

YSC Minutes  
April 21st, 2016  
Jury Management Room, Court Building  
8:30 a.m.

1. Call to Order and Round Table Introductions –J. Thomas  
Present:

Judge John Rauh, Superior Court of New Jersey  
John Maher, Executive Under-Sheriff  
John Thomas, Family Court  
Shirley Robinson, Family Court  
Rochelle Andress, JJC  
Kevin Tomasello, DCP+P  
Colleen Hendrickson, DVRS  
John Oeffeers, CASA  
Jonathan Price, SSSD  
Heather McKeown, SSSD (SAC)  
Sam Totoro, CCS  
Jim Hetherington, JCDTOC  
Pat Devaney, CMC-HS  
Peter Belasco, YSC Coordinator

2. Additions and Corrections to Minutes – J. Thomas

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

3. Administrator's Report – P. Belasco

P. Belasco announced that the JJC has advised the YSC administrators that for the 2017 Plan Update the monitoring tool must be attached. Thus, programs can expect to be monitored earlier than normal this year, most likely sometime in late May, early June. Also, P. Belasco advised that a planning subcommittee meeting will be held soon to go over the monitoring schedule, review new prevention programs, and decide how to use the 2015 accruals. .

4. JJC Representative Report – C. Price

R. Andress reported for Connie Price, JJC liaison that the Waiver Law of 3/1/16 became effective and the juvenile justice system is making adjustments statewide and locally, as needed. The new bail reform system change is to begin 1/1/2017. Local meetings have begun. There will be one on Wednesday, 4/20/16 in Mays Landing – Criminal Div. & Family Court at 1:00 p.m. Also, Salem Co. will be designated 19<sup>th</sup> JDAI site in the State

of New Jersey. JDAI/CJJSI All-Sites statewide conference will be held Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> at the Marriott in Newark, NJ. There is an expected attendance of 600 people. Attendance is by invitation only.

5. Committee Reports

Oasis Youth Shelter – The Commission discussed the utilization and staff transitions at the Oasis Youth Shelter. There has not been a youth placed at the shelter in over three months. S. Robinson advised the Commission that the current director Karen Petsch will be transitioning out of the directorship role and a new director should be in place in three weeks.

Judge Rauh – Shackling Report: Judge Rauh discussed the changes in shackling procedures. From the Court’s perspective there is no reason for a youth to be restrained and doesn’t foresee any issues. Judge Rauh reported that he was part of the Shackling Subcommittee and new rules will be forth coming.

Special Services – J. Price and H. McKeown

H. McKeown, Special Services Substance Abuse Counselor (SAC), presented to the Commission about SACs. H. McKeown advised that the referral process starts with teachers and case managers. The SAC works with the students by meeting once a month. If the student has many Mental Health issues, they are referred out to Cape Counseling by the case managers. The SAC can refer the student to the FAPP, if drug issues escalate. J. Price gave a brief update about the status of Compact. J. Price reported that the district is investigating all options and have not settled on a specific course of action. J. Price will update the Commission as he becomes aware. Overall, the enrollment at Compact is down. Currently, Compact has only 40 students, but 17 of those 40 are classified. The consensus of the Commission is that every effort should be made to preserve the service that Compact provides to students. J. Maher stated that Compact prevents students from going down a path that leads them to the County Jail. Lastly, J. Price reported that if Compact is moved into the Special Services building, it would be segregated from the other students.

6. JDAI update – S. Robinson

S. Robinson reported that the JDAI Innovations RFP for the Family Advocate and Girls Empowerment programs are “on the street” and are due at 2:00pm on April 27<sup>th</sup>. A scoring committee will have to be established and P. Belasco will advise on a specific date. S. Robinson stated that the reapplication process has begun for 2017 Innovations funding. The focus going forward will be to get the Family Advocate and the Girls Empowerment programs up and running. S. Robinson stated that for 2017 CMC will be applying for the same programs.

7. Old Business

Prevention RFQ: P. Belasco reported that the County received proposals from two agencies. Youth Advocate Program submitted one program and Cape Assist submitted fourteen programs. They have all been certified and broken into four target areas: Families and Parenting skills, Schools and Community based, Individual Adults/Elderly and juvenile justice populations. An YSC subcommittee (planning/program review) will meet to decide how to use 2015 accrual offset of first quarter 2016 ISP program.

8. New Business

P. Devaney presented the June 7<sup>th</sup> training on Youth Mental Health First Aid. The training has limited slots and is eight hours long. The training is free and providers and Probation Officers are encouraged to register.

9. Public Response

None

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 a.m.