

**Salem County YSC**  
**May 2, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 pm by Jean Kuhl.

Attendees: Rosemarie Cuevas, Brian Pennington, Chuck Goldstein, Ronelle Brown, Alexandra Oaisin, Daffonie Moore, Sarah Kuhl, Jean Kuhl, Kathleen Lockbaum, Loni Allen-Davis, Justin Caruso, Erin Klein, Greg Wolf, Jennifer Rodriguez, Ron Hudak, Priscilla Occasion-Jimenez, Frank Carozza, Marge Deliah, Ed Ramsay, Jerry Oglesby, Melanie Ernest, Amy Kiger, Chief John Pelura, Chief Teddy Stranahan, Chief A.J. Cummings,

Approval of last month's meeting minutes: Frank Carozza motioned to accept last month's meeting minutes, Erin Klein seconded. All were in favor.

**Committee Reports:**

**Planning –**

Due to the overlap of Children's System of Care and Youth Services this issue was discussed with the CIACC committee as well as the Youth Services Commission.

The committee discussed two identified service gaps, Service Gaps for Salem County Families and Salem's Shelter Beds Denied to "Medically Released Form".

As the committee did not get appropriate data to analyze the service gaps in the County, this is being dropped at this time. Ron did state that Peter Mancusi is aware of the problem and they are looking into it from their end. While PerformCare does not have a quality assurance division when there is a complaint, they will pull the call and try to see where the problem might be. Ron also stated that he had a family that was denied in-home services when they called on their own, but when he helped to make the call they were approved. It might just be that the families do not know to give clinical information in order to receive the in-home services.

The issue of the Shelter Beds might be fixed with a contract directly with the Camden County Detention Center. Frank reported that Maggie Vaughn was drafting a contract and plan for all Salem County youth needing detention will go to Camden County Detention. Frank will follow up with Maggie for a copy of this plan.

If this plan is not going to happen, Karen Vann will investigate the rules and regulations into having a juvenile admitted to detention to ensure the facility requiring the extra language on the release papers is following the regulations.

**Quality Assurance –** The committee is working together to draft a schedule for monitoring. They will be trying to monitor the schools before the end of the school year.

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**JET** – There was a meeting on May 1<sup>st</sup> but Greg wasn't at the meeting and he doesn't have any update at this time.

**Administrators Report –**

Frank Carozza stated that monitoring will begin soon.

JAMS is open for all providers to do their reporting. If you need help with access, please call Frank.

Frank is working on a memo that will detail the approval, use and referral process for the client specific funds. He will share as soon as that's completed.

**JJC Liaison Report** – Spencer Young reminded everyone that if they have questions about anything YSC to please ask them now. When they are in your facility they would like to concentrate on monitoring.

**Providers Reports:**

**Robins Nest** – Breaking Limits has 1 open slot, 4 are pending and 6-7 on a waiting list.

Grounded – 2 for the year and one pending

Connect 2 – one open slot and 3 pending youth. They are working with Probation to fill the slots.

Cognitive Skills Program will hopefully start tomorrow, but they only have 2 confirmed youth. If only 2 youth show up, the group will start next week.

The Summer Youth Employment program is going to start at the end of June and run for 9 sessions.

**YAP** –Pay It Forward currently has 4 active youth on diversion. They are working with Community Service places; they go to the animal shelter to help with cleaning and caring for the animals and are working with The Huddle Men's Group to help put on their events. Recently one youth made a workshop on what she experienced and learned while she was in the program.

**Quinton Township** – The permission slips for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students are going home. They are working to secure the date for the summer trip to Washington DC. They expect to be in full compliance and ready to roll in September.

Schalick HS / Pittsgrove MS – All their clubs are up and running with a minimum of 10 kids and no more than 32 in each club. The clubs are running Monday thru Thursday. They have worked

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out transportation for the youth in the programs. They are also working on securing the paperwork necessary for the program to start in September.

Penns Grove HS – they have 32 current students. Sharon Riley reported that they have lots of plans in process: college trips, volleyball league, field trips to Rutgers, African-American Museum, and roller skating.

JDAI: Frank Carozza shared some information about the Portland trip. The facility they toured has a wonderful program; they gave everyone a folder with information about how the program is working. If anyone has any questions about JDAI they can go to [www.JDAIconnect.com](http://www.JDAIconnect.com)

**Law Enforcement Report:**

Chief Cummings reported that their busy time of year is coming. Prom season is very busy; officers will go into the schools to talk about underage drinking and consequences and sleep deprived driving. He promised to work on Stationhouse adjustments with us.

Chief Stranahan said he has been sharing information from YSC meeting with stakeholders in his community. They are trying to revitalize the YMCA building; hoping to provide a center where youth and senior citizens can go. The building needs some work so they are looking for funding to help with that as well as to fund programming.

**Old Business** – No old business

**New Business** – No new business

**Announcements** –

Ron Hudak shared a pamphlet from Resource Net; this has all the Care Management Organizations in the state. If you want your agency added, please contact them but keep in mind, you will not be added unless you are actually providing services in Salem County.

Marge Deliah wanted to thank everyone for sharing her schools dilemma of losing their before and after school program at the end of the school year. Thanks to YSC sharing, the school received two potential child care providers, one of which was approved by the Board of Education to be in place at the beginning of the school year.

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Jerry Oglesby wanted to thank Jean Kuhl for helping secure the proclamation from the Freeholders last month. He said they have a hard job of protecting the children of the county and don't expect the recognition but are pleased to be recognized.

### **Presentation:**

Stephanie Gentile from New Jersey Youth Challenge Academy gave a presentation about her organization. The Mission is to provide highly disciplined environment fostering academics, leadership development, physical training and personal growth. The Challenge Academy offers a course of study to include math, science, language arts, social studies, life coping skills, and job skills. At the residential facility, youth are able to earn their high school diploma while being removed from a disruptive environment for 22 weeks. There are 2 tuition free sessions per year for up to 100 youth. For more information check out <http://nj.gov/military/challenge/>

Thank you to Sarah for helping secure the facilities that we used today.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:23 pm with a motion from Chuck Goldstein and seconded by Frank Carozza. The next meeting will be June 6, 2018 at 12:00 noon in the St. Johns Parish Hall, Market St, Salem.