Care CMO

Kathi Champagne-Satchell, FSO

Nina Reams, FSO

Massiel Sanabria, McKinney-Vento

Paulina Dutton, Circle of Care CMO

Stephanie Drag, Children's Aid & Family Serv

Jeannette Pimentel, DCP

Paulette Mader, Rutgers Univ, PPS 2.0 Parent

Jenny Vuksic, PC Mental Health

Excused

Nicole Digioire, St Mary's

Kelly Hart, Highlands FSC

Jaime Jackett, NJDOE

Bart Chou, PC Mental Health & Addiction

Amanda Compton-Dover, JJC

Francine Vince, PC Human Services

Donna Glinkin, MRSS

Jill Martorano, Family Courts

Joanna O'Rourke, Up in PC

Le`Var Starr, PC YSC

Absent

Berenice Lopez, S&N Family Success Ctr

Jocelyn Cuff, CFFS

Rosy Messineo, Haledon Schools

Dawn Moody, Probation

Davetta Ford, BGC

Daisy Carrera, JFS

Gabriel Montero, M&S Psychotherapy

Marian Golan, C.A.S.A.

The monthly meeting of the Passaic County CIACC was called to order at 6:30pm.

The meeting was held via videoconference. *Minutes, agenda, and meeting link is available on the Passaic County website.*

I. **Minutes:** On a motion by Sybil Schreiber and seconded by Stephanie Drag the January 2023 minutes were unanimously approved.

II. **System Partner Updates:**

- Paulina Dutton, Circle of Care CMO reported they had a total of 1,067 active youth. They had 87 new referrals and 81 transitions. Currently planning the Healthy Bodies Healthy Minds wellness event. This year the event will be held in Passaic County in partnership with Hudson County. They will be having Bergen County Joining the event this year as well. They are actively looking for vendors, resource tables. Please forward your thoughts on activities. They just finalized the Community Development Funds review process, they have a few recommendations they will be sending to CSOC. Announcements will not be available until April and thank you to all that participated in the renewal process. Cynthia Heller shared that the CMO is expanding their space. They have another floor in their current building, and the youth center to be open to the community in the Paterson

Mall. Paulina also reminded members of the PassaicResouceNet.com, for resources for the community.

- Donna Glinkin, MRSS: *Sent the report*: Total calls 301; Total Dispatches 288; Total open families 394; No petitions or shelter placements.
- Kathi Champagne-Satchell, FSO: They are serving 267 families and hiring 2 new part time staff, along with one in progress. FSO had 92 referrals from PerformCare, 15 initial visits with Care Managers and 29 without the Care Managers, and 6 face visits. Had 9 support groups combined Upper and Lower County, with 163 attendees. Youth groups had 19 unduplicated youth participated in the group. Also had 4 meetings with them, youth Leadership Council that is forming within that group. They are having in-home mindful & wellness trainings for their staff. Ongoing wellness initiative to support FSO staff. Nina shared they started a monthly calendar which has all their events which includes support groups, youth partnership. Each month they have a theme, this month is gratitude, and will have information including Black History Month. They also started an Instagram Page and hoping to add Tic Toc with the Youth Partnership. They had their first back in person Nurtured Heart Training, adding a Notching Up...Nurtured Heart group to meet. Have been able to partner with Project Feed for groups and families. They were able to get their staff Black Lives Matter shirts for Black History month. Planning an Art & Talent contest for their youth, to work on the design for a t-shirt for Healthy Bodies Healthy Minds event and to showcase all of the art created.
- Jeannette Pimentel, DCP: In January 2023, Passaic Central had 194 new referrals, 87 of families had no prior history, 90 had history, and only 17 remained open. Passaic North had a total of 215 new referrals. DCP continues to work in hybrid, which will be reviewed soon. Jeena Williams took the lead for wellness activities for DCP staff, such as creating a serenity room. They have resiliency committees, promoting mental health and wellness. They are having a Job Fest this month to address vacancies and bring in new people to meet the demands. Discussion around where referrals are coming from, do most come from school, and is there data to support families getting needed resources. Recommending working with Planning Committee and Community Voice Committee. -Another issue raised was seeing more homeless families, schools are pushing back on McKinney-Vento. Massiel reported that Passaic has been greatly impacted. In 2022-23 school year, they visited Passaic and Paterson to help register youth and had over 500 students within the first 7 days. Hired 2 Navigators to work with families. Seeing this in cities that never had homeless issues. This impacts family's ability to participate in treatment too. Everything gets more complicated when families are displaced. At the 9th Annual Conference on Friday, the keynote speaker focused on Immigration Trauma. Common theme from Passaic School Districts noticed a lot of students registered as homeless, quick mobility that they move from schools here a few months then disappear, schools are having a hard time following up with families. Also concern for Human Trafficking. SBYS work with this group, Passaic HS developed a group that works with new immigrants, and they address the challenges they face, and are able to share their experiences.

III. **Committee Reports:**

- Kathi Champagne-Satchell reported on Racial Equity Committee. They met briefly yesterday. Paulina and Berenice are in the process of gathering together a group/listening session with Day Care Center (Early Child Center in Passaic) with parents impacted by implicit bias, Spanish Speaking families. The format will be used for future groups. They are also planning for future Youth Forums, partnering with the AML Academy. Also, have a training planned for the Racial Equity

Members to focus on the Crown Act, regarding not discriminating against people of color based on how they wear their hair. Still meeting every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month virtually.

- Planning/Education Committee: The 9th Annual Conference took place on February 3, 2023, 170 registered and 110 attended. It was a full day conference, keynote speaker from Rutgers spoke on Immigration, and presented stories of experiences. In the afternoon, we had breakout sessions on Immigration (continuing the conversation), KIND, and LGBTQ+.
- Community Voice: Discussed concerns with joining CIACC subcommittees due to work responsibilities. Ana has resigned as the CIACC Vice-Chair. The Community Voice Committee is decreasing in numbers. She has asked CIACC members a pledge to identify families through their partnerships in order to link families to join the Community Voice Committee. The goal can be to advocate for themselves, for families to gain resources. How are we going to build the committee and link families with the Community Voice. Also, how to build Leadership, build on their strengths. Community Voice presented a proposal for the Promise 2.0 grant, the Planning Committee will look at this proposal again. A concern was raised around the treatment of parents when calling the Board of Social Services (BSS). In the incident provided, the individual was not provided the callers name, although they were requesting personal information. The caller was disrespectful, and further discussion demonstrated that this is not a one-time scenario as parent support groups have also raised similar concerns. Families are made to feel less than when requesting services. The CIACC unanimously decided to write a letter on behalf of the CIACC; to be addressed to the Executive Director of BSS, and copied to the Passaic County Mental Health Board, Passaic County Commissioners, and Passaic County Human Services Director documenting the incident.
- Intellectual Developmental Disabilities: Jenny Vuksic reported that the committee would like to call themselves the Intellectual Developmental Disabilities Community Voice. They continue to look at what school districts track, working on a mission statement and goals. Meeting with the Passaic County Directors of Special Services tomorrow to discuss CIACC, Community Voice, and IDD Community Voice. They meet every 1st Wednesday at 11:00am.

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

V. **Division of Mental Health & Addiction Services:** No report

VI. **Stakeholder Updates:** No report

VII. **Announcements:** No report

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

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

Submitted by: *Jenny Vuksic*