

YSC Minutes
December 15th, 2016
Room 209, Court Building
8:30 a.m.

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

John Roy, CMO
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
Sam Totor, CCS
Jenn Valentine, CASA
Joe Faldetta, Cape Assist
Joanne Morrison, Probation
John Maher, Executive Under-Sheriff
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 October YSC meeting were provided with the meeting notice and on site. J. Faldetta motioned to accept the minutes. M. Dindak seconded. Motion carried.

3. Administrator's Report – P. Belasco

P. Belasco reported that after the October 20th YSC meeting where the YSC voted to submit a budget modification to the JJC to fund \$64,000 in Prevention programming. The budget modification was submitted on October 23rd. The JJC has verbally indicated that the budget modification has been approved, but Cape May County is still waiting for the signed budget modification approval. Once Cape May County receives the letter, the County can move forward awarding the contract for the strengthening families programs to Cape Assist.

P. Belasco reported that the Freeholders have signed the standard grant conditions and have returned it to the JJC. Now, the County is awaiting the award letter. Once the award letter is received, the County can cut the contracts for all YSC funded

programming. In anticipation of the award letter, the County will send out 2017 contracts to be signed by agencies next week.

Also, P. Belasco advised the Commission that 2017 is a comprehensive planning year. The Comprehensive plan requires multiple planning and program review meetings similar to the meetings held in 2015. P. Belasco asked YSC members to forward any and all relevant data to his office to incorporate into the planning process.

P. Belasco distributed the dates for the 2017 YSC meetings. The schedule follows the previous year's model of every even month on the third Thursday except for the August meeting, which is the second Thursday. The August meeting is moved to an earlier date in order to accommodate the earlier Plan due date.

P. Belasco distributed the Cape May County Youth Services: 2017 Program and Services information sheet. The sheet outlined the services that are funded by the YSC State and Community Partnership + Family Court funds, the JDAI Innovations funds, the CIACC Community Development funds, County funds, and the WIB funding. The sheet provided the program name, implementing agency, and a program description for each program and service.

4. JJC Report – R. Andress

R. Andress reported for Connie Price. R. Andress reported that Doris Darling has been named the head of Local Planning and Services. Dr. Lebaron has been named the Director of research, reform and policy. R. Andress reported that C. Price attended the last State-Wide CJJSI meeting where they distributed a new data report. Cape May County was featured in the new data report and that the data report will be given out to everyone shortly. Also, the CJJSI meeting hosted presentations on Station House Adjustment programs featuring Camden and Ocean County.

5. JDAI update – P. Belasco

P. Belasco reported that the JDAI Innovations funded programs, Cape Assist's Girl Empowerment and FSO's Family Court Advocate, will be monitored on December 19th at the Cape May County Administration Building. Following the meeting, the group will review the 2016 accruals in the Innovations funds. The accruals stem from the late start of the JDAI programs. P. Devaney reminded the YSC that the JDAI Innovations funds are much more constricted in the ability to use the accruals for outside programs than the YSC funded programs. The accruals must be used within the existing programs. B. Makoski mentioned the need for behavior modification for girls. J. Faldetta responded that the group should consider how to use the accruals to expand the referral sources for the Girl's Empowerment program.

6. Agency Reports – Various Members

J. Roy reported that in November the CMO served 834 youth and families. The CMO served 208 youth and families, which represents 25% of the total caseload. The CMO reports that the Wildwood population has a large number of Hispanic, Spanish speaking population and that the CMO is looking at establishing translation services. J. Roy reported that out of the youth they serve only 12% are in OOH placements, which is the smallest percentage out of CMOs state-wide.

J. Faldetta reported that the Station House Adjustment program is going well. The SHA program has established their 2017 schedule. Cape Assist has established a new school based referral form. Also, Cape Assist has changed the SHA curriculum to include the Botvin's transitions programming. Members of the YSC recommended that the SHA program go to either schools directly or the superintendent's round table in order to get buy in from the local schools to utilize the SHA in lieu of suspensions.

S. Totora reported that the CCS Life Skills program was reviewed at the last CIACC meeting and in an effort to increase enrollment CCS will be sending out slot emails to referral groups. P. Devaney and B. Makoski concluded that a good way to increase enrollment into the CCS Life Skills program is to have CCS's Nancy Creelman reach out to Carol Sabo to discuss referrals from the Compact School. Furthermore, B. Makoski reported that the current number of students enrolled in Compact is only 20 students, which is well below the number needed to maintain the school. B. Makoski has reached out to the necessary individuals to highlight the dire situation facing Compact how best to increase enrollment for a service that is much needed throughout local schools county-wide.

J. Hetherington reported that to date the Probation Pathways program has serviced 13 youths. While this number is below the annual level of youth served outlined in their contract, J. Hetherington noted that all other program outcomes will be met.

S. Beres reported that the transition from the Cape Atlantic WIB to the Cumberland led WIB has been smooth and fruitful. Also, S. Beres reported that the new program model structure has yielded positive benefits. The program has been able to find some participants full time employment and help other participants acquire their GED. N. Hudanich noted that the Tech School has GED preparation services as well. S. Beres reported that the Tech School has been a great resource in getting ODOSY participants enrolled in continuing education opportunities such as the cosmetology school. J. Coleman reported that the working relationship between the Tranquility House TLP program residents and the ODOSY program has been going very well.

7. Old Business

J. Coleman for Oasis/CFS reported that on November 29th the Center for Family Services hosted a Nurtured Heart training. The Nurtured Heart model is a tool for those that have direct interaction with youth. The Nurtured Heart model focuses on a social emotional strategy that instills greatness and transforms negative behaviors into positive behaviors, increases interrelatedness and connectivity of youth and builds "Inner Wealth" more

commonly known as character strengths and virtues. J. Coleman reported that the training was well attended with over 40 attendees. Members from the FSO, CMO, MRSS, DCP+P, and Rutgers. The official roll out of the Nurtured Heart training will not be until 2018 for Cape May County. S. Titora noted that Cape Counseling Services held its own Nurtured Heart training back on December 1st.

P. Devaney reported that efforts to bring an Implicit Bias training to Cape May County continues. J. Roy reported he is continuing his efforts to contact the Implicit Bias trainer and has received Cape May County's research and reform specialist Meg McConaghy's email address and will reach out to her for more information on how to contact the trainer.

8. New Business

S. Sherwood reported that the Juvenile Prosecutor JJ Jespersen will be retiring and that Jennifer Hance will be returning as Cape May County's Juvenile Prosecutor.

9. Public Response

None

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.