

Cape May County Youth Services Commission (YSC)

July 12, 2022 Meeting Minutes

3 p.m. Virtual Meeting (via Zoom)

This meeting is held in compliance with N.J.A.C. Title 13. Law and Public Safety Chapter 90 New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission 13:90-2.8 (b) and is conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Senator Byron M. Baer Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10: 4-6 *et seq.*

Call to Order – P. Devaney

Present:

Jennifer Valentine, CASA

Steve Schuck, Acenda

Donna Groom, CMC DHS

Anna Cannella, Coastal Prep

John Roy, Cape Atlantic INK (CMO)

Shirley Robinson, Family Court

Joann Thompson, Probation

Joe Faldetta, Cape Assist

Jim Hetherington, Jersey Cape

Patty Ackley, Probation

Robert Claxton, DHS School

Sharon Modzelewski, YSC Coordinator

Marylou McAdams Corson, Prosecutor's Office

Maria Hadley, JJC

Eric Shenkus, Public Defender

Gary Hrynoveski, Light House Church

Peter Belasco, County A/D Director

Chris DeSantis, Probation

Nancy Hudanich, County Technical Schools

Chrissy Wingate, Jersey Cape

Steven Vitiello, County Technical Schools

Rob Schober, Family Support Organization

Pat Devaney, CMC DHS

Additions and Corrections to Minutes – P. Devaney

Minutes from the May 10, 2022 YSC meeting were provided with the meeting notice via email.

Nancy Hudanich motioned to accept the minutes. Shirley Robinson seconded. Motion carried.

Innovations Application A motion was made by Jennifer Valentine and seconded by Nancy Hudanich to move the Innovations vote up on the agenda. Motion Carried.

A summary of the 2023 *Probation Enrichment, Incentive, Orientation Program (POPS)* Innovation program was presented by Shirley Robinson. A motion to approve the 2023 Innovations Application in the amount of \$40,000 for the Probation Enrichment, Incentive, Orientation Program and submit the application to the State was made by John Roy and seconded by Rob Schober. Motion carried.

Chris DeSantis – abstain; Pat Devaney – yes; Marylou McAdams Corson – yes; Eric Shenkus – yes;

Nancy Hudanich – yes; Donna Groome – yes; Peter Belasco – yes; Chrissy Wingate – yes; John Roy – yes;

Rob Schober – yes; Stephen Schuck – yes; Jennifer Valentine – yes; Gary Hrynoveski – yes;

Joe Faldetta – abstain; Shirley Robinson – yes; Joann Thompson – abstain; Maria Hadley – abstain.

Coordinator Report

*Program Monitoring: This year's program monitoring is almost complete, the last monitoring will be held this week. The monitor results will be included in the Youth Services Plan Update which will be distributed to the YSC at the September meeting. The monitoring team was acknowledged for volunteering their time and expertise to the project and the providers were acknowledged for their time and preparation. The monitors are a unique learning experience for all involved as it is a more in depth look at the program operations. New monitoring team members are always welcome.

*Planning: The YSC program review committee will meet soon to review program information and discuss plans for 2023. The 2023 Renewal Comprehensive Plan and Application will be presented at the September YSC meeting.

* Free Virtual Grant Writing Seminars on 7/21 & 7/27: Hosted by JJC to help community-based and grassroots organizations and individuals become more successful in competing for and securing funding for their youth justice-related programs. All are welcome to attend. Seminars are free.

JJC Representative Report – M. Hadley

*Cape May County program monitorings are going well.

*Innovation application is due to the State on August 5, 2022.

*Due to a reassessment of the Harborfields Detention Center, the capacity will be reduced, and admissions will only be open to Atlantic County. Note: Pat reported that Cape May County recently passed a resolution to pay Atlantic County for the 2022 costs.

JDAI Update – S. Robinson

*The next full JDAI Council meeting will be held on July 27th at 3pm. The 2023 POPS program will be voted on at the meeting.

*Judge John Rauh retired. Judge Joseph Levin will preside in Juvenile Court for Cape May County.

Program Updates

Intensive Supervision (ISP): Steve Schuck reported the program is operating well. Two youth in program (white female, age 14 and biracial male, age 17). Agency participated in the YSC monitoring in June.

Station House Adjustment: Joe Faldetta reported that 44 youth completed the program thus far and the program is on track to meet the level of service.

Family Court Advocate: Rob reported that Dana Davis, Family Court Advocate, left the position. Dana obtained a new employment position. Rob indicated that it is realistic for him to continue to serve the current family in the program and any additional families that may engage in services until the end of the year. Two referrals were received in June and one family may engage in services. The program will host a training for stakeholders on 9/15 at the Avalon Links restaurant.

Pathways to Employment: Jim Hetherington reported of the seven referrals, two youth enrolled in the program. One youth completed the 10-week subsidized employment placement at a nursing home and is now enrolled in ACCC for nursing. Agency participated in the YSC monitoring in June.

Probation Enrichment, Incentive, and Orientation (POPs): Joe Faldetta reported that two engagement activities were held (Classic Car Show and Barbeque). The events fostered opportunities to strengthen connections with staff/community. Chris Desantis reported that one POPS youth recently graduated high school, received early termination from probation, and is enrolled in ACCC.

Old Business

None

New Business

Joe Faldetta, of Cape Assist, provided a presentation on Youth Resiliency Programs in Cape May County. The presentation included information of how the frameworks of Risk/Protective Factors and ACEs are utilized to develop the various programs and trainings in the local schools and community.

Public Response:

Rob Claxton reported on the DHS Regional School (Cape May Campus). There are currently 12 students enrolled in the summer marking period (5 in Project TEACH and 7 in TECH). The school is open to youth in grades 7 to 12 who are at risk of not graduating high school and for youth who are pregnant or parenting. The school provides extra individual attention to students within smaller classroom sizes.

Rob can be reached at Robert.Claxton@dcf.nj.gov

Adjournment: 4:10 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at 3:00pm