

YSC Minutes June 11, 2019
Jury Management Room, Court Building
3:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order and Round Table Introductions – Judge Sheppard

Present:

Judge Susan Sheppard, Family Court
Laura Marcy, FSO
Joe Faldetta, Cape Assist
Kathy Gibson, Cape Assist
Nikki Nichols, Cape Assist
Ashley Sullivan, Cape Assist
Anna Cannelle, Cape Assist
Blake Moore, ISP
Jim Hetherington, JCDTOC
Connie Price, JJC
Meg Forney, JJC
Shirley Robinson, Family Court
Rochelle Address, Harborfields
Shannon Staino, DCP+P
Jennifer Hirsch, DCP+P
Eric Shenkus, Office of Public Defender
Jonathan Price, CMSSSD
Marianne White, CMRSS/FCIU
JoAnn Morrison, Probation
JoAnn Thompson, Probation
John Roy, CMO
Robert Abbamondi, CASA
Sam Tortora, CCS
Michelle DeWeese, CMCP
Marylou McAdams Corson, CMCP
Jenn Hance, CMCP
Kristen Raring, YSC Coordinator

2. Additions and Corrections to Minutes – Judge Sheppard

Minutes from the April YSC meeting were provided with the meeting notice and onsite. L. Marcy motioned to accept the minutes as presented. J. Roy seconded. Motion was carried.

3. Administrator's Report – K. Raring reported:

2019 Monitoring – the monitoring of the Family Court Advocate Program was done on 5/29 – the program is compliant, meeting contract requirements and is an asset to the youth and families it serves; monitoring of ISP, Probation Pathways and Station House Adjustment is to be completed in the month of June.

2020 Innovations and State Community/Family Court Funding: Innovations Grant is due 8/2 – grant will fund the Family Advocate Program at \$112,000 and the Probation Engagement Program for \$5,000. The goals and objectives remain the same as the 2019 Grant. A copy of the grant proposal will be emailed to the Committee for review and a vote will be held at the Emerging Needs Round Table meeting in July. State Community/Family Court Funding will be reviewed at the 8/13/19 YSC meeting and on the agenda for approval for submission.

Emerging Needs Roundtable – in completing the 2020 Plan update the roundtable will be scheduled in

July-youth providers and community members will meet to bring to the table current trends, issues and needs of Cape May County youth.

4. **JJC Representative Report** – C. Price read the attached State report.
5. **JDAI update** – C. Price read the attached State report
6. **Family Advocate Program Presentation** – L. Marcy reported that they will be showing the “The Kids We Lose” movie on 9/26/19 – flyer provided. The program held a focus group and the issues brought forth were the length of time of the court process and having to miss school. Members discussed having night court as an option as well as an affirmation ceremony to support the youth involved with Juvenile Court.
7. **Probation Enrichment Update-** K. Raring is expected to receive the grant documents from the State Judiciary soon, it will then be presented to the Freeholders thereafter. Once executed the program can seek grant monies and provide the program through the end of the contract year.
8. **Old Business**
Recovery High School – K. Gibson reported that the school currently has 6 students. The program plans to stay at the Church of Christ location and currently is planning a summer program to be held 3 days a week in which the students can earn school credits and continue receive recovery support.

Utilization of County funded services – County will be conducting site visits of funded programs to assess utilization of funded services and contract compliance.

9. New Business

- J. Hance provided a flyer on the upcoming Information Session on Juvenile Justice. Event is on 6/17/19.
- J. Hance asked the County to investigate whether funds could be allocated to pay for psycho-sexual evaluations, Atlantic County pays for them through partnership dollars; It was requested that it be asked if monies could be set aside via grants for client specific funds. J. Roy shared that the assessments are done through some CMO’s but not Cape May County’s. K. Raring suggested that a planning committee meet to identify the need and the percentage of youth that are presented with this barrier.

10. Public Response

None

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m. Next YSC meeting is 8/13/19 at 3:00 p.m.