

**Salem County YSC**  
**February 7, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 12:32 pm by Jean Kuhl. Introductions were made around the room.

Attendees: 15 members, 8 providers, 6 guests/community members

Approval of last month's meeting minutes: Jim Whitt Motioned to accept and Glen Donelson seconded, all were in favor, no corrections.

**Committee Reports:**

Planning and allocations – They met once and there were 2 RFP's that were issued by the IAC; one for substance abuse and one for sex offender treatment. There were no responses received for either RFP. There will be a Planning and Allocations meeting 2/7/18 right after the YSC meeting concludes to decide what to do with the monies. They will report at the YSC regular meeting on the outcome.

Quality Assurance – Nothing to report as there is no monitoring at this time. Karen Vann and Armando Gonzalez both volunteered to continue to be the co-chairs of this committee. Jean Kuhl, in her capacity as Chairperson of the Youth Services Commission, appointed Armando and Karen as co-chair persons for the 2018 year.

JET – They met on 2/6/18 and had a really good discussion. Greg Wolf reminded everyone to complete their action items. The next meeting will be 3/6/18.

Administrators Report – Frank Carozza stated that they would be discussing the use of the Substance Abuse and Sex Offender Treatment monies after this meeting.

The next YSC meeting will be held at the old DMV in Mannington, Address: 5 Route 45, Salem NJ 08079.

The current vendor contracts are with the new County Purchasing Agent for review. We are hoping to have them to the vendors as quickly as possible.

Vendor training has been postponed as Judge Lopez would like for the new vendors to do a presentation for the court staff. She would like to ensure all the courthouse staff knows of the new programs being offered through Youth Services.

Frank also thanked the Sheriff's Office for their help during the Point In Time Survey. The IAC truly appreciated their assistance with protecting our street teams on January 24, 2018.

Frank is still working to streamline the communication with all our providers and appreciates all their efforts.

Frank asked that all the 2018 members please sign and return their conflict of interest statements as quickly as possible.

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We are going to hold a vote on the by-laws that were created by the By-Law Committee. We are finally going to be in compliance with our by-laws for the first time since 1999. Thank you for your efforts.

JJC Liaison Report – Nothing to report.

Providers Reports:

Robins Nest – Breaking Limits has 5 open slots, they are working with schools to fill those slots.  
Grounded – has 1 open slot  
Connect 2 – has 2 open slots  
Cognitive Skills Program will be starting on 3/15/18 and should graduate by June.  
The Summer Youth Employment program is working on hiring staffing for the program.  
They will be ready by a start date of June. This program will run through the summer months.

YAP –Pay It Forward currently has 4 active clients; 2 are prevention, 2 are diversion. They have 3 intakes this week and they will be for diversion. This will fill their program.

Quinton Township – Their Board of Education accepted the award so they are working staffing the programs and getting things started for Culture Club. They are hoping to target 50 students in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades.

Schalick HS / Pittsgrove MS – Their Board of Education has accepted the award so they are working on staffing. Because the funding has been renewed and increased, they are able to provide more clubs to more students and this will allow them to provide bussing for the students who are participating.

Penns Grove HS – they have 32 current students. Sharon Riley reported that they have lots of plans in process: college trips, cooking for teens classes, volleyball league, working to develop a play from beginning to end with the students, a possible field trip to the 9/11 memorial in NYC.

JDAI: Armando Gonzalez reported that a sub-committee from the JDAI committee met with Jack Swain at the Salem County Vo-tech to discuss a non-traditional course for at-risk students. They want to allow the students to complete high school and encourage them to consider furthering their education by going to college. The students would be enrolled within the vo-tech courses with a possible addition of intensive academic counseling aspect. Plans are still be finalized, there will be more discussion between the subcommittee and the Vo-tech administration.

Jack Swain added that he is excited about this prospect. When he came to the Vo-tech he wanted to expand the programs and populations the vo-tech was able to reach. This would enable them to achieve this.

Old Business – Jean Kuhl announced that we are looking for people to fill our sub-committees. If you want to volunteer, please do. We try to keep our meetings short and sweet but still accomplish everything necessary.

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New Business – A vote was held to accept the By-Laws. Maggie Vaughan pointed out that a correction needed to be made on Page 5 at the bottom. The word “digression” will be changed to “discretion”. The body at large accepted this change and the vote was held:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Voting / Non Voting</b>	<b>Record Vote:</b>	<b>Notes (Designee Name)</b>
Judge Sandra Lopez	Voting	Absent	
Armando Gonzalez	Voting	Yes	
Shane’t Bowe	Voting	Yes	
Peggy Nicolosi	Voting	Absent	
Rick Bird	Voting	Absent	
Lois Kawajiri	Voting	Absent	
Chuck Goldstein	Voting	Yes	
Ron Hudak	Voting	Yes	
John Lenahan	Voting	Absent	
Chuck Miller	Voting	Yes	Brian Pennington - Designee
Gabrielle Hall	Voting	Yes	
Jerry Oglesby	Voting	Absent	
Anna Jean Kuhl	Voting	Yes	
John Swain	Voting	Yes	
James Whitt	Voting	Yes	
Greg Wolf	Voting	Yes	
Rebecca DiLisciandro	Voting	Absent	
Maggie Vaughan	Voting	Yes	
Allen Cummings	Voting	Absent	
Karen Vann	Voting	Yes	
John Stranahan	Voting	Absent	
Kathy Lockbaum	Voting	Absent	
Sarah Kuhl	Voting	Yes	
Jennifer Rodriguez	Voting	Yes	
Laurie Spears	Voting	Absent	
Glen Donelson	Voting	Yes	
Spencer Young	Non-Voting		
Melanie Ernest	Non-Voting		
Frank Carozza	Non-Voting		
Melissa DeCastro	Non-Voting		
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>Yes – 15 No - 0 Abstains - 0</b>	

**Announcements –**

Glen Donelson shared that every Wednesday the Office on Aging puts on a luncheon for the seniors in Salem County at the Queen of Apostles Church in Pennsville. There were 140 residents who enjoyed the luncheon today.

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Marge Delia shared that students from Quinton School were attending an academic academy. A question about Chess was asked and all the Quinton students raised their hands to answer the question. Because they were involved in the Culture Club they learned about chess. They were so excited about the question, there was chatter on the bus ride home about it. This is an example of the good work the program is doing for the students who are participating.

Jack Swain invited everyone to attend the Salem Leadership Dinner on 2/23/18 at 7:00 pm. It will be held at Centerton Country Club. Senator Sweeney will be in attendance, along with other elected officials. Jack feels this will be a good opportunity to be able to have the focus be on Salem County. Tickets are available for purchase on their website.

Maggie Vaughan announced her office would be holding a Narcan training on 2/26/18 being held at Queen of Apostles Church at 6:00 pm. There will be a limited number of kits available. Please contact her if you want to register: 856-935-7510 x 8460. Maggie will be sharing more information as it becomes available.

Frank Carozza also shared the spreadsheet he has created for the providers. This will track how much is being spent on each program and should help ensure they are able to spend everything that has been allotted to them through the contracts. This will be updated monthly.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:03 with a motion from Jim Whitt and seconded by Glen Donelson. The next meeting will be March 7th at noon at the Old DMV Building located at 5 Route 45, Salem.