

Cape May County Youth Services Commission (YSC)

June 8, 2021 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.*

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

Present:

Robert Schober, ACFSO

Steve Schuck – Acenda

Jim Hetherington – Jersey Cape

Joe Faldetta, Cape Assist

Pat Devaney, CMC DHS

Lt. Joe Landis, Prosecutor Office

Anne Garrison, Jersey Cape

Connie Price, JJC

Bernadette Myers, Family Court

Joann Thompson, Probation

Shirley Robinson, Family Court

Nancy Hudanich, County Technical Schools

Chrissy Wingate, Jersey Cape

Joel Mastrommarino, DCPD

Maria Hadley, JJC

Gary Hrynoveski, Light House Church

John Roy, Cape Atlantic INK (CMO)

Jennifer Hirsch, DCPD

Marianne White, MRSS

Ashley Tartaglia, Youth Detention Center

Marylou McAdams Corson, Assistant Prosecutor

Sharon Modzelewski, YSC Coordinator

2. Additions and Corrections to Minutes – P. Devaney

Minutes from the April 13, 2021 YSC meeting were provided with the meeting notice via email.

Two corrections were noted on the attendance list: Connie Price, JJC and Ashley Tartaglia, Youth Detention Center. John Roy motioned to accept the minutes. Joe Faldetta seconded. Motion carried.

3. Administrator's Report – S. Modzelewski

- Memorialized email vote to send a Letter of Intent to apply for 2022 JDAI funding in the amount of \$120,000. A motion was made by Joe Landis and seconded by Anne Garrison that the Cape May County Youth Services Commission approves sending a Letter of Intent to the Juvenile Justice Commission to apply for 2022 JDAI funding in the amount of \$120,000. There were 13-yes votes, 0-no votes, and 6-abstentions.
- Nominations for two (2) new YSC Members: Joann Thompson (pending Probation approval) and Shirley Robinson. Motion to accept the new members was made by Steve Schuck and seconded by John Roy. Motion carried. There were no abstentions.
Two non-mandated membership positions remain. YSC members may submit suggestions to increase diversity on the Commission.
- Proposed Meeting Schedule Changes for the remainder of 2021 were distributed in order to meet the State time frames for applications and renewals. The meetings will be held virtually for the remainder of 2021.
- Volunteers requested to participate in the Program Monitoring Process. At least two (2) YSC members are required to participate in each program monitor visit. Five programs will be monitored. A new Program Monitor Form was issued for this year and a zoom session will be scheduled in June to review the form. The session will be open to monitoring volunteers, all YSC Members, all agencies/entities who will be monitored.
- Subcommittee met to review the parameters of the RFPs for Intensive Supervision, Station House Adjustment, and Probation Pathways which are funded with the State Community Partnership/Family Court dollars. Programs were approved by JJC for the three-year grant term 2021 through 2023. Per JJC guidelines, a Request for Proposal (RFP) should have been issued in 2020 to select the agency for the

three-year term. County received a waiver to issue the RFP in 2021 for CY 2022 with a one-year renewal option for 2023. Draft copies of the Program Profiles were distributed to YSC and notable changes were highlighted.

Motion to accept the parameters of the three programs for RFP was made by Marylou McAdams Corson and seconded by Shirley Robinson. Motion Carried.

Bernadette Myers - yes; Marylou McAdams Corson - yes; Joel Mastrommarino - yes; Pat Devaney – yes; Nancy Hudanich - yes; Ashley Tartaglia -yes; Maryanne White – yes; Anne Garrison – abstain; Robert Schober – abstain; John Roy – abstain; Steve Schuck – abstain; Gary Hryoweski – yes; Shirley Robinson – yes; Joe Faldetta – abstain; Connie Price – abstain; Maria Hadley - abstain.

4. JJC Representative Report – C. Price

- Statewide CJJSI Meeting will be held on 6/23.
- System Partners from the Atlantic-Cape May Vicinage will hold a Forum on 6/9: *Understanding Our Generation Z Youth: Preparing Them to Return to Normalcy*
- Series of articles are available about Juvenile Reform to allow youth to link with community services while in placement which would continue once released.
- Reminder to check program LOS and amount of unspent funds to use funding before the end of year.

5. JDAI Update – S. Robinson

- First part of the package for the 2022 Innovations Grant, intent to apply, was submitted. Innovation subcommittee will continue to meet to review the proposals and level of care that will be included in the grant application.
- Case Processing will continue to review types of cases being processed which now are the more serious offenses. The number of sex offenses this year will be higher than previous 4 court years, and the current year data will be available when the court year ends on 6/30.
- Community Engagement is working to become more user friendly and make better use of finances to reach more youth/families.

6. Program Updates

Station House Adjustment: Joe Faldetta reported the program is running smoothly. Each month there is a Middle School session and a High School session. There was some slow down likely due to the marijuana/ underage drinking legislative changes, but activity has picked-up and there tends to be an increase in the summer. Agency is actively reaching out to schools to notify them of the program.

Joe reported the Recovery High School will complete the school year next week with 3 students; one student will graduate (2nd graduate of the program). School's Administrator, Frank Riggitano, will be succeeded by Mike Hickman.

It was noted that Joe Faldetta did a great job moderating the CSOC webinar last month. A link to the recorded webinar will be sent to members.

Joe Landis reported the County Prosecutor's Office will present an informational session on 6/22, *Juvenile Justice & Strengthening Trust between the Community and Law Enforcement*. The session will give the public an understanding of the mechanisms available to help divert juveniles away from the justice system and detention.

Members briefly discussed recent youth focused marijuana/alcohol legislation, and it was noted that a separate informational session will be scheduled by the Prosecutor Office to address the matter.

Intensive Supervision Program (ISP): Steve Schuck reported the program is running smoothly. Since the last report, one youth was added, and one youth successfully completed their supervised time. A total of 4 youth are currently under supervision.

Probation Pathways: Jim Hetherington reported one case recently had successful closure. Youth completed the subsidized employment and is working in the community. A second youth started the program.

In response to an inquiry, Jersey Cape noted the program can assist youth that only speak Spanish since the agency employs an interpreter. If an employer is willing to hire non-English speaking staff, then the agency will assist with the placement.

Probation Enrichment, Incentive, and Orientation: Joann Thompson reported ten youth attended orientations which were held individually due to Covid. Parents also attend orientations. Participation rates in activities vary for both youth and parents. Summer Fun bags were distributed to youth to encourage pro-social activities. Staff is working on a Family Game Night event to engage families. Youth are working on a Father's Day project with another group, the Positive Interventions Committee.

Family Advocate: Bob Schober reported that since the last report, one family completed the program. Three referrals were received but the families did not opt for services at this time. Bob indicated funds are available due to the staff vacancy in the Advocate position.

Pat asked if the accrued Innovation funds could be used for services without an RFP (under \$17,500), services such as sexual offense evaluations. Connie will look into the matter.

7. New Business

Joe Faldetta reported 1) CMC Health Department and Cape Assist will have a presentation for business owners about resources for staff with substance use disorders on 6/9 at 2pm via zoom. 2) Youth Mental Health First Aid session will be held 6/28.

Ashley Tartaglia reported a recent decrease in youth enrollment at the dentition center due to transfers to training school, JJC programs, and shelter. Currently 12 youth are in detention. Youth participate in groups, such as trauma treatment, anger management, parent education, etc.

8. Public Response: None

9. Adjournment: 4:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 28 @ 3:30pm (2022 JDAI Innovations Grant Application)