

Passaic County CIACC
401 Grand Street, Paterson, NJ 07505
Chair: Kelly Hart
Vice-Chair: Donna Glinkin
March 13, 2024

Attendance

Present

Kelly Hart, CFR	Craig Johnson, JFS
Bart Chou, PCHS	Jeanae Stampler, JFS
Jenny Sierra, DCPD	Bart Chou, PCHS
Jeena Williams, DCPD	Marilyn Camacho, NJ4S Passaic County
Stephanie Drag, Children's Aid & Family Serv	Jaime Jackett, NJDOE
Nina Reams, FSO-PC	Asanti Nicols, MKV
Paulina Dutton, Circle of Care CMO Jen Velten	Brittany Cochcrane, Circle of Care CMO
Bryan Sheppard, PC YSC	EDNI Counseling Services
Le`Var Starr, PCHS	Michele McGovern, Sage Alliance Schools
Sybil Schreiber, MHCoP	Narine Kaprelian, St. Joseph's Health PES
Kara Vincelli, DCPD	Natalie Contreras, CFFS
Alex Herzog, JFS	Jenny Vuksic, PCHS
Jen Velten	

Excused

Amanda Compton-Dover, JJC	Donna Glinkin, PCMRSS/FCIU
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Absent

Joanna Gurcak, Up in PC	Dawn Moody, Probation
Jill Martorano, Family Courts	Jocelyn Cuff, CFFS
Carolina Suarez, St. Mary's Hospital	Berenice Lopez, S&N Family Success Ctr
Davetta Ford, BGC	

The monthly meeting of the Passaic County CIACC was called to order at 9:50am.

The meeting was held virtually. *Minutes, agenda, and meeting link are available on the Passaic County website.*

- I. **Minutes:** On a motion by Sybil Schreiber and seconded by Le`Var Starr the January 10, 2024 minutes were approved. On a motion by Stephanie Drag and seconded by Paulina Dutton the February 14, 2024 minutes were approved.

- II. **Presentation by Alex Herzog, Jewish Family Services Clifton-Passaic:** Alex voiced his appreciation for the opportunity to roll out their Rapid Access Clinic. They saw the need to meet clients where they're at, and they can accommodate walk-ins. They implement a model close to a CCBHC, which is a standard practice that is a federally funded model for mental health clinics. It is not a crisis emergency service, those individuals are referred to 911 or PES. They are available for Walk-Ins for two (2) hours a day with licensed clinicians the same day. The focus is helping youth help those under 21, struggling and need to act quickly, intervene as quickly as possible, and helping youth find the right level of care and resources. They can help them at the

clinic or refer them out to similar agencies closer to their home and specialized services/preferences. They try to block out time with one of the psychiatric providers, so there is a fast track to meet with a provider, wait-time is usually a week. Time in the afternoon seems to work for youth, especially those not in school. He expressed that he was grateful to the funders of this service. They provide for entire county of Passaic ... and are trying to get the word out. Flyers have been distributed to spread awareness and forwarded to CIACC.

III. **System Partner Updates:**

- Brittany Cochcrane, Circle of Care CMO: reported they had a total of 1,110 active youth. In the month of February, they received 110 new referrals, and had 76 transitions. They are having their Community Baby Shower... if you are aware of any new or expectant parents, the event will take place on March 16th from 11am to 2pm at the Circle at Center City Mall. They are planning for their Healthy Bodies Health Minds event in partnership with Bergen and Hudson Counties on June 8th at Overpeck Park in Richfield Park, Bergen County from 9:00am to 2:00pm. Also, they are having a Provider Fair for the COC Care Managers of camp provider resources for staff held on 5-16 from 10:00am to 12:00pm at COC, Woodand Park.
- Nina Reams, FSO: Nina let members know in the month of February the number of families that were referred from PerformCare was 118, no meetings were scheduled with the CMO, 8 meetings without the CMO, 101 face to face meetings with families. Reported having 8 support meetings, 181 Support group participants, 7 community initiatives, 12 unduplicated youth attended Youth Partnership, 4 Youth Group meetings, and 36 hours staff spend on youth Partnership operations. In February, had a Black History team building through our staff within their support groups. Last week attended Black Balloon Day through the Wayne Alliance. In partnership with the Thursday Night Support Group and Highlands FSC they are hosting their Parent Café virtually on 3-14th. In April they will be doing Teen Speak Presentation through their Tuesday night support group. Having another Nurtured Heart Approach (NHA) Training on April 20 & 27. March 13 & 27 they are having their Notching Up Training, for those who have already attended NHA. Healthy Bodies Healthy Minds will be on June 8th. In the process of planning their annual FSO picnic on July 13th. Going to start offering a Spanish Support Group looking to start in April.
- Donna Glinkin, MRSS (sent a report): In February, they had 235 requests for dispatches and went out to 220. Had no shelter placements or petitions. They are currently fully staffed.
- Jeena Williams, DCPP: For the month of February, Passaic Central Office responded to 182 referrals, 32 Child Welfare Assessments (CWS) and 150 Child Protective Services (CPS). The Northern Local Office responded to 203 referrals, 46 Child Welfare Assessments (CWS) and 157 Child Protective Services (CPS).

