



**Passaic County Mental Health Board  
September 7, 2022 Meeting Agenda**

- I. Roll Call**
- II. Open Public Meetings Law**
  - a. Announcement of the Open Public Meetings Act
  - b. Introduction of members of the public
  - c. Public Portion of the Meeting
- III. Approval of Minutes**
  - a. Approval of June 1 2022 Meeting Minutes
- IV. Reports**
  - a. Mental Health and Addiction Services Director Report
  - b. New Jersey Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services Program Analyst Report
  - c. Professional Advisory Committee Report
- V. Old Business**
- VI. New Business**
  - a. Review of CIACC Membership Recommendations (*please see below*)
  - b. Next Month's meeting date falls on Yom Kippur – members to discuss/vote on moving the meeting or keeping it on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month
- VII. Correspondence**
- VIII. Adjournment**

**\*All meetings will be held via videoconference until further notice. Please contact Shannon Ferray at [shannonf@passaiccountynj.org](mailto:shannonf@passaiccountynj.org) for details about attending.**

To: Bart Chou  
From: Jenny Vuksic  
Date: August 15, 2022  
Re: CIACC Membership

I would like to recommend the following individuals for CIACC membership for the term July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023:

Child, Family, Community Representatives:

1. **Nancy De La Torre, Parent**
2. **Ana Maria Rivera, Parent**

Local System Partners:

1. **Donna Glinkin, Mobile Response**--- This program will work to keep children and their families experiencing emotional and behavioral issues safe in their own homes or current living situation. They are available 24 hours a day and can be reached through the Contracted Systems Administrator (CSA).
2. **James Sawyer, Family Support Organization**--- Family Support Organizations (FSO's) are family-run, county-based organizations that provide direct family-to-family peer support, education, advocacy and other services to family members of children with emotional and behavioral problems. **Kathi Champagne - alternate**
3. **Cynthia Heller, Care Management Organization**--- Care Management organizations, (CMO), are nonprofit agencies that are responsible for face-to-face care management and comprehensive service planning for youth and their families with intense and /or complex needs. They coordinate Child Family Team, (CFT) meetings, and implement Individual Service Plans, (ISP) for each youth and his/her family. They coordinate the delivery of services and supports needed to maintain stability and progress towards goals for each youth, utilizing the Wraparound approach to planning. Circle of Care, (COC) is the CMO of Passaic County. **Paulina Dutton -- alternate**

Community-based Organizations:

1. **Jocelyn Cuff, Family Intervention Services/CFIS** --- Family Intervention Services, A Division of Center for Family Services, provides support for children and families in the northern region of New Jersey. FIS promotes positive growth, development and well-being of children, youth, families and communities through supportive services, advocacy, and community collaboration.
2. **Kelly Hart, Center for Family Resources, Highlands Family Success Center**--- A safe and welcoming environment offering family-oriented programs and strength-based activities. Located in West Milford, they provide a variety of services for Passaic County based on suggestions and recommendations from the community.

3. **Nicole Digiore, St. Mary's Hospital, AWARE Program** -- Partial hospitalization program serving children and adolescents in Passaic County between the ages of 11 and 17 who exhibit significant psychiatric, emotional or behavioral disturbances. The program provides intensive therapeutic and psychiatric services 5 days a week, and aims to prevent hospitalization, re-hospitalization, and/or out of home placement in addition to development of an improved overall level of functioning.
4. **Daisy Carrera, Jewish Family Service**--- Based upon Jewish tradition and values, the mission of Jewish Family Service, Inc. is to strengthen and preserve the well-being of individuals and families; to help them effectively meet the challenges and changes through life by providing quality human services and professional counseling to all who call upon its services.
5. **Sybil Schreiber, Mental Health Clinic of Passaic**--- Passaic Mental Health Clinic specializes in mental health services to children by establishing the Ida Gurtman Therapeutic Children's Program, which is a partial care program for children three to six years of age. They provide a wide range of services for children and families including outpatient counseling, partial care, family outreach, School Based Youth services, etc.
6. **Berenice Lopez, FSC Straight & Narrow** -- A prevention program whose goal is to strengthen families and promote economic self-sufficiency. It is a multi-agency partnership that provides various services and referrals to individuals and their families. Provides information and linkages to various resources, Economic self-sufficiency /employment related services, Parent Education and Support, Life Skills training Parent-Child Activities, "Family Success" plans and Advocacy, etc.
7. **Joanna O'Rourke, United for Prevention in PC** – They seek to create environmental change relating to substance abuse by promoting awareness, communication, and support for all county residents. Every day someone in Passaic County is affected by substance abuse. As the youth prevention specialist, her job is to work together with community groups, including the CIACC organization, to address adverse childhood experiences (ACE's) that place our youth at a higher risk for developing substance use disorders, and getting them connected to resources. **Sherrine Schuldt -- alternative**
8. **Davetta Ford, Passaic County CASA** -- Passaic County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) empowers volunteer advocates to champion the best interests of children in the foster care system. **Marian Golan -- Alternate**
9. **Stephanie Drag, Children's Aid and Family Services** -- provide high-quality, innovative services to children, adults, and their families that advance social, educational, and emotional development and well-being. Our work includes adoption and adoption support services, therapeutic foster care for vulnerable children, drug and alcohol abuse education and prevention, community residences, day-habilitation program and in-home support services for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, housing and safety-net services for teen moms and their babies, who would otherwise be homeless, and strengthening the community through educational programs and workshops.

10. **Dawn Moody, Probation** -- provides underage offenders in Passaic County the opportunity to remain in their community under supervision. The officer monitors their compliance with judge's rules and conditions, which in addition to paying restitution and fines may include academic goals and counseling. **Jennifer Wood – alternate**
11. **Diahann DeRuggiero, McKinney-Vento** – Liaisons to address the needs of educational stability for displaced youth ages 3 to 20. To ensure that all homeless youth have equal access to the same free, appropriate public education. **Massiel Sanabria -- alternate**

County Planning Entities:

1. **Le`Var Starr, Youth Service Commission**---Each county has a Youth Service Commission to identify, plan and oversee the implementation of community based sanctions and services for juveniles within the county that are charges or adjudicated as delinquent and to establish delinquency prevention programs.
2. **Bart Chou, PC Mental Health & Addiction Services**---Director of the Division of Mental Health & Addiction Services

Representatives of State Agencies (ex-officio, non-voting members):

1. **Amanda Compton-Dover, Juvenile Justice Commission**--- (JJC) provides a continuum of care for juveniles placed under its supervision including residential community homes, day programs, secure care facilities and parole services.
2. **Ryan McNamee, Family Court**
3. **Jenny Sierra, Division of Child Protection and Permanency** --- DCP&P is New Jersey's child protection and child welfare agency within the Department of Children and Families. Its mission is to ensure the safety, permanency, and wellbeing of children and to support families. Northern Region RHS
4. **Jeena Williams, Division of Child Protection and Permanency**--- Child protection services. Regional representative. **Terri Rentiers, alternate**