

YSC Minutes
August 11th, 2016
Jury Management Room, Court Building
8:30 a.m.

1. Call to Order and Round Table Introductions – P. Devaney
Present:

John Roy, CMO
Mike Dindak, DCP+P
Marianne White, MRSS
Jen Holder, DCF-CSOC
Judy Kunec, Member at large
Norma Cordeiro, DVR
Andrea Burleigh, FSO
Rochelle Address, JJC
Sharon Beres, ODOSY Program
Joanne Morrison, CMC Probation
Blake Moore, ISP
Jim Hetherington, JCDTOC
Connie Price, JJC
John Oelkers, CASA
Joe Faldetta, Cape Assist
Pat Devaney, CMC-HS (Co-Chair designee by Freeholder Gabor)
Peter Belasco, YSC Coordinator

2. Additions and Corrections to Minutes – P. Devaney

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

3. Administrator's Report – P. Belasco

P. Belasco reported that Cape May County hosted an emerging needs roundtable on July 29th and that it was well attended with representatives from local agencies, Family Court, Probation, DCP, MRSS, Dept of Human Services –CMC, and the Family Support Organization. P. Belasco highlighted recent trends in Cape May County. Cape May County fell from 14th place to 19th place in the Kids Count survey, largely due to economic reasons. School enrollment in Cape May County continues to drop. It is down 2.4% since 2013 and down 14.6% over the last decade. Reviewing the UCR data, juvenile arrests leveled off from 2013-2014, but the number of index offenses rose 51% over the same time period mainly due to the increase in the number of burglary and theft cases. Detention bed utilization has fallen dramatically from 2013-2016 (Q1-Q2). It decreased 89% from 834 bed days to 95 days. The group discussed the challenges some

parents face and that a possible solution to their issues could be an increase in family engagement. Next, the group discussed issues with youth employment. Finally, the emerging needs roundtable identified the need for early intervention for some families and that Cape May County will be working closely with CSOC to create early intervention programming or augment existing programming.

J. Kunec presented the findings and recommendations of the 2016 monitoring held on August 5th. J. Kunec reported that the current and proposed future funding level of the Cape Assist Station House Adjustment program is \$26,580 from Family Court dollars. The number of referrals for the program has grown 42% compared to the same time period last year. The agency will be working to expand to school referrals starting in September. The recommendation for this program is to continue monitoring the program's performance, fiscal expenditures, and police referrals. Also, the agency will work with CMC Family Court to track any reoffending by program participants. Next, the group monitored the Jersey Cape Diagnostic and Training Opportunity Center's Probation Pathways program. The Probation Pathways program's current and proposed funding level is \$47,948 of Family Court dollars. J. Kunec reported that all five subsidized wage positions are currently filled and the recommendations to continuing monitoring the client specific budget for underutilization. Last, the committee monitored Cape Counseling and Sheriff's Dept.'s Intensive Supervision program (ISP). The ISP program's current and proposed funding is \$153,833 from State/Community Partnership and \$30,624 from the Family Court dollars. J. Kunec noted that the number of electronic monitoring that the ISP program has provided has increased 57% since the same time last year. The recommendations for the ISP program are as follows: monitor the utilization of ISP, the number of clients served, financial expenditures, the relationship between Cape Counseling and the Sheriff's Dept., and the length of stay on the electronic monitoring program.

J. Kunec made a motion to accept the minutes and recommendations from the 2016 monitoring and the 2016 emerging needs roundtable. As well as, renew the agency contracts for 2017. M. Dindak seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Next, M. Dindak made a motion to bring the option of the 1/3 set aside to a vote. J. Kunec seconded. The vote proceeded. The members of the Youth Service Commission voted unanimously to utilize the 1/3 set aside option of the State Community Partnership grant to fund the purchase of the electronic monitoring equipment and the administrative costs associated with it at \$22,700.00.

4. JJC Report – C. Price

C. Price reported that the deadline for the 2017 Plan Update and Application is due on September 1st and that this year the JJC is requiring that the Counties attach the outcomes from the 2016 monitoring with the Application. Commenting on the 2016 monitoring that occurred on 8/5/2016, C. Price reported that the monitoring was comprehensive and thorough. C. Price reported that at the last State-wide JDAI meeting since the implementation of JDAI in 2004 there has been a 65% fewer juveniles in detention, a

73% decrease in detention admissions, and a 77% decrease in the number of VOPs filed.

5. JDAI update – P. Belasco

P. Belasco distributed the flyer for the 2016 All-Sites JDAI conference in Newark, NJ. C. Price noted that 600 people are expected to attend and that the national speakers have been secured, but they are still working on the State speakers. Also, the conference is invitation only and that they will be going out soon. P. Belasco distributed the JDAI Champions process and timeline for those that want to nominate an individual that has contributed the most to the system changes in your local County. P. Belasco reported that Cape May County's JDAI Innovations application was submitted by the August 5th deadline. He also thanked C. Price for her help in contacting the JJC for confirmation that they received the application.

6. Committee Reports – P. Devaney

See above

7. Old Business

P. Belasco presented the 2017 Plan Update and Application to the Youth Services Commission members (the 2017 Plan Update and Application were emailed to all members of the YSC prior to the 8/11/2016 meeting and no absent member commented). M. Rhodes made a motion to vote on the 2017 Plan Update and Application. M. White seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Youth Services Commission voted unanimously to accept the 2017 Plan Update and Application. P. Belasco reported that the due date for the 2017 Plan Update and Application is September 1st, 2016 and that Cape May County will have their Plan Update and Application resolved by the Freeholders on August 23rd, which will afford plenty of time to meet the deadline.

8. New Business

A. Burleigh reported that the Family Court Advocate program is progressing well. The ACFSO is currently serving five families. A. Burleigh noted, however, that 60% of families at Court are either out of town families or have private attorneys, which are harder to engage. The ACFSO worker, Laura, is working on developing the focus groups and they have identified the barrier of transportation as an impediment to Court appearances and are working on a way to use their transportation budget to help overcome the issue.

A. Burleigh reported that the ACFSO will be taking their kids on a cruise from August 21st through August 28th. Furthermore, she reported that the youth have worked very hard to get this opportunity and A. Burleigh will report out on how the trip went. Also, A. Burleigh reported that the ACFSO and the CMO are working on sponsoring a Spanish

support group along with an inclusive support group focusing on DDD and the autism spectrum.

J. Faldetta of Cape Assist reported that the Girl's Empowerment program is setting up. Cape Assist will begin the program in 2016.

J. Roy from the CMO reported that they are in the process of becoming CARF accredited, which is a lengthy process. The CMO's behavioral health home model has hired its second nurse and is expanding. The behavioral health home represents an integration of the physical health and mental health arenas into a unified approach. Cape Atlantic CMO is the fourth CMO in the State to begin this behavioral health home model in the State.

M. White reported that the October 15th is the kickoff for the MRSS and DCP+P partnership in which MRSS will work in conjunction with DCP+P when a child is removed from a home. M. White anticipates a rise in the number of dispatches with this new partnership. Also, any time a child is placed in a resource home MRSS will be involved in stabilization. M. Dindak of DCP+P reported that MRSS has been working closely together and that NRSS has given DCP+P 500 brochures for DCP+P to distribute. M. Dindak reported that there are about 500 resource homes in the Atl/Cape region. Cape May County has about 72-82 resource homes out of the 500. M. Dindak, speaking on the MRSS and DCP+P resource home partnership, reported that the use of MRSS is important in drastically reducing the number of replacements in resource homes.

9. Public Response

None

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.