

**Passaic County CIACC**  
**401 Grand Street, Paterson, NJ 07505**  
**Chair: Kelly Hart**  
**Vice-Chair: vacant**  
**March 8, 2023**

**Attendance**

Present

Sybil Schreiber, MHCoP	Daisy Carrera, JFS Clifton-Passaic
Tatiana Rodriguez, DCPD	Jill Martorano, Family Courts
Jeannette Pimentel, DCPD	Amanda Compton-Dover, JJC
Kelly Hart, Highlands FSC	Arnita McCoy, Community Member
Nina Reams, FSO	Laura McCarthy, MRSS - FCIU
Jo Ponticello, CAFS	Lindsay Scott, Kinship Navigator
Jeena Williams, DCPD	Monica Lozano, Edni Counseling Services
Narine Kaprelian, St Joseph's PES	Natalie Contreras, CFPS
Jocelyn Cuff, CFPS	Ashley Rios, DCF
Paulina Dutton, Circle of Care CMO	Victoria Alizo, Community Bank of NJ
Cynthia Heller, Circle of Care CMO	George Bostony, Special Dragons
Stephanie Drag, Children's Aid & Family Serv	Cindy Merced, Supreme Consultants
Donna Glinkin, MRSS	Le`Var Starr, PC YSC
Jaime Jackett, NJDOE	Jenny Vuksic, PC Mental Health

Excused

Nicole Digioire, St Mary's	Joanna O'Rourke, Up in PC
Ana Maria Rivera, Parent	Francine Vince, PC Human Services
Nancy Estrada, Parent	Bart Chou, PC Mental Health & Addiction
Diahann DeRugierro, McKinney-Vento	

Absent

Berenice Lopez, S&N Family Success Ctr	Davetta Ford, BGC
Gabriel Montero, M&S Psychotherapy	Dawn Moody, Probation

The monthly meeting of the Passaic County CIACC was called to order at 9:35am.

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

- I. **Minutes:** On a motion by Sybil Schreiber and seconded by Le`Var Starr the February 2023 minutes were unanimously approved.
  
- II. **System Partner Updates:**
  - Paulina Dutton, Circle of Care CMO reported they had a total of 1,098 active youth. They had 104 new referrals and 57 transitions. They are planning this year's Healthy Bodies Healthy Minds wellness event in coordination with both Hudson and Bergen Counties from May 20<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 2pm.
  - Nia Reams, FSO: They are serving 105 families. FSO had 92 referrals from PerformCare, 9 initial visits with Care Managers and 38 without the Care Managers, and

139 face visits time spent with face to face activities were 133. Had 4 support groups combined Upper and Lower County, with 165 attendees. Youth groups had 21 unduplicated youth participated in the group. Also had 4 meetings with them, youth Leadership Council that is forming within that group. They have 2 new staff, one is bilingual. They are having a Nurtured Heart Approach Training on March 18 & 25, adding a Notching Up NHA...on March 14 & 28.

- Donna Glinkin, MRSS: in February they had 278 requests for dispatches; Total Dispatches 257; Total open families 457; No petitions or shelter placements.
- Jeannette Pimentel, DCPP: In February 2023, Passaic Central had 176 new referrals and Passaic North had a total of 191 new referrals. She introduced Tatiana Rodriguez from the Central Passaic Office. Jeena Williams added that there are RFPs for group homes for youth with Intellectual Developmental Disabilities. Request for Proposals are located on the DCF website.
- Center for Family Services: Kelly Hart spoke on their self-assessment that took place yesterday. She reported a lack of enrollment in their home based services, youth ages 0 to 3, and pregnant mothers. Looking for partners to help fill those slots to provide more care for families. Home based Program is all of Passaic County with the exceptions of Paterson and Passaic.

### III. **Committee Reports:**

- Racial Equity Committee: No report.
- Planning/Education Committee: Jenny Vuksic reported that the committee will meet today after CIACC at 11am. Will review the power point provided by the Community Voice Committee. Discussing the updates of the Promise grant. Looking to see how we can partner with those who are providing events for families, so we can engage with families to promote CIACC and its committees. Discussed participating in CMO Healthy Bodies Healthy Minds and Earth Day event. Jenny will be meeting with the Wayne Municipal Alliance to see if there is an event to attend in order to engage families.
- Community Voice: No report.
- Intellectual Developmental Disabilities: They are looking to build a mission statement and create goals for the committee. Collect data and figure out how we can assist families with getting the services they need. They have focused on the population of youth ages 18 to 21, especially those who have transitioned from High School but not eligible for DDD services until they are 21. Partner with schools to see families are aware of available services. They meet every 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at 11:00am.

IV. **Youth Services Commission**: Le`Var Starr, Juvenile Administration, reported looking for partners to discuss youth emergency shelter licensing and/or looking to explore other options to keeping our youth home within Passaic County. Would like to have a discussion on how to keep our youth in the community, through court referrals. Currently the County is contracted for 3 youth at any given time. Le`Var will draft an email to Jenny that can be triaged to the group to form a Task Force to further discuss options.

-Passaic County has one of the four cities that received Restorative Transformative Justice Pilot program. A provider has been identified and has been presented to YSC, and currently at the Commissioner's Level. They will have their first Restorative Transformative Justice Training on Peace Circles on April 25 from 9 to 3, through the Paterson Education Fund. Another training on May 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 7 held at St. Paul's Church in Paterson

available to community members, stakeholders, individuals who are looking for further education on restorative peace circles. Also planning to hold 2 other trainings, Imagining Justice & 3-tier restorative practice introduction.

-Annual YSC Lunch and Learn Meeting will take place on March 15<sup>th</sup> from 12pm to 3pm at PCCC Wanaque Campus. Presentations on SPAN, Mental Health First Aid, & Sex Trafficking.

- V. **Division of Mental Health & Addiction Services:** No report. It was shared that DMHAS had an event for the opening of the Office of Recovery, which is a new Division within the Department of Human Services.
- VI. **Stakeholder Updates:** No report
- VII. **Announcements:** Kelly Hart, CFFS, reported they will host the annual Scott's Fun Run again this year in West Milford on Saturday, May 13, 2023. Looking for organizations that want tables. They usually have around 150 to 200 people to attend each year. Flyers will be sent to CIACC. Earth Day will take place April 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Stephanie Drag, CAFS, announced they are still looking to hire for their Prevention Specialist for the new Hip Hop Program for prevention to substance use. They are also partnering with the Family Success Center to hold a Seven (7) Habits of Highly Effective Teens event in April. Flyers will be sent.
  - George Bostony, Special Dragons, discussed using the Autism Infinity Sign. Wanted members to know that they work with youth with Autism /cognitive challenges as well as youth with Behavioral Issues. With the help of the Sons of American Allegiance they are having a fundraiser this coming May.
  - The Nomination Committee will meet to recommend a slate for CIACC Officers.
- VIII. **Old/New Business:** Discussed the violence that took place in Paterson this weekend. An individual from the Paterson Healing Collective was shot and this was a very sad event for the community. Paterson Healing Collective has been helping the community to reduce violence in the city. Le`Var Starr further added the importance to being aware of the impact, and systemic challenges. If this incident or previous incidents have moved you and you are interested in joining the Crisis Intervention Training (CIT), please reach out. CIT is training that takes place twice a year in March and in October to provide cross training between law enforcement and mental health.

The CIACC meeting was adjourned at 10:40am. Next meeting is scheduled for April 19, 2023 at 6:30pm & *will be virtual.*

Submitted by: *Jenny Vuksic*