

Cape May County Youth Services Commission (YSC)

September 12, 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

Shirley Robinson, Family Court

Maria Hadley, JJC

Zach Gorecke, Prosecutor Office

Bob Schober, AC FSO

Pat Devaney, CMC DHS

Christina Ennis, CMC DHS

Peter Belasco, CMC DHS

John Roy, CMO

Marianne White, MRSS

Lisa Harczak, Cape Assist

Sharon Modzelewski, YSC Coordinator

Danita Pierce, JJC

Hillary Brown, Oasis

Joe Landis, Prosecutor Office

Donna Groome, CMC DHS

Eric Shenkus, Public Defender

Gary Hrynoveski, Lighthouse Church

Jamie Moscony, Vo-Tech/Special Service School

Anne Garrison, Jersey Cape

Shannon Casula, CASA

Adrienne Breitinger, Superintendent of Schools Office

Heather Taman, CMC DHS

Additions and Corrections to Minutes – P. Devaney

Minutes from the July 11, 2023 YSC meeting were provided with the meeting notice via email.

Correction on the allocation amount for Strengthening Families. The amount should be \$48,652.

The level of service is the same. The correct amount is in the 2024 application budget that will be presented today. John Roy motioned to accept the minutes with correction. Steve Schuck seconded. Motion carried.

Coordinator Report

- Shannon Casula appointed by Jen Valentine as her designee.
- Other coordinator activities will be reported under New Business.

JJC Representative Report – D. Pierce

- The 2024-2026 Comprehensive Plan and 2024 Application forms are available. The due date was postponed to 12/15/23. Extension requests on the forms will be accepted if counties are missing some of the documents.
- Due to the delay in the release of the 2024 Comprehensive Plan and Application the Juvenile Justice Commission will allow for a grant extension on calendar year 2023 State/Community Partnership and Family Court Services awards. This extension will provide counties with the ability to continue services without interruption. A request can be made to extend your awards until March 31, 2024, and must be submitted no later than November 15, 2023. Note, all reporting requirements remain the same during the extension.
- The County 2024-2026 Comprehensive Plan and 2024 Application submissions to JJC will be reviewed at the time of submission.
- Employment opportunities available at JJC for analysts and secretary.

JDAI Update – S. Robinson

- Probation Enrichment, Incentive, and Orientation program will end this year.
- John Thomas is a member of a JDAI committee assessing ways to reinvigorate the initiative.
- A JDAI Conference will be held in 2024.

Program Updates

- *Intensive Supervision (ISP)*: Steve Schuck reported three new admissions for a total of seven youth in the program. Fifteen intakes have been completed thus far in 2023.
- *Station House Adjustment*: Lisa Harczak reported 50 completions thus far in 2023. Agency will connect with schools and police departments to provide information about the program.
- *Probation Enrichment, Incentive, and Orientation (POPs)*: Lisa Harczak reported that 4 of 10 youth are currently eligible to participate in program activities. Fall activities will be planned.
- *Strengthening Families Program (SFP)*: Lisa Harczak reported two programs were completed (16 families participated). One program recently started in Lower Township with 8 families. One program is scheduled in October at Dennis Township.

Old Business

None

New Business

- S. Modzelewski presented the 2024-26 YSC Comprehensive Plan and 2024 Application. A motion was made to approve the 2024-26 YSC Comprehensive Plan by Joe Landis and seconded by Shirley Robinson. Motion Carried.
Pat Devaney – yes; Zach Gorecke – yes; Erik Shenkus – yes; Adrienne Breitinger – yes; Jamie Moscony – yes; Donna Groome – yes; Hillary Brown – yes; Joe Landis – yes; Peter Belasco – yes; Anne Garrison – yes; Bob Schober – yes; John Roy – yes; Steve Schuck – abstain; Shannon Casula – yes; Gary Hrynoveski – yes; Shirley Robinson – yes; Danita Pierce – abstain; Maria Hadley – abstain.
- A motion to approve the 2024 YSC Application for \$363,189 was made by was made by John Roy and seconded by Bob Schober. Motion Carried.
Pat Devaney – yes; Zach Gorecke – yes; Erik Shenkus – yes; Adrienne Breitinger – yes; Jamie Moscony – yes; Donna Groome – yes; Hillary Brown – yes; Joe Landis – yes; Peter Belasco – yes; Anne Garrison – yes; Bob Schober – yes; John Roy – yes; Steve Schuck – abstain; Shannon Casula – yes; Gary Hrynoveski – yes; Shirley Robinson – yes; Danita Pierce – abstain; Maria Hadley – abstain.
- A motion to approve the 2024 one-third set aside of \$10,700 for the Electronic Bracelet was made by was made by Bob Schober and seconded by Anne Garrison. Motion Carried.
Pat Devaney – yes; Zach Gorecke – yes; Erik Shenkus – yes; Adrienne Breitinger – yes; Jamie Moscony – yes; Donna Groome – yes; Hillary Brown – yes; Joe Landis – yes; Peter Belasco – yes; Anne Garrison – yes; Bob Schober – yes; John Roy – yes; Steve Schuck – abstain; Shannon Casula – yes; Gary Hrynoveski – yes; Shirley Robinson – yes; Danita Pierce – abstain; Maria Hadley – abstain.
- J. Roy presented the Monitor Subcommittee report with the results of five program monitors. A motion to approve the Monitor Subcommittee report was made by was made by Joe Landis and seconded by Shirley Robinson. Motion Carried. Steve Schuck abstained.
- J. Roy presented the By-Law revisions recommended by the By-Laws Steering Committee. A motion to approve the By-Law revisions was made by was made by Peter Belasco and seconded by Steve Schuck. Motion Carried.

- J. Roy announced 1) Nominations for the co-chair positions should be submitted to the YSC office by October 23rd; the co-chairs will be selected at the November 14th YSC Meeting. Submissions for nominations other than oneself must have the permission of the nominee. Also, Pat Devaney would be happy to talk with anyone considering the position of co-chair about what the position entails. Call the YSC office to talk with Pat. 2) Due to schedule conflicts, the Steering Committee discussed changing the meeting day, starting in 2024, from the 2nd Tuesday of every other month to the 2nd Wednesday of every other month. The time, 3pm, would stay the same. Meeting attendees agreed with the change.
- S. Robinson presented the Proposal Review Subcommittee recommendation to accept Acenda's proposal for the Intensive Supervision Program. A motion to approve funding to Acenda Integrated Health for the ISP program and to present the recommendation to the County Board of Commissioners and JJC was made by John Roy and seconded by Anne Garrison. Motion carried. Steve Schuck abstained.
- P. Devaney announced that two agencies attended a walk-through of the County Youth Shelter as part of the Youth Shelter RFP process. RFPs for the remaining YSC programs will be posted soon (Station House Adjustment, Strengthening Families and Life Skills).
- There was a discussion about the current situation regarding availability of Juvenile Detention beds.

Public Response:

S. Modzelewski announced that Heather Taman will be the Youth Services Commission Coordinator effective 10/1/23.

Adjournment: 4:10 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 3:00pm