

Cape May County Youth Services Commission (YSC)
September 14, 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.*

Call to Order and Round Table Introductions – P. Devaney

Present:

Judge John Rauh

Steve Schuck, Acenda

John Thomas, Family Court

Chris DeSantis, Probation

Michelle DeWeese, Prosecutor Office

Erik Shenkus, Public Defender Office

Donna Groome, CMC DHS

Connie Price, JJC

Bernadette Myers, Family Court

Joann Thompson, Probation

Erin Klein, Acenda

Pat Devaney, CMC DHS

Anna Cannella, Coastal Prep

Emily Wynne, Healthy Women/ Families

Sharon Modzelewski, YSC Coordinator

Nancy Hudanich, County Technical Schools

Chrissy Wingate, Jersey Cape

Richard Jackson, JJC, Harborfields

Maria Hadley, JJC

Gary Hrynoveski, Light House Church

John Roy, Cape Atlantic INK (CMO)

Jennifer Valentine, CASA

Marianne White, MRSS

Peter Belasco, County A/D Director

Marylou McAdams Corson, Prosecutor Office

Joseph Baroco, JJC

Janice Brown, Center for Family Services

Jim Hetherington, Jersey Cape

Jonathan Price, CMC Special Services School

Additions and Corrections to Minutes – P. Devaney

Minutes from the July 28, 2021, YSC meeting were provided with the meeting notice via email.

Marylou McAdams Corson motioned to accept the minutes. John Roy seconded. Motion carried.

Coordinator Report – See activities under Old and New Business

JJC Representative Report – C. Price

- Statewide CJJSI Meeting will be held on 9/22.
- Working on the County Comprehensive Youth Services Plan Updates.
- There is a JJC funding opportunity to support transitional housing for young adults on parole status who are returning to the community. Mandatory virtual bidder's conference will be held on 9/21/21 @ 10:00 am or 9/22/21 @ 3:30 pm (you only must attend one). Application is due 10/25 .

JDAI Update S. Modzelewski via S. Robinson

- 2022 JDAI Innovation Funding Proposals were submitted to the JJC on August 5th: Probation Enrichment, Incentive, Orientation Program (POPs) and the Family Court Advocate Program.
- The Innovation program monitors are complete, and a summary will be shared at the 11/9 YSC Meeting.
- JDAI Case Processing Meeting and JDAI Community Engagement Subcommittee Meeting will be held 10/4. The next Full Council Meeting is set for 10-27-21.
- Meetings and hearings are continuing to be held via Zoom and Teams.

Program Updates

Family Advocate: S. Modzelewski (via Rob Schober) reported Family Court Advocate program continues to seek to hire a Coordinator who should be a parent/guardian of a youth with juvenile justice

involvement. Please encourage applicants to send their resume to rob@acfamsupport.org. The agency has placed an ad in the Cape May Guardian as well on Indeed with the hope of recruiting an eligible candidate. The agency received a new referral last week and hope to engage the family shortly. The agency continues to be ready to accept new referrals. The Youth Partnership group currently has openings for new members. Please email Rob for the link.

A free forum and discussion about *Juvenile Crime and Justice and the challenges facing law enforcement, the courts, and families* will be held on Thursday, September 23rd, from 9:30am to 12:30pm at the Bellevue Tavern. Registration information will be sent in a follow-up email.

Intensive Supervision (ISP): Steve Schuck reported the program is running smoothly. Two youth are currently under supervision.

Probation Pathways: Jim Hetherington reported one youth is currently enrolled in a job placement and a new referral was received today. Four youth were enrolled in the program this year.

Probation Enrichment, Incentive, and Orientation (POPs): Joann Thompson reported every youth attends an orientation which are held individually. Back to School supplies were distributed to youth which included 'Fidget Tools' which the youth enjoyed. Families received card game supplies and Shop Rite gift card to participate in family game night. There are no VOPs thus far in 2021.

Station House Adjustment: Anna Cannella reported that two virtual sessions are held each month. Referrals are down. Program will meet with School Superintendents and Police Chiefs at the end of September to discuss the program.

Old Business

RFPs Notices for three local JJC funded programs (Station House Adjustment, Intensive Supervision Program, Pathways to Employment) will be posted this month on the County Portal. It is required to be registered on the portal to view the RFPs.

New Business

- **YSC Membership:** Two changes on the mandated membership list: a) Peter Belasco is the County Alcohol/Drug Director and 2) Hillary Brown is the Assistant Program Director for the *Oasis Youth Shelter and Tranquility House STLP*. Chryste DeSimone continues as the designee. Katie Petronzi, Director of the Youth Shelter, left the position. A motion to accept the updates to the CYSC Membership was made by John Roy and seconded by John Thomas. Motion carried.
- **County Youth Services Plan Update:** Documents of 2022 YSC Plan Update, CY 2022 Application, and 1/3 Set -Aside were distributed, and highlights were reviewed which included a report by the Monitoring Subcommittee Chairperson of the SCP/FC program monitors. A motion to approve the 2022 YSC Plan Update was made by was made by Marylou McAdams Corson and seconded by Chris DeSantis. Motion Carried.
John Thomas - yes; Judge John Rauh - yes; Chris Desantis – yes; Marylou McAdams Corson – yes; Erik Shenkus – yes; Nancy Hudanich - yes; Pat Devaney -yes; Donna Groome – yes; Richard Jackson – yes; Chrissy Wingate – abstain; Peter Belasco – yes; John Roy – yes; Steve Schuck – abstain; Anna Cannella – yes; Jennifer Valentine – yes; Gary Hrynoveski – yes; Joann Thompson – yes; Connie Price – abstain; Maria Hadley - abstain.

A motion to approve the CY 2022 Application for \$314,535 in SCP/FC funding was made by was made by John Thomas and seconded by John Roy. Motion Carried.

John Thomas - yes; Judge John Rauh - yes; Chris Desantis – yes; Marylou McAdams Corson – yes; Erik Shenkus – yes; Nancy Hudanich - yes; Pat Devaney -yes; Donna Groome – yes; Richard Jackson – abstain; Chrissy Wingate – abstain; Peter Belasco – yes; John Roy – yes;

Steve Schuck – abstain; Anna Cannella – yes; Jennifer Valentine – yes; Gary Hrynoveski – yes; Joann Thompson – yes; Connie Price – abstain; Maria Hadley - abstain.

A motion to approve the 1/3 Set -Aside of \$12,700 was made by Judge John Rauh and seconded by Chris DeSantis. Motion Carried.

John Thomas - yes; Judge John Rauh - yes; Chris Desantis – yes; Marylou McAdams Corson – yes; Erik Shenkus – yes; Nancy Hudanich - yes; Pat Devaney -yes; Donna Groome – yes; Richard Jackson – yes; Chrissy Wingate – yes; Peter Belasco – yes; John Roy – yes; Steve Schuck – abstain; Anna Cannella – yes; Jennifer Valentine – yes; Gary Hrynoveski – yes; Joann Thompson – yes; Connie Price – abstain; Maria Hadley - abstain.

Public Response:

~Anna Cannella reported that Coastal Prep has a new Administrator, Mike Hickman. The school will add new classes, such as culinary and budgeting. Three students are enrolled.

~Marylou McAdams Corson reported that Temerity Berry of Cape Assist gave a presentation to Juvenile Officers regarding community services such as PerfomCare. Resource Cards with information about community services will be available to the officers. Another presentation session will be held next month.

~Pat Devaney noted that a County Homeless Resource Guide is available. Email the YSC Office for a copy of the guide.

Adjournment: 4:10 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 9 @ 3:00pm