

Passaic County CIACC
401 Grand Street, Paterson, NJ 07505

Chair: Kelly Hart

Vice-Chair: vacant

September 13, 2023

Attendance

Present

Kelly Hart, CFR
Donna Glinkin, MRSS Sgt.
Paulina Dutton, Circle of Care CMO
Diahann DeRuggiero, MKU
Narine Kaprelian, PES, St Joseph's
Jeannette Pimentel, DCP
Nina Reams, FSO-PC
Kathi Satchell, FSO-PC
Sybil Schreiber, MHCoP
Jocelyn Cuff, CFFS
Jaime Jackett, NJDOE
Tina Miles, St. Joseph's Hosp

Jeena Williams, DCP
Kelly Pacelli, Paterson Police Dept.
Shannon Ferray, PC MH&A
Kathy Barreto, NJCDC-NJ4S
Monica Lozano, EDNI
Jocelyn Cuff, CFFS
Johnathon Acosta, NJCDC-NJ4S
Lisa Sandilands, NJCDC-NJ4S
Jenny Sierra, DCP
Natalie Contreras, CFFS
Le`Var Starr, PC YSC
Jenny Vuksic, PC Mental Health

Excused

Amanda Compton-Dover, JJC
Ana Maria Rivera, Parent
Bart Chou, PC Human Services

Joanna O'Rourke, Up in PC
Jill Martorano, Family Courts
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Absent

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

Davetta Ford, BGC
Dawn Moody, Probation
Nicole Digiore, St Mary's

The monthly meeting of the Passaic County CIACC was called to order at 9:30am.
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 June 2023 minutes were approved.
- II. **Presentation:** Kathy Barreto, Johnathon Acosta, and Lisa Sandilands from NJCDC presented on NJ4S. DOE partnered with DCF to address some of the mental health issues arising in schools. They have prevention consultants and clinicians and have aligned their HUB with evidence-based programming. There are 15 HUBs being rolled out in the State of NJ. They conducted a community-based Needs Assessments where they sent surveys to parents, students, community-based organizations for feedback. The common

themes included mental health, stigma, lack of programming to promote awareness, limited resources, early intervention, importance of collaborating with existing organizations, in addition to training and education. They described their Tier 1, 2, and 3 services and have been charged with mobilizing services where they will go to family/community settings. They discussed the different workshops offered through the HUB and collaborating with organizations already providing services. The bulk of their program are prevention based. They are having their Hub Kickoff Event on 9-27-23 at 8:30am at the Great Falls Youth Center... please RSVP to kbarreto@njcdc.org. Kathy will forward a list of participating schools, create a flyer for parents on information to partner with schools when PES is involved.

III. **System Partner Updates:**

- Paulina Dutton, Circle of Care CMO reported they had a total of 1,140 active youth. In the month of August, they received 96 referrals, and had 97 transitions. Gave a special thank you to those who supported them in their Back to School bash. Through Promise Grant they were able to offer haircuts/ braiding to youth attending. They are collecting new and slightly used Halloween costumes..... and on October 26 at 5:30pm at Garret Mountain they will have a Trunk or Treat event. Flyers will be forwarded. The Circle is open and available for programming, events, workshops, etc. located at Center City Mall in Paterson.
- Kathi Satchell & Nina Reams, FSO: Kathi shared that they have added the Zero Suicide Initiative to their service outcomes in addition to Peer Support Services. Another Outcome they have added was the Wellness Initiative, wellness activities not only available to staff but to youth and families as well. They have certified Wellness Trainers.
Nina reported FSO had 157 referrals from PerformCare, 8 initial visits with Care Managers and 12 without the Care Managers, and face visits time were 127. The number of CFTs they participated in was 10. They reported having 10 support groups, 174 Support group participants, and 5 Community Initiative meetings that were attended.
Youth partnership had 19 unduplicated youth that participated in groups, 6 Youth meetings, several outings and activities, and had their annual picnic in Garret Mountain. In September they had their first "In Their Shoes" exhibit, the county commissioner, assemblyman and senator participate, and a family came to speak on their loss due to suicide. The youth developed a program called "Hope is Calling". There will be a phone number where families can leave a message with words of hope, compile messages for 1 year. Nina will be working on a dual role programming with more of a clinical base, through her MSW internship. Also, they are hiring, looking for a full time bi-lingual peer support partner. They have hired a new Peer Partner who is from up County and was part of one of the families served.
- Donna Glinkin, MRSS: The had slowed down in the summer, but starting to pick back up again with school starting. In August, they saw 94 requests for dispatches. They had a bookbag drive for families. Also, they have 2 staff openings and 1 supervisor opening.

