

Passaic County CIACC
401 Grand Street, Paterson, NJ 07505
Chair: Kelly Hart
Vice-Chair: Donna Glinkin
September 11, 2024 (virtual)

Attendance

Present

Andrea Mayes, Youth Consultation Serv
Bart Chou, PCHS
Donna Glinkin, PCMRSS/FCIU
Carolina Suarez, St. Mary's Hospital
Dawn Moody, Probation
Gianna Carrino, BNBMC
Jackie Lucena, DCP
Jaime Jackett, NJDOE
Julisa Tucker, NJ4S
Jeanae Stampler, Jewish Family Center
Jeena Williams, DCP
Jenny Sierra, DCP
Laurie Lieberman, JFCS Northern NJ
Jose L. Poses, Circle of Care CMO
Ana Rivera, Parent/ Community

Kathi Satchell, FSO-PC
Kelly Hart, CFFR
Laura McCarthy, PCMRSS/FCIU
Lawanda Lewis, CSOC
Melissa Cantada, MHCoP
Narine Kaprelian, St. Joseph's Health PES
Nina Reams, FSO-PC
Paulina Dutton, Circle of Care CMO
Rodrigo Cardenas, BNBMC
Rosalina Santos, MHCoP
Stephanie Drag, Children's Aid & Family Serv
Majorie Aquino
Christopher Alcazar, MHCoP
Le`Var Starr, PCHS
Jenny Vuksic, PCHS

Excused

Amanda Compton-Dover, JJC

Diahann DeRuggiero, McKinney-Vento

Absent

Jocelyn Cuff, CFFS
Berenice Lopez, S&N Family Success Ctr

Jill Martorano, Family Courts

The monthly meeting of the Passaic County CIACC was called to order at 9:45am.

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

- I. **Minutes:** On a motion by Jose Poses and seconded by Paulina Dutton, the June 12, 2024, minutes were unanimously approved.
- II. **Presentation by Gianna Carrino and Rodrigo Cardenas, Bergen New Bridge Medical Center:** They work very closely with Passaic County which are some of their largest school districts that they are with. They have a service line for the adolescent population to address primary substance use related issues, which provides co-occurring treatment. Early intervention, IOP track for adolescents, and soon will have Partial Hospital for primary substance use with co-occurring mental health concerns. Able to provide transportation at no cost to families. They also provide medical/ behavioral health school clearances, and acute care for those needing assistance. Accepts those who are insured, not insured, documented, or not documented. Their

LGBTQ Health & Wellness center opened last year. Also, they provide Center for Eating Disorders & Body Positivity Center to meet the current need of 13 to 17 year olds. Please reach out to the Access Center for referrals 800-730-2762.

III. System Partner Updates:

- Paulina Dutton, Circle of Care CMO: Reported in the month of August, they received 72 new referrals, and 86 youth were transitioned. Total active census is 1,091 youth. Would like to thank all who participated in their Back-to-School Drive & Back-to-School Bash, they were able to provide 240 bookbags the day of the event, in addition to 100 youth within the CMO. Currently preparing for their collection of gently used or new Halloween costumes and their annual Trunk or Treat on 10-23-24 from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. Last year they were able to distribute 250 costumes. Also preparing to start their Food drive collection for Thanksgiving, if interested in assisting to collect donations please reach out to the Circle of Care. Paulina wants to invite the community to check out the Circle. They have Families for Families providing a month-to-month program; CMO staff are doing Mommy Mondays once a month; Hip Hop for Prevention, and other activities for youth and families.
- Nina Reams, FSO: Nina let members know in the month of May the number of families that were referred from PerformCare was 75, 18 initial visits, 62 face to face meetings with families, participated in 2 CFTs, completed 4 FANS. Did not have any support meetings during the summer months but participated in 3 community meetings. There were no Youth groups during the summer, but they did have a youth outing at the Fun Plex with 20 youth and 5 staff, 8 hours actively engaged with youth and 32 staff hours. Also, they had their annual picnic on August 24th with 84 in attendance. This Saturday (9-14-24) having their “In Their Shoes” event at Wayne Town Hall.
- Donna Glinkin, MRSS: They had 114 requests for dispatches in July and in 118 in August. Currently open with 170 youth. They were able to have a bookbag drive for youth and their siblings. They are working with CMO on 2 possible Petitions.
- Jenny Sierra, DCP: For the month of August, Passaic Central Office responded to 253 referrals, 46 Child Welfare Assessments (CWS) and 207 Child Protective Services (CPS). The Northern Local Office responded to 149 referrals, 16 Child Welfare Assessments (CWS) and 133 Child Protective Services (CPS).
- Julisa Tucker, NJ4S: They just completed their summer program at the end of August and had about 30 participants. Did some in-house programming for rising Middle Schoolers and incoming High School Freshmen. Also did their first Prevention Summit early June. Throughout their first year they were able to reach out to 15,000 kids with Tier 1 presentations and are working on Tier 2 & Tier 3 sessions. They just launched a Parent University Series for Parenting Skills. They worked with the Circle/ CMO to launch this, then in October with Oasis for the next 6 weeks. Presentations are bilingual.
- Christopher Alcazar, MHCop: Introduced himself to CIACC, he is the new Executive Director at the Mental Health Center of Passaic. Welcome. Shine the Light on Mental Health Awareness Event to be held in Woodland Park on October 4th from 6:00 to 8:00pm which is a free event. They also have their Mental Health Walk starting at Passaic City Hall on October 5th at 1:00pm. They are partnering with the city of Passaic, the mayor wanted to honor a student who committed suicide for the Mental Health Walk. Also, they have their Halloween Tricky Tray October 25 at the Clifton Boys and Girls Club.
- Carolina Suarez, St. Mary’s Hospital: They have openings for Day Partial Hospitalization and their Afterschool Program. They are taking referrals for youth ages 12 to 17.
- Discussion around the growing number of youths going to the Detention Center. The youth are not receiving therapeutic supports because Medicaid does not pay for IIC or Outpatient

