

Passaic County CIACC
401 Grand Street, Paterson, NJ 07505
Chair: Kelly Hart
Vice-Chair: Donna Glinkin
April 10, 2024

Attendance

Present

Lisa Sandilands, NJ4S	Jennifer Stratton, YCS
Amanda Compton-Dover, JJC	Melissa Cantada, MHCoP
Arnita Trahan, FSO-PC	Kara Vincelli, DCPD
Brittany Cochrane, Circle of Care CMO	Laura McCarthy, PCMRSS/FCIU
Jenny Sierra, DCPD	Larry Newkirk, NJ4S
Stephanie Drag, Children's Aid & Family Serv	Rachel Wheel
Carolina Suarez, St. Mary's Hospital	Jackie Lucena, DCF
Nina Reams, FSO-PC	Natalie Contreras, CFPS
Kathi Satchell, FSO-PC	George Bostory, Special Dragons
Jeanne Stampler, JFS	Le`Var Starr, PCHS
Massiel Sanabria, MKV	Jenny Vuksic, PCHS

Excused

Kelly Hart, CFR	Jaime Jackett, NJDOE
Bart Chou, PCHS	

Absent

Joanna Gurcak, Up in PC	Dawn Moody, Probation
Jill Martorano, Family Courts	Jocelyn Cuff, CFPS
Berenice Lopez, S&N Family Success Ctr	Narine Kaprelian, St. Joseph's Health PES
Davetta Ford, BGC	

The monthly meeting of the Passaic County CIACC was called to order at 9:40am.

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

- I. **Minutes:** On a motion by Stephanie Drag and seconded by Jenny Sierra the March 13, 2024, minutes were approved.

- II. **Presentation by Lisa Sandilands, NJ4S:** First time in NJ that DCF & DOE are working together. It was a mental health response to covid. They are 1 of the 15 Hubs in NJ and all counties are covered. Each Hub is comprised of a team of Licensed clinicians and prevention consultants. They provide 3 Tiers of mental health services. The first Tier offers workshops, assemblies, presentations to all school districts or agencies in the county to request presentations on anti-bullying, anxiety & stress management, mindful parenting, etc.. Tier 2 is where prevention consultants come in. These can only come from schools, public & charter schools are eligible, & schools must put in a referral when more targeted services are needed. Tier 3 is referrals for individual therapy. It's mental health support offered for free for all school districts in the state. Update from July 2023 to February 2024: Tier 1 services were extended to 7,446

individuals throughout Passaic County; and Tiers 1&2 have been steadily increasing with 95 current service tickets throughout Passaic County Schools. In addition to the Evidenced Based Programs they offer, they have added two additional programs, Good Grief that addresses the grieving process and Question, Persuade & Refer (QPF) to recognize suicide warning signs and respond. Tier 3 referrals are only from the school. They provide Individual Therapy, Caregiving Coaching and School Reintegration Support....along with several group offerings. They are encouraging schools to refer youth to NJ4S before youth escalate to PerformCare if they can intervene early. Services are offered both virtually and in-person. They are putting together a summer enrichment program for 2 weeks, 6th through 8th graders, to office 4 hours/day Monday through Friday, 1 field trip a week. They are looking for additional parents to join the Parent Advisory Board. Email NJ4S@njcdc.org, phone 973-412-1555.

