

**Passaic County CIACC**  
**401 Grand Street, Paterson, NJ 07505**  
**Chair: Kelly Hart**  
**Vice-Chair: Ana Maria Rivera**  
**November 9, 2022**

**Attendance**

Present

Laura McCarthy, MRSS	Kelly Hart, Highlands FSC
Allyssa Juntilla, Cooperative Counseling Services	Laurie Lieberman, Jewish Fam & Children Serv
Bart Chou, PC Mental Health & Addiction	Marion Golan, CASA
Sybil Schreiber, MHCoP	James Sawyer, FSO
Erica Pena, CMO	Nancy La Torre, Parent
Shannon Ferray, PCMH&AS	Nancy Estrada, Parent
Xiomara Gonel, DVRS	Joanna O'Rourke, United for Prevention
Jeena Williams, DCPD	Paulina Dutton, Circle of Care CMO
Jenna Rutherford, Gen Psych	Donna Glinkin, MRSS
Jocelyn Cuff, CFFS	Le`Var Starr, PC YSC
Kathi Champagne, FSO	Jenny Vuksic, PC Mental Health

Excused

Ana Maria Rivera, Parent	Amanda Compton-Dover, JJC
Francine Vince, PC Human Services	Davetta Ford, BGC
Diahann DeRuggiero, McKinney Vento	Jaime Jackett, NJDOE

Absent

Berenice Lopez, S&N Family Success Ctr	Duwan Bogert, WIB
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The monthly meeting of the Passaic County CIACC was called to order at 9:30am. 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 Paulina Dutton, the October 12, 2022 minutes were approved.
- II. **System Partner Updates:**
  - Paulina Dutton, Circle of Care CMO, reported working with 1,056 youth. In October there were 78 new referrals, and 75 transitions. Referrals look like they will continue to be high, they already have 30 youth this month. They hosted their first Trunk or Treat for Halloween in partnership with the FSO in October and it went well, she thanked those who provided support for the event. Also preparing their Food Drive in partnership with FSO, any donations would be appreciated or volunteers. Also looking to have a toy drive for families as well. The grant for Community Development Funds is currently out for FY '24. Also requested participation on the Proposal review committee.
  - Kathi Champagne, FSO, reported that the Trunk or Treat was successful, and the Youth Partnership was a great support at the event. They did so great that they were invited to a 2<sup>nd</sup> trunk or treat, won 1<sup>st</sup> place, and took pictures with the Mayor of Paterson. In the

- month of October, they had 34 new families referred, 13 initial visits with CMs with a total of 81 face to face visits. Numbers are low because of staffing vacancies. All support groups are on a hybrid schedule. They held 8 Support Groups in the month of October, 4 lower county and 4 upper county. Still trying to start up their Spanish Speaking group. Youth Partnership Groups had 4 meetings. Collaborating with CMO on their Holiday event, renting out a movie theater and host 2 movies simultaneously. PJ Holiday Movie Night for CMO families.
- Laura McCarthy, MRSS, reported for October they had 258 requests for dispatches. No shelter placements or court petitions. They have 5 Crisis Intervention Specialists positions open and are currently interviewing. They are planning for their Thanksgiving drive and Holiday Drive.
  - DCPP – No report
  - Jenna Rutherford, Gen Psych in Wayne, reported they currently serve adolescent as young as 13. They are currently running both in-person and virtual visits. Their Livingston location will serve youth as young as 8 virtually. They offer services for primary eating disorders as young as 13 and over both male and female in Livingston Location, will be offered in Wayne in January 2023. In Network with most insurance companies, with the exception of Medicaid. Psychiatrists and APNs on staff. 908-303-7592, [jrutherford@genpsych.com](mailto:jrutherford@genpsych.com)

### **Committee Reports:**

- Marian Golan, FSO, reported that the Racial Equity Committee has been meeting for over 2 years. Meeting with youth at the Al Moody School, and looking to expand to different venues. The committee meets twice a month if you are interested in joining. Please forward an email to Jenny, [jennyv@passaiccountynj.org](mailto:jennyv@passaiccountynj.org) and the link to the meeting will be forwarded.
  - Community Voice reminded CIACC to give information to families. They are meeting twice a month, and the next meeting is Tuesday, November 29 at 6:30pm.
  - Planning/Education Committee: Jenny reported that Planning Committee will meet today. They received an additional \$5,000 for the Promise 2.0 renewal grant for engaging families. They will continue planning for the Annual Conference taking place on February 3<sup>rd</sup> which is in -person at the Passaic County Safety Academy.
  - Intellectual Developmental Disabilities: Jenny reported they began meeting again. In this initial meeting they discussed collecting resources for this population, identify challenges from families and providers, and collecting data. Will meet 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month.
  - By-Laws & Membership: The By-Laws will share with the Passaic County Mental Health Board for discussion at their November meeting.
- III. **Youth Services Commission:** Le`Var Starr reported the next YSC meeting will be on 11-16, 2022. Youth Service Conference will be held on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at PCCC Wanaque Campus. Restorative and Transformative Justice RFP is out, and a bidder's conference will be held today at 3pm. The RFP will close on November 30<sup>th</sup>. They also have a Shelter Bed RFP out. The Juvenile Division has a Food Initiative and looking to partner with Highlands FS to serve up county families.

IV. **Division of Mental Health & Addiction Services:**

All sites have been visited by our monitors, contracts are in the process of being renewed.

V. **Stakeholder Updates:** No report

VI. **Announcements** Kelly Hart, Highlands FSC, have a grant with the local Health Outreach Coordinator grant with the Ringwood Health Department. Through that they will be hosting a Turkey Stroll, which will be a scenic family hike in Ringwood on November 19<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.

VII. **Old/New Business:** Discussion on having in-person/hybrid CIACC meetings in the new year 2023. CMO offered to host in their Training Center. Looking to have CIACC January 11<sup>th</sup> meeting at the CMO Training Center at 9:30 am; and February 8<sup>th</sup> at Highlands FSC at 6:30pm. Both meetings will also be hybrid.

-Tina Miles wanted to let CIACC know anyone from Paterson Schools that needs help accessing child therapy and psychiatry appointments, please have them email Tina to make a connection. They do not have any open clearance appointment availability, but they do have the capacity for appointments at their child psych clinic. [milest@sjhmc.org](mailto:milest@sjhmc.org)

-DCF statewide Student Support Services Network- A grant was due to come out. Advocacy in regard to School Based Youth Services.

On a motion by Marian Golan and seconded by Sybil Schreiber, the CIACC meeting was adjourned at 10:30am. Next meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2022 at 6:30 pm. *Will be held virtually.*

Submitted by: *Jenny Vuksic*