

**Passaic County CIACC**  
**401 Grand Street, Paterson, NJ 07505**  
**Chair: Kelly Hart**  
**Vice-Chair: Donna Glinkin**  
**November 8, 2023**

**Attendance**

Present

Kelly Hart, CFR	Marlene McCardo, M&S
Nina Reams, FSO-PC	Narine Kareljian, St. Joseph's Hosp PES
Arnita Trahan, Community	Natasha Castillo, Juntos, CFFS
Amanda LaRosa, FSO-PC	Bryan Sheppard, PC YSC
Caroline Suarez, SMHD	Paulina Dutton, Circle of Care CMO
Bart Chou, PC Human Services	Jaime Jackett, NJDOE
Cynthia Heller, Circle of Care CMO	Jenny Sierra, DCPD
Diahann DeRuggiero, MKU	Jeanette Pimentel, DCPD
Donna Glinkin, MRSS Sgt.	Jacquelyn Lucena, DCPD
Gabriella Carrillo, JJ	Arel Meister, Wellbrook Health
Jeanae Stumper, JFS	Jeena Williams, DCPD
Jennifer Velton	Stephanie Murphy, FSO-PC
Kathi Satchell, FSO-PC	Le`Var Starr, PC YSC
Laura McCarthy - PCMRSS/FCIU	Jenny Vuksic, PC Mental Health

Excused

Tina Miles, St. Joseph's Hosp	Amanda Compton-Dover, JJC
Sybil Schreiber, MHCoP	Berenice Lopez, S&N Family Success Ctr
Joanna O'Rourke, Up in PC	

Absent

Davetta Ford, BGC	Jill Martorano, Family Courts
Stephanie Drag, Children's Aid & Family Serv	Dawn Moody, Probation

The monthly meeting of the Passaic County CIACC was called to order at 9:35pm. The meeting was held virtually. *Minutes, agenda, and meeting link are available on the Passaic County website.*

- I. **Minutes:** On a motion by Le`Var Starr and seconded by Jenny Sierra the September 2023 minutes were approved. On a motion by Paulina Dutton and seconded by Narine Kareljian the October 2023 minutes were approved
  
- II. **System Partner Updates:**
  - Paulina Dutton, Circle of Care CMO: reported they had a total of 1,135 active youth. In the month of October, they received 76 referrals, and had 88 transitions. Paulina gave a thank you to all that participated and supported the Trunk or Treat held on

October 26th; Community Development Funds in the amount of \$57,000 are available to support the needs of youth, on Nov 14 and December 15 there will be information meetings to learn more on CDFs; and they are preparing for their Food Drive, food will be delivered next weekend.

-Cynthia Heller announced that she will be retiring, and her last day will be January 5, 2024. It has been an honor to be on the CIACC and sit on the Executive Committee. Enjoy retirement.... we will miss you Cynthia.

- Kathi Satchell & Nina Reams, FSO: Nina reported FSO had 78 referrals from PerformCare, 2 initial visits with Care Managers and 3 without the Care Managers, and face visit times were 122. She reported having 7 support groups, 184 Support group participants, and 5 Community Initiative meetings that were attended. Youth partnership had 16 unduplicated youth that participated in groups, 6 Youth meetings, and 12 hours of engagement. Total staff hours were 45. Have Trunk or Treat events on 10-26 and 10-28. Kathi added that they have Nurtured Heart training on November 14 and 28. Also, FSO will present at the Youth Service Conference on December 1<sup>st</sup> on both Zero Suicide Initiative & Professional Wellness.
- Donna Glinkin, MRSS: Donna reported they had 228 requests for dispatches, and they had zero requests for shelter placements or FCIU petitions. They are open with a total of 318 families.
- DCPP: Jeanette Pimentel reported in October the Northern DCPP office had 229 investigations. 218 went through the local office, 11 went to the Paterson office to work on overflow. Jackie Lucena was introduced as the Resource Development Specialist for the Central Office.
- Kelly Hart, CFR: Kelly shared that they serving 321 3-5 year olds; 99 0-3 year olds. They have openings for families in the Ringwood area.

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

- Racial Equity Committee: Jenny Vuksic reported that they did not meet, so there was no report.
- Planning/Education Committee: Diahann DeRuggiero reminded members that undocumented youth can be enrolled immediately. Please reach out to Diahann if needed. The Planning Committee continues to plan for our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on February 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Community Voice: The CIACC spoke about working with already existing groups to join during there parent meetings.
- Intellectual Developmental Disabilities Community Voice: The Committee is currently working on a survey to assess the needs of the transitioning youth.
- By-Laws and Membership: The Mental Health Board approved the CIACC Membership Recommendations at their November meeting.

### IV. **Youth Services Commission:** Le'Var Starr reported that the Youth Service Conference will be held on December 1, 2023. Flyers were sent. Look out for RFPs for the YSC grant funding.

- V. **Division of Mental Health & Addiction Services:** Jenny Vuksic reminded CIACC members that the Joint Committee Meeting is on 12/6/23 at Passaic County Camp Hope from 11:00am to 1pm.
- VI. **Stakeholder Updates:** No report
- VII. **Announcements:** No report
- VIII. **Old/New Business:**
- Evening meetings: Since turnout has been low, December's meeting will be 9:30am virtually. Discussed having future meetings in Wayne.
  - Staff retention/ Leave: There was a discussion on the difficulty to retain staff. Salaries are not as high as needed (Walmart vs. social services); cost of living has risen; working with the community vs. virtual work. Seems to be a challenge statewide.
  - Housing assistance: Housing is an issue throughout the county. Cost of living is high, and rentals are high, so they are often more than the family income can support.
  - Up County Services: There is a lack of accessible services in Upper Passaic County. Even when providers claim that they serve the entire county, they do not always serve the community past Wayne.
  - Jenny Vuksic will bring these issues to the Human Service Director and request they are shared with the HSAC.

On a motion by Kelly Hart and seconded Paulina Dutton, the CIACC meeting was adjourned at 11:00am. Next meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2023 at 9:30am & *will be virtual.*

Submitted by: *Jenny Vuksic*