

Passaic County CIACC
401 Grand Street, Paterson, NJ 07505
Chair: Kelly Hart
Vice-Chair: vacant
June 14, 2023

Attendance

Present

Chelsey Bunning, Parent
Lindsay Scott, Care Plus
Bart Chou, PC Mental Health & Addiction
Sybil Schreiber, MHCoP
Tommy Balistrer, PC Community Policing
Paulette Mader, PPS 2.0
Jeannette Pimentel, DCP
Kelly Hart, CFR
Kathy Barreto, NJCDC

Asanti Nicholas, McKinney-Vento
Paulina Dutton, Circle of Care CMO
Nina Reams, FSO
Stephanie Drag, Children's Aid & Family Serv
Sanabria Massiel, McKinney-Vento
Donna Glinkin, MRSS
Le`Var Starr, PC YSC
Jenny Vuksic, PC Mental Health

Excused

Amanda Compton-Dover, JJC
Ana Maria Rivera, Parent
Francine Vince, PC Human Services

Joanna O'Rourke, Up in PC
Jaime Jackett, NJDOE
Jill Martorano, Family Courts

Absent

Berenice Lopez, S&N Family Success Ctr
Gabriel Montero, M&S Psychotherapy
Jocelyn Cuff, CFFS
Daisy Carrera, JFS Clifton-Passaic

Davetta Ford, BGC
Dawn Moody, Probation
Nicole Digiore, St Mary's
Narine Kareljian, St Joseph's PES

The monthly meeting of the Passaic County CIACC was called to order at 6:35pm. 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 Paulina Dutton the May 2023 were approved with corrections.
- II. **Presentation:** Tommy Balistrer, Passaic Community Sheriff's Community Policing Division. They are the link between the community and PC Sheriff's Office. They give presentations, safety talks, senior IDs, gang awareness presentations, offer youth presentations to educate youth. They assist with the Hope One Van
- III. **System Partner Updates:**
 - Paulina Dutton, Circle of Care CMO reported they had a total of 1,145 active youth. They had 109 new referrals and 93 transitions. They are planning this year's Healthy Bodies Healthy Minds wellness event in coordination with both Hudson and Bergen Counties at Garrett Mountain from May 20th from 9am to 2pm. (*Rescheduled to June 10 due to weather conditions*) They officially moved into the 3rd floor in their office. They are

finalizing their Youth Center in Center City Mall. Stay tuned for their open house...a flyer will be sent, looking at the last week of June.

- Kathi Champagne-Satchell FSO: It was reported FSO had 117 referrals from PerformCare, 17 initial visits with Care Managers and 18 without the Care Managers, and face visits time were 109. Support group continue to do well, the group in West Milford will be completely in person, in collaboration with the Highlands FSC. They reported having 7 support groups. Youth groups had 19 unduplicated youth that participated in groups, 4 of those groups were hybrid. working on more in-person groups for the Youth Partnership. Hired a PT bilingual family support partner, and still have an opening for another PT individual. Kelly Hart shared that FSO collaborated with Highlands to hold a Parent Café for Child Protection & Awareness month in April, and there was a great turnout. Commissioner Beyer for the Department of Children and Families participated in the event.
- Donna Glinkin, MRSS: In April, they had 203 requests for dispatches; went out on 189 of them and working with 350 families; no shelter placements or FCIU petitions.
- Jeannette Pimentel, DCP: Passaic County local office received a total of 206 intakes. They are experiencing a new average high, numbers have increased in the last couple of months. For the North Passaic Office they were 195 intakes which is higher than last year. They are trying to identify trends to continue to share with the CIACC.
- Jenna Rutherford, Gen Pysch: They do not have a wait list, located in Wayne on the Hamburg Turnpike. PHPIOP, general mental health, serve a youth track 8 to 12, and an adolescent track 13 to 17. In person or virtual. Have a psychiatrist and APNs for medication management if needed.
- Jenny Vuksic, PCHS: Sent out the list of Outpatient Provider from PerformCare. An email was sent to CIACC, please send information to Jenny. Must provide Medicaid number.
- Kelly Hart, CFR: They have Head Start Programs in Upper Passaic County and in Clifton. They have 468 enrolled students. They have availability and no wait list in their Home-Based program, which is for pregnant women & infants 0 to 3. Home visitors go to their homes and provides services once a week as well as a weekly toddle time. They have openings for children and for 2 home visitors.
- Jo Ponticello, Children's Aid and Family Services: They have staff openings for individuals with a license please refer them.

