

Cape May County Youth Services Commission (YSC)
March 8, 2022 Meeting Minutes
3 p.m. Virtual Meeting (via Zoom)

This meeting is held in compliance with N.J.A.C. Title 13. Law and Public Safety Chapter 90 New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission 13:90-2.8 (b) and is conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Senator Byron M. Baer Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10: 4-6 *et seq.*

Call to Order – P. Devaney

Present:

Jennifer Valentine, CASA	Nancy Hudanich, County Technical Schools
Steve Schuck, Acenda	Maria Hadley, JJC
Donna Groom, CMC DHS	Gary Hrynoveski, Light House Church
Wesley Parker, JJC	Gloria Rivera, Latino Family Connections
Anna Cannella, Coastal Prep	Marylou McAdams Corson, Assistant Prosecutor
John Roy, Cape Atlantic INK (CMO)	Peter Belasco, County A/D Director
Shirley Robinson, Family Court	Jennifer Hirsch, DCCP
Joann Thompson, Probation	Adrienne Breitinger, CMC Super. Schools Office
Joe Faldetta, Cape Assist	Pat Devaney, CMC DHS
Jim Hetherington, Jersey Cape	Rob Schober, Family Support Org. (FSO)
Jonathan Price, Special Services School	Richard Jackson, JJC
Stacey Spangenburg, Milton Hershey	Lisa Harczak, Cape Assist
Patty Ackley, Probation	Joel Mastromarino, DCCP
Miguel Williams, JJC	Sharon Modzelewski, YSC Coordinator

Additions and Corrections to Minutes – P. Devaney

Minutes from the January 11, 2022 YSC meeting were provided with the meeting notice via email. Nancy Hudanich motioned to accept the minutes. Jennifer Valentine seconded. Motion carried.

Coordinator Report

*Quarterly Report Fiscal Back-Up: YSC Office met with provider representatives to discuss appropriate Quarterly Report Fiscal Back-Up documents. We are working on a method to best document G & A costs and FTE costs.

*Program Monitoring: This year's monitoring process will include some revisions based on input from the counties. The changes will be forwarded to the YSC when released in April and at that time we will also ask if any additional YSC members would like to join the monitoring subcommittee.

*YSC Membership: YSC is seeking two members: the business sector (mandated member) and one non-mandated member of which we are looking to increase membership diversity. Suggestions may be sent to the YSC Office. Friendly reminder for members to return the Conflict of Interest Form.

*2022 JAMS system is set-up for reporting. Office is closing out the 2021 JAMS fiscal reporting.

* Other activity will be reported on under New Business.

JJC Representative Report – M.Hadley

*An RFP for Youth Entrepreneur Program is available. This RFP is to promote self-efficacy and economic equity for JJC youth in secured care and residential programs. The aim is to provide tools and resources to JJC youth who aspire to be entrepreneurs. The focus is business ownership, economic opportunity, strategy, marketing/presentation skills, workplace etiquette, financial literacy, management and personal development. The application deadline is April 4, 2022.

*JJC has a partnership with Middlesex County College and Mercer Community College to provide higher education to youth with their diploma and long term sentence to get their degrees. Currently, Middlesex Community College have students enrolled in their college. The students and teachers have been hand

selected for this program. Students are enrolled in general studies courses and attend built in tutoring classes as a part of their schedule. Students will be provided with support and resources to transition to the local Community College upon their release. This agreement is funded through Middlesex College and COVID funding. The youth are currently in their first semester and the second semester is in development. *The 2023 plan and application release date is pending. We hope to have it out in April or sooner with a due date in October or earlier.

*JDAI application is expected to be released in April.

*Cape May received their Comp. Award Notice on February 24th.

*The Monitoring group is reviewing questions and comments regarding the new monitoring tool used last year to make adjustments and improvements.

* Cape May County Stats

	2020 JJC Stats	2021 JJC Stats
Commitments	3	0
Waivers	0	0
Residential	0	0
Referrals	0	0

Statewide, there was an overall decrease in 2021 for commitment by 2.9%; waived youth increased by 8.3%; residential placement went up by 16.2% compared to 2020; referrals increased by 11.3% from 2020. Combined commitment, waivers, and referrals increased by 3.1%.