III. System Partner Updates:

- Brittany Cochcrane, Circle of Care CMO: reported they had a total of 1,178 active youth. In the month of March, they received 71 new referrals, and had 63 transitions. The Healthy Bodies Health Minds event on June 8th is having their last call for resource tables. Special Dragon classes will be held at The Circle. Registration & Payment available through the Special Dragon website.
- Nina Reams, FSO: Nina let members know in the month of March the number of families that were referred from PerformCare was 61, no meetings were scheduled with the CMO, 3 meetings without the CMO, 96 face to face meetings with families. Reported having 8 support meetings, 187 Support group participants, 5 community initiatives, 10 unduplicated youth attended Youth Partnership, 4 Youth Group meetings, and 33 hours staff spend on youth Partnership operations. They will be involved with Healthy Bodies Healthy Minds event on June 8th. Having their FSO annual picnic as well. Their Youth Partnership is planning their annual camping trip.
- Laura McCarthy, MRSS: In March, they had 238 requests for dispatches and went out to 233. Currently open with 441 youths. They have two staff openings Crisis Intervention Specialist positions. Had no shelter placements or petitions.
- Kara Vincelli, DCP: For the month of February, Passaic Central Office responded to 178 referrals, 32 Child Welfare Assessments (CWS) and 146 Child Protective Services (CPS). The Northern Local Office responded to 193 referrals, 35 Child Welfare Assessments (CWS) and 158 Child Protective Services (CPS).

IV. Committee Reports:

- Community Voice: Jenny Vuksic reported she met with FSO group for families in Lower Passaic County, it was virtual and 7 in attendance. They discussed having difficulty getting psychiatric evaluations, providers are not taking private insurance, only Medicaid. Talked about the lack of ABA service providers. Discussed not meeting with families involved with CMO. There was also discussion around how youth are given the choice on whether they go to treatment, so youth have been refusing to go to counseling, and parents voiced concerns and frustrations.
- Planning/Education Committee: Met on March 22nd and starting the discussion of planning for our next annual conference in 2025. The committee will meet on April 26.
- Intellectual Developmental Disabilities Community Voice: Created a QR code for the survey to get a better response when attending Resource Tables. There is an upcoming Paterson Resource Fair on April 20th.

V. Youth Services Commission: Le`Var Starr, Youth Service Commission, currently operating

two grants; the State Community Partnership/ Family Court grant from JJC as well as Restorative Transformative Justice grant. The next Youth Service Commission meeting will be next Wednesday at 12:30pm at 401 Grand Street, Paterson second floor Commissioner meeting room. The next Lunch and Learn will be taking place on June 19th at the same place.

VI. **Division of Mental Health & Addiction Services:** *Bart Chou forwarded his report: They have approved three applications for the Stigma-Free Mini-grants and reviewing the other two received. The three approved ones are: Pompton Lakes Municipal Alliance/Prevention Coalition \$1,000 Walk for Hope on May 11, 2024; Mental Health Association in Passaic County/Clifton Stigma Free \$1,000 Mental Health Awareness Walk and Wellness Fair on May 11, 2024; and West Milford Municipal Alliance \$998 Scott's Fun Run on May 19, 2024. They have received three applications for project graduation and have been working with them to set up a presentation on substance use, education, and prevention. Three schools are: Passaic Valley- \$1,000; Wayne Hills - \$2,000; and Clifton - \$2,500. The Office of Recovery will continue its outreach campaign throughout April. Shannon will share the flyer containing all the necessary details. We scheduled 11 events in 9 towns. We would greatly appreciate your assistance in spreading the word and making this initiative successful. 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 qualities. On 4/22, Mr. Glenn Duncan presented a three-hour training on ASAM 3rd and 4th Edition Criteria. The ASAM Criteria Fourth Edition is a comprehensive set of standards and decision rules that use a holistic, person-centered approach to determining the appropriate level of care and developing treatment plans for patients with addiction and co-occurring conditions.*

VII. **Stakeholder Updates:** No report

VIII. **Announcements:** George Bostory, Special Dragons, offers Karate to youth with Autism & Disabilities. They are opening in Passaic County in cooperation with Circle of Care beginning on May 7th at The Circle. They meet on Tuesdays, at 6pm for younger children 5 to 11 years old; and 7pm 12 to 21 years old.

IX. **Old/New Business:** No report.

On a motion by Stephanie Drag and seconded by Le`Var Starr, the CIACC meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.

Next meeting is scheduled for **May 8, 2024, at 9:30am.** The meeting will be virtual.

Submitted by: *Jenny Vukusic*