III. **Committee Reports:**

- Racial Equity Committee: Kathi Satchell reported that Tanya Maloney who is part of the Black Lives Matter (BLM) initiative come and present to the committee. Gave a presentation of all the programs they offer for youth in the City of Paterson, and availability of some youth centers they have one is on Saturday, and others during the week. They are looking to collaborate with Tanya Maloney to further assist her in bringing more individuals and youth to participate in the BLM movement. Also to address racial equity in the community. Discussed asking her to present to CIACC.
- Planning/Education Committee: Through the Promise 2.0 grant. Funds will be given to support two events in the community, and Jenny will attend events to raise awareness of the CIACC and its subcommittees. Will be able to talk to and engage families, letting them know about the CIACC & Community Voice Committee, and how we need their input to plan around their needs. They are the experts. Set aside \$1,200 for both Scotts Fun Run (photobooth/CIACC logo & food) and Healthy Bodies & Healthy Minds (food and an activity) and continues to look for a third event to

sponsor. On a motion by Sybil Schreiber and seconded by Le`Var Starr, the CIACC approved the spending plan, with abstentions from Paulina Dutton and Kelly Hart.

- Kathi Satchell shared of an event happening with the Zero Suicide Initiative “In their Shoes Program” which they will host on 9-9-23. To support those with Suicidal Ideation or Have lost a Loved one. They will be bringing awareness, have therapy dogs, and FSO will be partnering with them.
- Community Voice: The last meeting held one individual attended. It was difficult to host the committee since the parent who attached spoke Spanish, but she understood enough English for us to have a conversation. The committee continues to meet 2x/month. Jenny will forward the Community Voice flyer to CIACC to spread the word. Discussed how to bring more families with lived-in experience. Brought issues discussed at the last meeting to the statewide CIACC liaison, was not able to raise it at the meeting, but will have a separate meeting with him.
- Intellectual Developmental Disabilities Community Voice: They have finalized their mission statement and goals. Working on receiving data around this population, connecting with school districts, and have Span talk to the committee. Paterson is hosting a transition fair on June 3rd that we will attend to talk to families.
- Elections: Officers for the term 7-1-23 through 6-30-25. The slate was presented as follows: Kelly Hart as CIACC Chair and Donna Glinkin as CIACC Vice-Chair. Sybil Schreiber made a motion to accept the slate, seconded by Marion Golan. With abstentions from Kelly and Donna, the CIACC approved the recommendations for CIACC Officers. Congratulations.

IV. **Youth Services Commission:** Le`Var Starr reported that the next YSC meeting will be held on May 17. It is an open meeting, and meetings are held in person in the county building, 401 Grand Street at 12:30pm. If you are interested in attending, please feel free to join the commission meeting next week. In line with their education opportunity for the year, they will have the second lunch and learn on June 21st in the County Building from 12:00pm to 3:00pm. Presentation and a keynote speaker on Restorative Practices and Restorative Circles from Jessica Taube from the NJ State Bar Association. They have completed a few of the treatment modalities, have partnered with Paterson Education Fund to provide training on Peace Circles, first one on April 25th, those who have attended will received certificates and will be able to perform peace circles. Second training will be May 8 and May 11. Second string of Restorative Transformative Justice training will happen on June 14 the Paterson Healing Collective at 100 Hamilton Plaza, 4th Floor. Titled: Theoretical Practices for Implementing Restorative Transformative Practices in the Community. Another training on June 28, 10am to 2pm, also presented by the Paterson Healthy Collective on Reimagining Justice. Invites will be sent shortly. They have identified their Hub partner, New Destiny, and anticipating the opening of the RTJ Hub. They have identified a Steering committee to be held on May 17th. Actively seeking agencies or individuals to provide a youth emergency shelter here in Passaic County. Also, this is a YSC planning year, will be reaching out to agencies collecting data around the needs of our youth.

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

Bart Chou discussed the four-year Passaic County comprehension plan 2024-2027 is being returned by the state with minor corrections. Thank you to all that assisted in the planning process with focus groups and surveys. The Division is trying to get into the

community...so if you are aware of any events please reach out to Jenny Vuksic or Shannon Ferray. The two grants mentioned, the Promise 2.0 and set aside 3,600 & the application deadline June 30. The other grant is the Stigma Free funding, \$10,000 set aside, each application would be up to \$1,000, deadline October 30.

VI. **Stakeholder Updates:** No report

VII. **Announcements:** **Sybil Schreiber announced that** Mental Health Center of Passaic will be hosting a comedy night on June 8th at the Mountainside Inn in Clifton. One of the comedians will be Steve Goldberg, plus 4 additional comics, will be dinner & a show.

-Kathi Satchell discussed flyer that offered free camp in Bergen County, Jenny will resend the flyer to CIACC.

-Jenna Rutherford, Gen Psych, announced they have an Adolescent Program for Eating Disorders at the Livingston location, in-person and virtual.

- Jeannette Pimentel, DCP, announced that the Passaic Northern Office has a new Local Office Manager, Jason Hernandez.

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

On a motion by Le`Var Starr and seconded Jenny Sierra, the CIACC meeting was adjourned at 10:40am. Next meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2023 at 6:30pm & ***will be virtual.***

Submitted by: *Jenny Vuksic*