- Jeannette Pimentel, DCPD: A little bit of a slowdown, but still busy in Passaic County. In August, Central local office had a total of 138 families that they worked with, 34 provided welfare services and 104 child protection services.... For the North local office, a total of 181 families that they worked with, 36 were provided welfare services and 145 child protection services. Bringing Daily Wellness to DCF, DCPD....for workforce appreciation week, recognizing the work they do.

III. **Committee Reports:**

- Racial Equity Committee: Paulina Dutton reported that they met in person in August. The group decided we would meet in person once a month, date and location To Be Determined. Details will be sent when confirmed.
- Planning/Education Committee: Planning for our 10th Annual Education & Behavioral Health Partnership Conference on February 2, 2024. The Save the Date will be distributed shortly. Diahann DeRuggiero let all know we will have cake to celebrate the 10 years. Diahann has been speaking with Rena Pasquale from Church World Organization Mobile, she works with migrants and refugees. She wants to speak on immigration, enrollment and unaccompanied youth. Express what their organization does. Also she will partner with Kathy Fernandez, Teachers of English as a Second Language, to promote providing ESL into schools. Would like to get someone from the Women's Shelter to speak on Domestic Violence, and Anthony Torres, BC Alliance to speak on LGBTQ. Diahann would like to give McKinney-Vento updates along with Paulina Dutton to discuss CMO/ SOC as lunchtime speakers. Meeting today at 11:00am
- Community Voice: Still working on the Zoom link and membership. Spreading the work on CIACC and its committees. With the Promise grant, we attended Scott's Fun Run, Healthy Bodies Healthy Minds, and the Backpack Giveaway, which were great ways to talk to families.
- Intellectual Developmental Disabilities Community Voice: Jenny reported having as small but dedicated group. Angela Abdul and Maryann Edmond have been very involved. Looking for additional membership, they meet the first Wednesday of the month at 11:00am. We were able to get some data from Jaime Jacket, interested graduation rates, trying to determine whether youth with IDD graduate 18 and/or 25 and needed support/resources, issues with transition. Would like to meet with the Superintendents but will prepare though data and surveys.

IV. **Youth Services Commission:** It was reported that next week the YSC will have their Lunch and Learn at 401 Grand Street, Paterson in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, Room 220 at 12:00pm and the topic of discussion will be Human Trafficking and lunch will be provided.

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

Jenny Vuksic reported for Bart Chou who was unable to attend. The Youth Mental Health Grant, they received 3 applications and will announced who received the awards at the end of the month. Surveys were sent for to prepare Needs Assessments to plan

around Mental Health and Youth Transitioning to Adulthood and surveys are available in English & Spanish. Please send to your networks. The last item was Disaster Response Crisis Counselors...They are recruiting, if interested please talk to Bat Chou or Shannon Ferray

VI. **Stakeholder Updates:** No report

VII. **Announcements:** Kelly Hart announced the Highlands FSC is having a Job Fair on Thursday from 4:30 to 7:00pm.

- Natalie Contreras, CFPS, and she oversees the Outpatient Program. They just hired a new bilingual clinician for the Passaic Outpatient Program, and she has opening available and can take referrals throughout the lifespan whether or not they have Medicaid.

VIII. **Old/New Business:** Jenny Vuksic announced that Save the Date flyers for the 10th Annual Conference will be shared shortly.

On a motion by Cynthia Heller and seconded Jenny Sierra, the CIACC meeting was adjourned at 10:40am. Next meeting is scheduled for October 11, 2023 at 6:30pm & ***will be hybrid.***

Submitted by: *Jenny Vuksic*