



**Passaic County Youth Services Commission
February 21, 2024, Minutes**

Voting members present:

1. Commissioner Orlando Cruz
2. Arti Kakkar
3. Cristina Pagan
4. Donna Glinkin
5. D/Lt. Alexander Castellon on behalf of D/Sgt. Laila Cristobal
6. D/Sgt. Kelly Pacelli
7. Dr. Jason Williams
8. Kerry Klug
9. Melissa Cantada
10. Jaime Jackett on behalf of Kesha Drakeford
11. Lakeisha Chambers on behalf of Mable Elmore

Voting members absent:

1. Hon. Latoyia Jenkins
2. Joseph Wright
3. Bart Chou
4. La'Quan Hargrove
5. Bridget Thomas Smith
6. Jason Harding
7. Dawn Moody
8. Carolyn McCombs
9. Duwan Bogert
10. Whitney Young
11. Kara Vincelli
12. Humberto Cuadrado
13. Kathi Satchell
14. Jayna Patel, Esq.
15. Susan Butterfield
16. Marqweesha Guthrie

Others present:

1. Francine Vince
2. Bryan Sheppard
3. Tashai McFarlane
4. Jenny Vuksic
5. Dr. Jason Williams
6. Lt. Josh Smith
7. Lakeyba Brown
8. Darshell DuBose-Stone
9. Charisa Moulton-Francis
10. Will Brown
11. Kyle Sheehan
12. Jaimie Brogan
13. Laura McCarthy
14. Massiel Sanabria
15. Tiesha Williams
16. Stephanie Drag
17. Chris Johnson
18. Jocelyn Cuff
19. Rachel Kinne
20. Sandy Shevack
21. Erika Obara
22. Marlene Mercado
23. Dondago Bellamy
24. Paulina Dutton

The meeting was called to order at 12:40 PM

The Open Public Meeting Act was read by Jenny Vuksic. Commissioner Cruz asked for a motion to open the public portion of the meeting and Starr made the motion and it was seconded by Klug. Commissioner Cruz asked if there was anyone from the public who wanted to intrude themselves or make an announcement. Being that no one came forward Commissioner Cruz asked for a motion to close the public portion of the meeting, the motion was made by Klug and seconded by Dutton.

Approval of minutes: Dated January 17, 2023

Moved by Klug and seconded by Dutton. All in favor, motion carried.

Hon. Yolanda Adrianzen, Alt. Hon. Latoyia Jenkins	Present
Joseph Wright	Present
Dawn Moody	Absent
Commissioner Orlando Cruz	Present
Jason Harding	Absent
Whitney Young	Absent
Kara Vincelli	Absent
Bart Chou	Absent
Arti Kakkar	Present
Kesha Drakeford	Absent
Bridget L. Thomas Smith	Absent

Mabel Elmore, Alt. Lakeisha Chambers	Present
Donna Glinkin	Present
D/Sgt. Laila Cristobal, Alt. D/Lt. Alex Castellon	Present
Duwan Bogert	Absent
La'Quan Hargrove	Absent
Humberto Cuadrado	Absent
D/Sgt. Kelly Pacelli	Present
Kathi Satchell	Absent
Carolyn McCombs	Absent
Jayna Patel	Absent
Marqweesha Guthrie	Absent
Cristina Pagan	Present
Kerry Klug	Present
Susan Butterfield	Absent
Melissa Cantada	Present
Dr. Jason Williams	Present

Reports:

Monitoring Committee Report: Starr stated that neither chairs were present but that the committee will start scheduling intro contract meetings.

Allocations Committee Report: Starr reported that the Allocations Sub-Committee met for the RFP review and will continue to meet tomorrow to finalize the review. The committee will then make recommendations based on the review.

Planning Committee Report: The chairs were not present; no report was given.

Education, Training, and Advocacy Report: Starr stated that the committee has not met yet, but that Hargrove and Chou will schedule a meeting to help plan the upcoming Lunch & Learns.

RTJ Committee Report: Williams stated that they had a meeting today where they got updates from New Destiny. New Destiny is continuing to engage with community outreach, and has had some visits from the Mayor's Office, as well as IRB (Institutional Review Board) of Rutgers who will be collecting all the data and analysis. They will just need a form where the site says that they are approved to come in and collect that data and do the work. Sheppard reported that Ms. McKoy from New Destiny informed him that they are in the process of getting their training (RTJ Tiers 1-3) done with the New Jersey Bar Foundation and that all RTJ meetings will be held in person at New Destiny.

JJC Report: Compton-Dover stated that she did not have anything to report on at this time.

Youth Services Commission Administrator's Report: Starr reported that they did close the RFP on the 9th and received 16 proposals from 11 different vendors and are in the proposal review process. There were some conversations regarding shared services contracts. Starr had the pleasure of participating in the opening of the HUB in Essex County and is excited about the opening of ours soon. Starr also stated that we are in the process of planning the 1st Quarter "Lunch & Learn" and registration will be out by March 4, 2024. Starr concluded by stating that they are currently preparing all contracts to ensure that the services that are recommended can run and facilitate and there will be a Coordinating Council meeting on Monday, February 26, 2024.

Chair/Commissioner's Report: Commissioner Cruz reported that their African American event was postponed due to the weather but is rescheduled for Tuesday, February 27, 2024, during the Commissioner's meeting. Commissioner Cruz encouraged folks to stop by the Commissioner's Boardroom to see their African American display.

Other Business: Starr reported that due to their new regulations that were submitted and documented by JJC, they must update their membership and by-laws. Both will be discussed at the next Planning and Allocations Sub-Committee meetings where they will make an amendment to the by-laws to be up to standards and meet regulations.

Announcements:

Klug reported that the Youth Leadership Retreat registration will close on April 7, 2024, and they are looking to add a service opportunity portion this year.

Dutton wanted to remind everyone about the Circle at Center City Mall and are currently planning a Community Baby Shower and resources on March 16, 2024, from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. They are also in the process of planning their Healthy Bodies healthy Minds event annual day of sharing information, fighting stigma, and increasing awareness for mental health. This event will take place on June 8, 2024.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Cruz
Moved by Dutton and seconded by Klug
Meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM

The next Youth Services Commission meeting: will be held in person on **March 20, 2024 @ 401 Grand Street, 2nd Floor, Room 220- 1st Quarter "Lunch & Learn"**.

Attest: Marilyn DeValle- based on recording and attendance provided by Vuksic.