

Cape May County Youth Services Commission (YSC)
November 9, 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 – P. Devaney

Present:

Jennifer Valentine, CASA

Steve Schuck, Acenda

John Thomas, Family Court

Chris DeSantis, Probation

Marianne White, MRSS

Connie Price, JJC

Shirley Robinson, Family Court

Hillary Brown, Youth Shelter

Anna Cannella, Coastal Prep

Joann Thompson, Probation

Joe Faldetta, Cape Assist

Pat Devaney, CMC DHS

Patty Ackley, Probation

Jennifer Hirsch, DCP

Nancy Hudanich, County Technical Schools

Maria Hadley, JJC

Gary Hrynoveski, Light House Church

Nichole Channel, Family Support Organization

Marylou McAdams Corson, Prosecutor Office

John Roy, Cape Atlantic INK (CMO)

Joel Mastromarino, DCP

Chrissy Wingate, Jersey Cape

Peter Belasco, County A/D Director

Adrienne Breitingner, CMC Super. Schools Office

Joseph Baroco, JJC

Rob Schober, Family Support Organization

Jim Hetherington, Jersey Cape

Sharon Modzelewski, YSC Coordinator

Additions and Corrections to Minutes – P. Devaney

Minutes from the September 14, 2021 YSC meeting were provided with the meeting notice via email. John Roy motioned to accept the minutes. Shirley Robinson seconded. Motion carried.

Coordinator Report

*County was awarded the 2022 Innovations Grant in the amount of \$120,000. The grant will fund the Family Advocate program (\$80,000) and the Probation, Enrichment, Incentive program (\$40,000).

*CMC County has had a contract with Atlantic County for detention beds at Harborfields since 2013. Pat Devaney reported that Harborfields will continue to accommodate Cape May County youth despite recent developments, such as: increase in serious charges, waiver cases occupying beds, and a staff shortage.

*Distributed CY 2023 YSC Meeting Schedule

*Other activity reported under Old Business.

JJC Representative Report – C. Price

- 8.2 million dollars is allocated for Restorative Justice project at four pilot sites. The JJC Grants Management Office will hire 2 staff to work with the project. Though the regulations call for immediacy to implement the project, there will be opportunity for public comment at a future time.
- The next State CJJSI meeting is scheduled for December 8th. CMC CJJSI will give a presentation at the meeting.

JDAI Update – S. Robinson

- 2022 JDAI Innovation Funding Proposals were approved and the 2021 Innovation program monitors are complete.

Program Updates

Intensive Supervision (ISP): Steve Schuck reported 3 youth are currently under supervision. A fourth youth was court ordered to Harborfields.

Station House Adjustment: Joe Faldetta reported that 45 youth were referred to the program year to date with 33 youth successfully completing the program and 9 youth listed for a session. Approximately 95% referrals complete the class.

Family Advocate: Rob Schober introduced Nichole Channel as the Family Court Advocate. Program is working with one family. Program recently held a training on resiliency in hybrid format (in-person and virtual).

Probation Enrichment, Incentive, and Orientation (POPs): Chris DeSantis reported the program continues to engage families and offer incentives. Program is looking forward to partnering with a provider in 2022 to offer enrichment trips, etc.

Probation Pathways: Jim Hetherington reported the program had seven referrals this year and four youth enrolled in the program. Three youth successfully completed the program and two of the youth participated in work experience component.

Old Business

***Request for Proposals (RFPs):** Shirley Robinson presented the recommendations of the proposal subcommittee for the following programs: Acenda Integrated Health for Intensive Supervision Program; Jersey Cape Diagnostic, Training, Opportunity Center for Pathways to Employment; Cape Assist for Station House Adjustment.

A motion was made by Peter Belasco and seconded by John Thomas to recommend Acenda Integrated Health receive funding for the Intensive Supervision Program and to present the recommendation to the County Board of Commissioners and JJC. Motion Carried.

John Thomas - yes; Chris Desantis – yes; Marylou McAdams Corson – yes; Joel Mastrommarino – abstain; Nancy Hudanich - yes; Pat Devaney -yes; Chrissy Wingate – yes; Peter Belasco – yes; John Roy – abstain; Steve Schuck – abstain; Anna Cannella – yes; Jennifer Valentine – yes; Gary Hrynoveski – yes; Joann Thompson – yes; Connie Price – abstain; Adrienne Breitinger – Yes; Hillary Brown – yes; Marianne White – yes; Rob Schober- yes; Joe Faldetta – yes; Shirley Robinson – yes.

A motion was made by Shirley Robinson and seconded by Rob Schober to recommend Jersey Cape Diagnostic, Training, Opportunity Center receive funding for the Pathways to Employment Program and to present the recommendation to the County Board of Commissioners and JJC. Motion Carried.

John Thomas - yes; Chris Desantis – yes; Marylou McAdams Corson – yes; Joel Mastrommarino – abstain; Nancy Hudanich - yes; Pat Devaney -yes; Chrissy Wingate – abstain; Peter Belasco – yes; John Roy – abstain; Steve Schuck – abstain; Anna Cannella – yes; Jennifer Valentine – yes; Gary Hrynoveski – yes; Joann Thompson – yes; Connie Price – abstain; Adrienne Breitinger – yes; Hillary Brown – yes; Marianne White – yes; Rob Schober- yes; Joe Faldetta – yes; Shirley Robinson – yes.

A motion was made by Nancy Hudanich and seconded by John Thomas to recommend Cape Assist receive funding for the Station House Adjustment Program and to present the recommendation to the County Board of Commissioners and JJC. Motion Carried.

John Thomas - yes; Chris Desantis – yes; Marylou McAdams Corson – yes; Joel Mastrommarino – abstain; Nancy Hudanich - yes; Pat Devaney -yes; Chrissy Wingate – yes; Peter Belasco – yes; John Roy – abstain; Steve Schuck – abstain; Anna Cannella – abstain; Jennifer Valentine – yes; Gary Hrynoveski – yes; Joann Thompson – yes; Connie Price – abstain; Adrienne Breitinger – Yes; Hillary Brown – yes; Marianne White – yes; Rob Schober- yes; Joe Faldetta – abstain; Shirley Robinson – yes.

*Bids for the Probation, Enrichment, Incentive program (\$40,000) are due 11/24.

In order to process the award by January 1st, a motion was made by Chrissy Wingate and seconded by John Roy to empower the Proposal Review committee, who are comprised of YSC members, to approve the award for funding the POPs to the agency with the highest score. Motion carried.

***Monitoring:** John Roy reported on monitoring updates for Family Court Advocate and Probation Enrichment, Incentive, and Orientation (POPs). John also thanked the service providers for their cooperation and assistance during the monitoring process, and the YSC/CJJSI members and the JJC representatives who participated in the monitors.

New Business

Enhanced Outcome Based Probation: Chris DeSantis gave a thorough presentation of the outcome-based model to the YSC. Model includes enhanced supports in working with youth.

Public Response:

~ Nancy Hudanich announced Cape May County Technical School District will have an Open House on 11/16 from 6-8 pm.

~Free Coat Give-Away on November 23rd at 5pm at the Woodbine Elementary School.

Adjournment: 4:10 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 11 @ 3:00pm