IV. **Committee Reports:**

- Community Voice: Jenny Vuksic reported that dates are set up to meet with Peer Support Groups every other month until December. Groups include the virtual group for families in Lower Passaic County; and the other one meets at the Highlands FSC in Upper Passaic County. Start up the conversation and bring up the challenges and concerns from the community. Working on meeting with other parent groups to expand Community Voice.
- Planning/Education Committee: Rescheduled meeting times, will be meeting on the 4th Friday of the month at 10:00am.
- Intellectual Developmental Disabilities Community Voice: Still facing challenges collecting data. The state is collecting information from NJ residents and the survey was sent out to Parent Groups of youth with Special Needs.

- Racial Equity Committee: Have not met, we will regroup/ refocus.

- IV. **Youth Services Commission:** Le`Var Starr let members know the YSC will have their first Lunch & Learn next Wednesday on March 20th, to be held in the Commissioner's meeting room, registration has gone out. They are also closing out their RFPs and will be voting on those recommended services at the next YSC meeting.
- V. **Division of Mental Health & Addiction Services:** Their division has rolled out a Stigma Free mini-grant to support the continued Stigma-Free efforts throughout the County. The amount of \$10,000 was allocated this year and will award 10 entities up to \$1,000 for each application.
- Passaic County is proud to support all Passaic County Public High Schools with up to \$2,500 per project, depending on graduating class size for Project Graduation mini grant. There are three (3) tiers of funding available.
 - Through the Youth Mental Health Demonstration Grant, Jewish Family & Children's Services of Northern New Jersey and Jewish Family Service & Children's Center of Clifton-Passaic will provide Acute Mental Health Services to Passaic County youth.
 - The Office of Recovery continues its outreach campaign throughout March. Please share flyers containing all the necessary details when forwarded. We would greatly appreciate your assistance in spreading the word and making this initiative a success.
 - Passaic County Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services utilizes the Opioid Settlement fund to establish the Training Institute, designed to bring essential training to our providers to enhance our service quality. Mr. Glenn Duncan will present a three-hour training on Legal and Ethical Issues in Substance Use Counseling on 3/19.
 - Spring CIT training will take place on the week of 3/18. Crisis Intervention Training is a community partnership of law enforcement, mental health, and addiction professionals, individuals who live with mental illness and/or addiction disorders, their families, and other advocates. Together, they volunteer their time to offer a 5-day, 40-hour intensive training for Law Enforcement that emphasizes mental health knowledge, crisis resolution skills, and access to community-based services. De-escalation techniques are taught to be combined with their active listening skills. CIT's goal is to use verbal communication before using force when interacting with an individual in a mental health crisis.
- VI. **Stakeholder Updates:** No report
- VII. **Announcements:** No report
- VIII. **Old/New Business:** No report.

On a motion by Sybil Schreiber and seconded by Le`Var Starr, the CIACC meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.

Next meeting is scheduled for **April 10, 2024, at 9:30am**. The meeting will be hybrid at DCP&P, 201 Willow brook Blvd 4th Fl. (Willow brook Center) Wayne, NJ 07470.

Submitted by: *Jenny Vuksic*