

**Passaic County CIACC**  
**401 Grand Street, Paterson, NJ 07505**  
**Chair: Kelly Hart**  
**Vice-Chair: Donna Glinkin**  
**December 13, 2023**

**Attendance**

Present

Patricia Kramer, NJ4S	Jonathan Augustin, Domestic Sexual Violence Ctr
Arel Meister, Wellbrook Health	Kathi Satchell, FSO-PC
Bryan Sheppard, PC YSC	Paulina Dutton, Circle of Care CMO
Caroline Camarena, Supreme Consultants	Stephanie Drag, Children's Aid & Family Serv
Cynthia Heller, Circle of Care CMO	Sybil Schreiber, MHCoP
Kelly Hart, CFR	Asanti Nichols, McKinney-Vento
Jaime Jackett, NJDOE	Jeanae Stamper, JFS of Clifton & Passaic
Jeanette Pimentel, DCPD	Tom, Clifton Health Department
Kara Vincelli, DCPD	Ashley Rios, CSOC
Nina Reams, FSO-PC	Jenny Vuksic, PC Mental Health
Jocelyn Cuff, CFFS	

Excused

Melissa Cantada, MHCoP	Narine Kareljian, St. Joseph's Hosp PES
Laura McCarthy - PCMRSS/FCIUSy	Donna Glinkin, MRSS
Denise Nausadas	Amanda Compton-Dover, JJC
Diahann De Ruggiero, MKU	Bart Chou, PC Human Services

Absent

Tina Miles, St. Joseph's Hosp	Joanna O'Rourke, Up in PC
Davetta Ford, BGC	Jill Martorano, Family Courts
Stephanie Drag, Children's Aid & Family Serv	Dawn Moody, Probation
Berenice Lopez, S&N Family Success Ctr	

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 Paulina Dutton and seconded by Kathi Satchell the November 2023 minutes were approved.
  
- II. **System Partner Updates:**
  - Paulina Dutton, Circle of Care CMO: reported they had a total of 1,133 active youth. In the month of November, they received 92 new referrals, and had 94 transitions. Paulina gave a thank you to all that participated and supported Circle of Care through the Food Drive, they were able to support 250 families which was 1,000 individuals; and through partnership with the FSO they will hold their upcoming Annual Holiday Event at the Cinemark Theater. CMO

has an RFP out for Community Development Funds in the amount of \$67,000 which are intended for resources, development, expansion, additional resources that are otherwise not funded in the community that serve youth and families. Paulina put the link in the chat, and is also on their website, and the deadline to submit is January 8<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested in learning more the last information session this Friday at 1:00pm. Paulina thanked all for ongoing support of the Circle... and reminded individuals that the space is available to host activities and events for youth and families. Having 1 event on 12-27 from 2:00 to 3:00 titled Nourish Yourself with Kayann Foster, at Passaic County Human Services, going to make smoothies and families will have a kit to take home. Will also have a Family Game Day on 12-28 from 2:00 to 3:00 to play board games, a way to engage families. Everything will be on the website.

- Kathi Satchell, FSO: One opening for a PT bilingual Care Support Partner start recruiting in the month of January. For the month of November, they had 97 referrals from PerformCare, 7 with Care Managers, face visit times were 88, and 108 time spent with families. Reported having 8 support meetings, 201 Support group participants. Youth partnership had 12 unduplicated youth that participated in groups, 4 Youth meetings, 1 Youth Partnership outing. They expressed excitement on their upcoming Holiday Event with the Circle of Care CMO.
- Donna Glinkin, MRSS: Donna sent her report. It was reported they had 175 requests for dispatches and attended 170, and they had 1 petition. They are open with a total of 307 youth. They had a Thanksgiving food drive and were able to help 60 families and are currently working on their Holiday Toy Drive.
- DCPP: Jeanette Pimentel reported in November both Local Offices responded to 181 intakes. Of those, the Central Office responded to 149 Child Protective Services (CPS) and 32 Child Welfare Assessments (CWS). The Northern Local Office responded 147 CPS and 34 CWS.
- Kelly Hart, CFR: Kelly shared they are serving 336 3-5 year olds; 95 0-3 year olds. They have many home visits slots available for 0-3 year olds. There are openings, so if you have children needing home visiting services in the Head Start and Early Head Start programs please refer. Someone comes to the family once a week, and they have socialization as well.

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

- Racial Equity Committee: Jenny Vuksic reported that the committee has taken a break. Will get the committee to meet so we can figure out short-term and long-term goals.
- Planning/Education Committee: The Planning Committee will not meet today. We will meet with the presenters for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference so we can get the flyer out soon.
- Community Voice: Discussion items to be brought to the Human Service Advisory Council (HSAC) meeting. The discussion was around staff retention, housing throughout the county, and lack of accessible services in Upper Passaic County. I was asked to share with the MHB so I reported them to the Passaic County DMHAS Partnership meeting held on December 6<sup>th</sup>.

Arti Kakkar, Human services Director, have responded that these topics have been discussed at HSAC in the last couple of years. Also, several options from the Department have been put out for services, but with no with response. The HSAC will continue to work on addressing these concerns.

-Met with Woodland Park Support Group on 11-30-23 and there were 8 in attendance. The group briefly discussed the challenges with transportation; specifically, to visit youth placed in out-of-home placements; legal assistance for family members who are

undocumented; issue of youth refusing services. How can we serve our children who have mental health challenges, and they are saying they don't want services.

- Intellectual Developmental Disabilities Community Voice: The committee took a break in December and will regroup in January. There is a survey they are currently working on to forward to schools/ community to see where the need is. Difficult to get data, but still looking for ways to what the need is and what to advocate for.

- IV. **Youth Services Commission:** Bryan Sheppard thanked all who participated in the Youth Service Conference on December 1<sup>st</sup>, it was a successful event and looking forward to next year's 10th Annual Conference. There will be a Youth Service Commission meeting today at 12:30 and will be voting on the 3-year comprehension plan.
- V. **Division of Mental Health & Addiction Services:** Bart could not attend the meeting but wanted to thank everyone who participated in the Joint Partnership Meeting for the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Was an opportunity to convene with the various councils within the division, there was a division presentation, networking, lunch, and was held at Camp Hope in West Milford. Jewish Family Services in Northern NJ and Jewish Family Services have new programs for youth to avoid using Psychiatric Emergency Services (PES) when it is not harm to self or others. Jeanae Stamper, JFS Clifton/Passaic, further explained that have the Rapid Access Clinic for Youth. They have certain hours a day available when youth can just walk in and get immediate services, they can assess what they need in terms of therapy, case management, or they can continue services with them or refer to services. The program is built on preventing youth suicide.
- VI. **Stakeholder Updates:** No report
- VII. **Announcements:** No report
- VIII. **Old/New Business:** CIACC meeting times were discussed.

On a motion by Kelly Hart and seconded Paulina Dutton, the CIACC meeting was adjourned at 11:00am. Next meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2023 at 9:30am.

Submitted by: *Jenny Vaksic*