JDAI Update – S. Robinson

*The Community Justice Partnership Subcommittee will now be known as ‘CJP’ and will focus on the Innovation Programs.

*The March 1st Court Session included four in-person cases and the Family Court Advocate program was present at the Courthouse.

*The POPs program held a meet and greet on February 28th.

*A committee to review Innovations’ data and programs will meet to prepare for the application process.

Program Updates

Intensive Supervision (ISP): Steve Schuck reported that one intake and four successful completions occurred since the last meeting. There are currently two youth in the program (14 years old, females, one white and one mixed race).

Station House Adjustment: Joe Faldetta reported the program has had 23 referrals this year which is an increase from last year.

Family Advocate: Rob Schober reported that Nichole Channel resigned from the position. In response, the FSO reviewed 25 applications, conducted 4 interviews, and hired Ms. Dana Lathan of Atlantic County as the new Family Court Advocate. The program utilizes phone calls, texting and emails to contact families. The program also attended an in-person court session in March and the POPs meet and greet session. Referral and intake data was unavailable at this time.

Probation Enrichment, Incentive, and Orientation (POPs): Joe Faldetta reported the program held a meet and greet on February 28th. Probation Officers and Family Court Advocate rep were in attendance. Cape Assist provided a bilingual staff person for the session. A couple of youth/families attended the event and completed a survey to gather ideas for enrichment activities. Fishing and Laser Tag were two suggestions. Joann Thompson is in the process of distributing surveys to youth who were not at the meet and greet to get their input on enrichment activity plans.

Pathways to Employment: Jim Hetherington reported there are two youth enrolled at this time. One youth, who was placed at the Animal Shelter, prefers different type of work and the program will make arrangements for the change. Jim was pleased to receive a referral from ISP which was part of the referral expansion last year. Rob reported that two youth he met at the in-person court session expressed interest in employment and he will make the referrals to the program. Jim noted that it is a good time of the year for youth to participate in the *Work Readiness Training* component of the program in anticipation of summer employment. Referral sources were encouraged to contact Jim with questions.

Old Business

None

New Business

*Milton Hershey School: Stacey Spangenburg presented information about the school which provides a cost-free, private, coeducational home and school for children from low-income/working class families based on meeting the qualifications and availability. Milton Hershey School examines several factors in making decisions regarding recruitment, selection for interview, and admission. An information session for families will be held in the county on March 24th.

*Program Modifications

Members reviewed information regarding three (3) modification requests.

~*Station House Adjustment:* A motion to approve the addition of the Impact 4 x 4 component to the Station House Adjustment Program was made by John Roy and seconded by Steve Schuck. Motion carried. The following members abstained from the vote: Joe Faldetta and Anna Cannella.

~*Probation Enrichment, Incentive, Orientation Program (POPs)*

A motion to approve the line-item transfer for Probation Enrichment, Incentive, Orientation Program to move \$2,000 from G & A line to Salary line was made by John Roy and seconded by Jennifer Valentine. Motion carried.

Adrienne Breitingger - yes; Donna Groome – yes; John Roy – yes; Anna Cannella – abstain;
Stephen Schuck – yes; Jennifer Valentine – yes; Gary Hrynoveski – yes; Joe Faldetta – abstain;
Shirley Robinson – yes; Joann Thompson – abstain; Joel Mastromarino – abstain; Peter Belasco – yes;
Maria Hadley – abstain; Richard Jackson – abstain; Jennifer Hirsch – abstain; Pat Devaney – yes

~*Family Court Advocate Program*

A motion to approve the line-item transfers for Family Court Advocate Program to move \$2,251 from G & A line to Salary line was made by Peter Belasco and seconded by Joe Faldetta. Motion carried.

Adrienne Breitingger - yes; Donna Groome – yes; John Roy – yes; Anna Cannella – yes;
Stephen Schuck – yes; Jennifer Valentine – yes; Gary Hrynoveski – yes; Joe Faldetta – yes;
Shirley Robinson – yes; Joann Thompson – yes; Joel Mastromarino – abstain; Peter Belasco – yes;
Maria Hadley – abstain; Richard Jackson – abstain; Jennifer Hirsch – abstain; Pat Devaney – yes

Public Response:

None

Adjournment: 4:15 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 10th, at 3:00pm