

YSC Minutes  
February 18th, 2016  
Jury Management Room, Court Building  
8:30 a.m.

1. Call to Order and Round Table Introductions – Judge Rauh  
Present:

Judge John Rauh, Superior Court of New Jersey  
John Maher, Executive Under-Sheriff  
Anna Pasquale, JCDTOC  
Roberta Sandrow-Scull, ACPO  
John Thomas, Family Court  
Shirley Robinson, Family Court  
John Roy, CMO  
Rochelle Address, JJC  
Judy Kunec, USCG  
Melissa Smith, CASA  
Mike Dindak, DCP&P  
Sharon Beres, ODOSY Program  
Blake Moore, ISP  
Jim Hetherington, JCDTOC  
Karen Petsch, CFS – Oasis/Tranquility House  
Joe Faldetta, Cape Assist  
Barry Keefe, MHADA  
Joanne Morrison, Probation  
Maria Hadley, JJC  
Naomi Jones, JFS  
Andrea Burleigh, ACFSO  
Pat Devaney, CMC-HS  
Peter Belasco, YSC Coordinator

2. Additions and Corrections to Minutes – Judge Rauh

Minutes from the October YSC meeting were provided with the meeting notice and on site. S. Robinson motioned to accept the minutes as presented. J. Kunec seconded. Motion carried.

3. Administrator's Report – P. Belasco

P. Belasco reported that the 2016 Plan Update and Application is fully executed and 2016 programs are operational. The YSC funds the Intensive Supervision Program for \$161,757 plus \$22,700, which is the 1/3<sup>rd</sup> set aside for electronic monitoring bracelets and Sheriff Staff, the Station House Adjustment Program for \$26,580, and the Probation

Pathways Program for \$47,948. P. Belasco advised the commission that the County has advertised for a Prevention Pool RFP. Proposals are due on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

P. Belasco noted that there is \$49,940 in 2015 accruals and that a budget modification will need to be submitted to the JJC in order to pay for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, 2016, expenditures, which will enable the YSC to better decide how to use the accrual monies later in the year with the results of the Prevention Pool RFP. J. Roy motioned to allow the YSC to submit a budget modification to the JJC to move monies within the State/Community Partnership grant to pay for the first quarter programmatic expenditures. J. Kunec seconded the motion. Motion carried. P. Belasco announced that the JJC has advised the YSC administrators that for the 2017 Plan Update the monitoring tool will have to be attached. Thus, programs can expect to be monitored earlier than normal this year, most likely sometime in April/May. Lastly, there will be a JAMS training on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 in the Burlington County Human Services Facility. Details will be distributed to providers soon.

4. JJC Representative Report – M. Hadley

M. Hadley advised the commission that the 2017 Plan Update and Application will be released by the end of February.

5. Committee Reports

Intensive Supervision Program – B. Moore

B. Moore gave a presentation on the Intensive Supervision Program. The Intensive Supervision Program serves youth 12-18 years old. It provides an alternative to detention for the Court. It provides 24/7 monitoring of youth in the community by working closely with the Family Court, Prosecutor's Office, Public Defender's Office, Sheriff's Dept. and service providers. Currently, the ISP program is serving seven youth Judge Rauh noted that the service allows for youth to remain in the community where they have better access to services and education. Lastly, B. Moore noted that in 2015 the Intensive Supervision Program served 12 youth, all of which successfully completed the program.

Station House Adjustment Program – J. Faldetta

J. Faldetta provided an overview of the Station House Adjustment program performance in 2015 and its direction in 2016. The Station House Adjustment program provides a diversion from formal charges by offering a six hour class. J. Faldetta advised in 2015 that 85% of youth referred completed the program successfully and did not have formal charges brought against them. Youth who completed the program achieved a 70% increase in reported decision making skills. In 2015, the Station House adjustment program's referral source was expanded beyond the local Police and Family Court to include schools. Schools may now use the program in lieu of an in-school suspension. The program has already worked with the Wildwood and Lower Twps. School districts.

The program is able to tailor the content to the youth's needs.

#### Strengthening Families – J. Faldetta

The YSC funded two rounds of the Strengthening Families Program in 2015. The three programs executed in the fall of 2015 saw 11 families graduate in the Villas, 7 families graduate in Wildwood and 6 families graduate in Woodbine. Families reported a 12% increase in family management skills, which is a large increase for the Strengthening Families program. Also, 27 families attended the booster session held at the end of the program. P. Belasco noted that the Strengthening Families program was monitored in December of 2015.

#### Probation Pathways Program – J. Hetherington

J. Hetherington advised the commission that the Probation Pathways Program is a resource for the Probation Dept. The program serves youth aged 16-21 that are under the supervision of the Juvenile Probation Dept. The aim of the program is to find youth employment. The program served 20 youth in 2015. Five of the twenty participants were given subsidized employment opportunities in establishments ranging from thrift shops to Gaiss's Market. R. Andress asked if the program had trouble placing youth in subsidized work experiences in larger corporations. J. Hetherington advised that they did have issues placing youth in subsidized employment programs in corporations, but were able to place them there as regular employees.

#### 6. JDAI update – S. Robinson

S. Robinson reported that there will be a JDAI Full Council meeting on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016. S. Robinson noted that CMC conducted a prospective study on the Risk Screening Tool, which showed no impact on the ISP program. The number of ISP clients, however, has increased greatly, which will bear monitoring in the future. S. Robinson noted that CMC received \$66,000 in Innovations funding to implement a Family Advocate Coordinator and a Girl's Empowerment program. P. Belasco noted that the RFPs for both programs will be advertised on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and are due April 13<sup>th</sup>. S. Robinson noted that the due date for 2017 Innovations funding is April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

#### 7. New Business

##### Jewish Family Services – N. Jones

N. Jones gave a presentation on the trauma counseling services provided by Jewish Family Services. JFS provides trauma counseling to children aged 3-17 years old along with caregivers. They offer services in cognitive based therapy, coping skills, traumatic grief, etc. Their trauma counseling is evidenced based and is no cost to the families. JFS has added another therapist to their practice, which has moved from the Family Success

Center to Cape Counseling's Administration building. Referrals to the program are made through DCP, MRSS, and the Court.

8. Public Response  
None

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 a.m.