

Cape May County Youth Services Commission (YSC)

May 9, 2023 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:

Steve Schuck, Acenda	Danita Pierce, JJC
Shirley Robinson, Family Court	Peter Belasco, County A/D Director
Jenn Valentine, CASA	Maria Hadley, JJC
Chris DeSantis, Probation	Jamie Moscony, Superintendent of County Vocational School
Anne Garrison, Jersey Cape	Pat Devaney, CMC DHS
Patty Ackley, Probation	Temerity Berry, Cape Assist
Lisa Harczak, Cape Assist	Chrissy Casiello, NLA
Josh Mercado, NLA	Sharnett Clark, Probation
Christina Ennis, CMC DHS	Adrienne Breitinger, CMC Superintendent of Schools Office
Sharon Modzelewski, YSC Coordinator	

Additions and Corrections to Minutes – P. Devaney

Minutes from the March 14, 2023 YSC meeting were provided with the meeting notice via email. Shirley Robinson motioned to accept the minutes. Steve Schuck seconded. Motion carried.

Coordinator Report

- Budget modification request information was presented to the YSC regarding the coordinator salary. The coordinator position will become a full-time post (100% of time) effective 7/1/23, and the position will no longer perform the CIACC Coordinator duties. A motion was made by Jamie Moscony and seconded by Shirley Robinson to increase the coordinator's salary with the \$12,107 additional S/CP administration funding as the coordinator position will become a full time post (100% of time) effective 7/1/23. The modification amount will be prorated for the remaining months of 2023; the prorated modification will transfer \$6,053 into the coordinator salary. Motion Carried. Sharnett Clark - abstain; Adrienne Breitinger – yes; Jamie Mascony – yes; Peter Belasco – yes; Anne Garrison – yes; Chrissy Casiello – yes; Steve Schuck – yes; Jen Valentine – yes; Shirley Robinson – yes; Pat Devaney -yes; Danita Pierce – abstain; Maria Hadley – abstain.
- Other coordinator activities will be reported under Old Business

JJC Representative Report – D. Pierce

- RFP process is open to the public. Every three years, RFPs must be issued for programs.
- Safiya Baker is conducting a series of refresher trainings. The next training topic is budget modifications and will be held on 5/17.
- JJC is waiting for data before releasing the plan/application documents. Pat Devaney expressed concern about the delay in releasing the forms as this year is a 3-year plan and the delay will pile up onto other work. Pat indicated that in the past the NJ Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services postponed their plan for one year when critical information was not available in a timely way.

JDAI Update – S. Robinson

- The County Council on Juvenile Justice System Improvement decided not to apply for 2024 Innovations funding. The Probation Enrichment, Incentive, and Orientation Program (POPS) will

conclude at the end of 2023 due to a low number of youths on Probation and a low number of youths participating in the program.

- POPS modification request information was presented to the YSC. A motion was made by Shirley Robinson and seconded by Steve Schuck to approve the Probation Enrichment, Incentive, and Orientation Program modification to allow youth on Probation to participate in Enrichment Trips as long as the youths are in compliance with the terms and conditions of their probation; and to distribute incentives based on compliance levels of 30-60-90 days. Motion Carried. Abstentions: Danita Pierce and Maria Hadley.

Program Updates

- *Intensive Supervision (ISP)*: Steve Schuck reported that six youth are in the program. Since the last report, one youth completed the program, one youth enrolled in the program, and three youth were removed from the electronic monitoring but continue to be supervised.
- *Station House Adjustment*: Lisa Harczak reported the program received 25 referrals thus far in 2023. School referrals have increased. The program is preparing for the expansion component.
- *Probation Enrichment, Incentive, and Orientation (POPs)*: Chris DeSantis reported that 7 youth and 1 parent participated in a resource fair at the Court House. The POPS program recently attended an outing in Atlantic City that included an arcade visit and lunch. Planning will get underway for the 3rd Quarter which will include a summer incentive bag, AOC college and career event, and another activity.
- *Strengthening Families Program (SFP)*: Temerity Berry reported a training is underway in Woodbine. Another training is planned to start this month in Wildwood which will be followed by a training in Lower Township. The agency will also look into connecting summer camp families with the program.

Old Business

- Program Review and Planning Subcommittee met on March 2nd to discuss program options for the additional \$19,204 State/Community Partnership funds. The subcommittee is recommending the YSC use \$18,000 for Life Skills Training (LST). Jenn Valentine presented the recommendation of the subcommittee to the YSC. A motion to approve the subcommittee's recommendation to allocate \$18,000 in State/Community Partnership funds for a Life Skills Training program was made by Jen Valentine and seconded by Anne Garrison. Motion Carried.
Sharnett Clark - abstain; Adrienne Breitinger – yes; Jamie Mascony – yes; Peter Belasco – yes; Anne Garrison – yes; Chrissy Casiello – yes; Steve Schuck – yes; Jen Valentine – yes; Shirley Robinson – yes; Pat Devaney -yes; Danita Pierce – abstain; Maria Hadley – abstain.
- The Proposal Review Subcommittee met on March 31st to discuss the Botvin Life Skills Training proposal which was a recommendation of the Program Review and Planning Subcommittee. Shirley Robinson presented the recommendation of the subcommittee to the YSC that Cape Assist receive funding for the Life Skills Training program recommended by the Program Review and Planning Subcommittee.
- Motion to approve use of the Life Skills Training proposal submitted by Cape Assist was made by Shirley Robinson and seconded by Jamie Moscony. Motion Carried.
Sharnett Clark - yes; Adrienne Breitinger – yes; Jamie Mascony – yes; Peter Belasco – yes; Anne Garrison – yes; Chrissy Casiello – yes; Steve Schuck – yes; Jen Valentine – yes; Shirley Robinson – yes; Pat Devaney -yes; Danita Pierce – abstain; Maria Hadley – abstain.

New Business

Temerity Berry of the Cape May County Healthy Community Coalition (HCC) provided a summary of the Coalition's efforts with underage marijuana use prevention. The summary included data from the local PRIDE survey regarding youth usage rates and attitudes toward marijuana use. The Coalition uses environmental strategies in their prevention efforts and facilitates a Cannabis Prevention Workgroup with Atlantic Prevention Resources. YSC members are welcome to join the HCC and Workgroup. HCC

meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month.

Public Response:

Josh Mercado provided updates about the No Limits Academy. Summer hours will start one hour later, at 6:15pm for July and August. The Gym Buddies program is held every Tuesday and Thursday from 5:15 to 6:30pm. In the Gym Buddies program, law enforcement officers and youth workout in the gym together. Casella Productions is teaching the youth how to create videos of NLA. On 6/3, a wrestling match will be held at NLA. Admittance and refreshments are free for kids at the event. The next Battle in Rio, an amateur boxing show, will be held on 6/10. The event showcases the NLA youth.

Adjournment: 4 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at 3:00pm