

YSC Minutes
October 20th, 2016
Room 209, Court Building
9:00 a.m.

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

John Roy, CMO
Shirley Robinson, Family Court
Scott Sherwood, Public Defender
Barbara Makoski, CMCSSD
Nancy Hudanich, CMCTECHSD
Jeanette Coleman, Oasis, CFS
Mike Dindak, DCP+P
Rochelle Andress, JJC
Sharon Beres, ODOSY Program
Blake Moore, ISP
Jim Hetherington, JCDTOC
Connie Price, JJC
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 August YSC meeting were provided with the meeting notice and on site. M. Dindak noted that his name appeared twice in the attendees list. S. Robinson motioned to accept the minutes with correction. J. Roy seconded. Motion carried.

3. Administrator's Report – P. Belasco

P. Belasco distributed a copy of the budget modification letter that Cape May County could submit to move \$64,500 into prevention. P. Belasco reported that the CMC YSC seeks to modify its budget to fund five cycles of the Cape Assist Strengthening Families program. Three of the Strengthening Families programs would be for the age group 10-14 and would be conducted in Lower Township, Middle Township, and the Wildwoods. The remaining two sessions would be for the age group 3-5 and would be held in Lower Township and the Wildwoods. P. Belasco reported, that starting in March through the CIACC, Cape May County experienced an increase in the number of 0-5 year old entering into the Mobile Response system. P. Devaney reported that through an analysis of the Mobile Response numbers there had been 23 referrals for this age group, which was the third highest in the State. Some of these children were being expelled from pre-school. Thus, prevention services for the younger population is greatly needed in Cape May County. M. Dindak motioned for Cape May County to submit a budget

modification letter to the JJC that seeks to fund five cycles of the Strengthening Families program in Cape May County. J. Roy seconded. Motion carried.

Next, P. Belasco reported that the JJC has approved a grant extension to the State/Community Partnership Program Services, Family Court, and the Innovations grants. The extension allows Cape May County to use the 2016 grants through the end of March, 3/31/2017. Through discussions held at the last JDAI full council meeting, 10/18/2016. It was recommended that a working group consisting of three members from JDAI and three from YSC be established decide the best use of the approximately \$24,000 in Innovations grant monies. J. Roy made a motion that the YSC empower this working group to act on the behalf of the YSC, if timing required such and to report to the YSC at its December meeting. S. Robinson seconded. Motion carried.

P. Belasco reported that the 2016 Innovations programs will need to be monitored in accordance to JJC requirements by the end of 2016. Cape Assist and the Family Support Organization have received their requisite paperwork and the monitoring will take place after Thanksgiving, but before the December YSC meeting. P. Belasco noted that in years past Cape May County cancelled their December YSC meeting, but due to changes in the by-laws of the YSC Cape May County must host their December YSC meeting.

P. Belasco acknowledged S. Robinson's accomplishment of being awarded Cape May County's JDAI champion. S. Robinson has worked diligently in pushing Cape May County's efforts in JDAI and the membership is appreciative of her commitment to juvenile justice system reform in Cape May County.

4. 2016 JDAI Conference – Members

C. Price reported that the theme of this year's JDAI Conference was "A Future Ready Juvenile Justice System." C. Price reported that she attended sessions at the conference that focused on Trauma, Education, and Implicit Bias. S. Robinson reported that the conference was a success because it allowed ample opportunity to network, discuss important systemic issues, and plan. J. Roy reported that the Implicit Bias training session was so good that he has begun work on bringing the Speaker to Cape May County for a County-wide training opportunity. M. Dindak proffered partnering with CSOC, who offers training opportunities throughout the year and may cover the cost of hosting it. B. Makoski noted that such a training would be beneficial to the educational sector as well, especially the child study team. N. Hudanich offered space at the CMC Vo-Tech to host the training and noted the importance of such a training, citing how bias can set the bar low for youth and not allow them to reach their full potential in the educational sector. The members will work together to further explore bringing the Implicit Bias training to Cape May County.

5. JJC Report – C. Price

C. Price reported that the State-wide JDAI meeting was held in September where they

celebrated Salem County being the 19th County in New Jersey to kick off JDAI. The only two Counties not yet included in JDAI are Morris and Hunterdon. Morris, however, is in talks to join JDAI. New Jersey is a model State for JDAI and hosted delegates from Georgia and Arizona. C. Price reported that Judge Grant will send out letters to all JDAI Counties regarding suggestions on system improvements for each County. Judge Forrester will be looking at Law Enforcement and Racial Disparities, where similarly situated youth have varying outcomes. Also, the State-wide JDAI meeting hosted Mr. Lopez from DCF who gave a presentation on the Family Success Centers. C. Price reported that there will be work on modifying what cases can be diverted and providing for informal justice opportunities to youth who may have already been formally involved with the Juvenile Justice System.

6. JDAI update – S. Robinson

S. Robinson reported that Cape May County is one of the few JDAI sites that have an Educational Subcommittee. The Co-Chairs to the Educational Subcommittee are Phil Shaffer of Wildwood High School and Joanne Morrison of Juvenile Probation. The work of this subcommittee is important to comprehensive change in the juvenile justice system. Currently, they are working on better information sharing between schools and between the Prosecutor's Office and the schools. The date for the next educational subcommittee is 12/19/2016. N. Hudanich and B. Makoski will be added to the invitation list. And Megan, will reach out to Ocean City for their involvement. Also, it was announced that Cape May County has a new Juvenile Prosecutor, John Jespersen.

7. Committee Reports – P. Devaney

None

8. Old Business

J. Coleman for Oasis/CFS reported that they are still working on a November date for the Nurtured Heart training. The Nurtured Heart training is part of the 12 million dollar SAMSHA grant that CSOC received. It was suggested that CFS partner with the FSO through the FCA program to facilitate a Nurtured Heart training for Cape May County. P. Devaney noted that Liz Manley started a conversation to get local day cares trained in Nurtured Heart.

9. New Business

P. Devaney distributed the flyers for Dr. Buzz's October 27th presentation on drug and alcohol prevention for those with mental/learning disabilities and invited all to attend.

10. Public Response

None

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.