Services while detained. Access to services are limited and are struggling with their behaviors and emotions. Looking for ways to address those challenges, members were asked for any insight or feedback. They are not receiving socialization, they are seeing youth giving up, not attending court hearings, which looks like they are not engaged or remorseful. They need mental health services or mentoring to address issues. The length of stay has also increased so concerns are understood. The Detention Center does have some supports and attempts have been made to allow therapeutic services in the JDC. They have a full medical staff in the building to provide medication support and mental health services and those in crisis. They have a Case Expediter that is specifically there for youth and families. We struggle with getting home visits; however, our Expediter is meeting with all youth for support services while they are remanded. Will continue the discussion to address needs presented.

IV. Committee Reports:

- Community Voice: Jenny Vuksic reported they are meeting with both Peer Support Groups with the FSO. They have not met during the summer months, so meetings with one of the groups next week. Would like to have Community Voice meetings again.
- Planning/Education Committee: Working on the 11th Annual Behavioral Health Conference. The committee potentially has a theme, a location, and currently looking for presenters. Next meeting will be on 9-27-24.
- Intellectual Developmental Disabilities Community Voice: Continue to discuss the issues around awareness and IDD transition. Met last week and discussed school contacts to reach out to.
- By-Laws and Membership: CIACC membership has been reviewed and approved by the Mental Health Board.

V. Youth Services Commission: Le`Var Starr, Youth Service Commission, reported that their next Youth Service Commission meeting will be a Lunch and Learn taking place on September 18th and will have a presentation on Sexual Domestic Violence as well as introduction to the Food Application for Students. The Youth Service Conference will take place on December 5, 2024, which will be the 10th Annual Conference...Save the Date has gone out, registration will go out in October.

VI. Division of Mental Health & Addiction Services: August 31 is recognized as Overdose Awareness Day, and the Division was honored to participate in several memorial ceremonies in August, including the Butterfly Event and the Overdose Candle Vigil. These events served as vital platforms to raise awareness of the overdose crisis and remember those lost. Bart Chou noted that the Division is hosting their Annual Recovery Celebration on September 14 from 10:00am to 2:00pm aimed to honor individuals in recovery and recognize the dedication of community leaders in supporting those affected by substance use disorder and mental health issues. The Division has facilitated several training sessions to enhance the knowledge and skills of professionals in substance misuse and mental health services and have hosted six trainings to date and planning 2 additional training sessions to be held in September. In August, the Department of Human Services held its Partnership Summit contributing to the strengthening of partnerships and the sharing of resources across sectors.

VII. Stakeholder Updates: No report

VIII. Announcements: No report

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

On a motion by Paulina Dutton and seconded by Melissa Cantada, the CIACC meeting was adjourned at 10:37 am.

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

Submitted by: *Jenny Vuksic*