

**Salem County Youth Services Commission Meeting Minutes
November 7, 2018**



**YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION
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**Jean Kuhl
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YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION and JUVENILE CRIME ENFORCEMENT COALITION

Meeting Attendance: November 7th, 2018

Chuck Goldstein	CGS Care Management Organization
Ed Ramsey	Salem County Resident
Frank Carozza	Salem County Youth Services Coordinator
Glen Donelson	Mid-Atlantic States
Greg Wolf	Team Leader- NJ Courts
Jean Kuhl	Community Advocate
Jennifer Rodriguez	Youth Advocate Programs
Jerry Oglesby	DCP&P
John Pelura	Salem Police Department
John Swain	Salem County Vo-Tech
Maggie Vaughn	Salem Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Director
Pat Hunton	One Village Alliance
Priscilla Ocasio-Jiménez	Pittsgrove Middle School
Ron Hudak	CGS Care Management Organization
Rosemarie Cuevas	Substance Abuse Navigator
Sandra Lopez	Judge, Family Court
Sarah Kuhl	Subsidy Case Manager-Rutgers Southern Regional
Stewart Potter	Quinton Township Middle School
Timothy Andrews	Youth Services Administrator- Cumberland County
Tina DiNicola	Assistant Trial Court Administrator

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I). Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:30PM by Chair Jean Kuhl. Welcome and introductions were made around the room.

II). Presentation by GLSEN Southern NJ- (Tim Andrews)

Tim Andrews presented on behalf of GLSEN Southern NJ and distributed the September resource guides to the Commission. GLSEN offers professional development for interested parties throughout Cumberland, Gloucester, and Salem Counties. Please reach out to Frank Carozza at FCarozza@SalemCountyNJ.gov for contact information and professional development requests

III). Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made by Ron Hudak to correct the minutes from October 3rd, 2018 to reflect “No Report” under the planning and allocations section.

IV). A motion to approve the minutes with the correction of from October 3rd, 2018, was made by Chuck Goldstein with a second from Sarah Kuhl. Motion passed with all in favor.

V). Committee Reports:

Planning and Allocations – (Ron Hudak)

No report.

Quality Assurance – (Karen Fariior/Armando Gonzalez)

No report.

JET – (Greg Wolf)

Greg reported that the next JETS meeting is scheduled for November 13th, 2018. Currently, there are (3) juveniles on the Grounded Home Detention Program, (2) in Ranch Hope, and (1) on the GPS ankle bracelet. There is one juvenile in Atlantic detention

VI). Coordinator’s Report – Frank Carozza reported the following levels of service for Youth Services Commission providers:

Robin’s Nest Programming-

Breaking Limits Program- (8) youth year to date and (4) current youth.

Cognitive Skills Program- (13) youth year to date and (6) current youth.

Connect II Program- (10) youth year to date and (1) current youth.

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Grounded Program- (6) youth year to date and (3) current youth.

-Vendor site visits have been completed for Penns Grove High School, Pittsgrove Middle School, Quinton Culture Club, Robin's Nest Cognitive Skills, the Sherriff's GPS ankle bracelet program. The scheduling of Youth Advocate Programs is currently pending.

-YSC Request for Proposals for substance abuse treatment (\$66,777.00) and (2) school-based life-enhancements (10k each) were released to the public on October 20th and are due by November 20th at 10:00AM. They are available to obtain on the Salem County Website, via email, and posted in the Salem County Courthouse.

-The Youth Services Commission proposal review panel meeting is set for Tuesday, November 27th at St. John's Parrish Hall from 1-3PM. The floor was opened to volunteers without conflict of interest from the membership and community to participate in the RFP scoring process.

-The 2019 Youth Services Commission Meeting dates are completed and awaiting confirmation of booking availability with St. John's and will be sent out prior to our last YSC meeting on December 5th.

-On October 26th, Governor Murphy signed an executive order creating a task force for the continued transformation of New Jersey's Juvenile Justice System. The task force consists of varied members both the public and private sectors to review policies and review the state's juvenile justice system. The areas of focus are:

- Addressing New Jersey's racial disparities
- Reviewing station house adjustment data
- Evaluating the current youth services commissions
- Conducting a comprehensive review of facilities
- Determining potential reinvestment of current youth incarceration funds
- Implementing a deadline for closure of the New Jersey Training School for boys and the Female Secure Care and Intake Facility
- Recommending the creating of new youth rehabilitation centers
- And reviewing grants for juvenile parole
- The task force will be required to provide its initial report within six months.

-Frank asked the Commission to resume previous talks of creating a minority concerns committee for vicinage 15 in conjunction with the Salem County Chapter of the NAACP.

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VII). JJC Liaison Report- (Spencer Young)

No report.

VIII). Provider Reports

A). YAP- (Jennifer Rodriguez)

-Jennifer Rodriguez of Youth Advocate Programs reported (21) Youth served year to date. There are (5) youth currently enrolled in the program (1 diversion, 4 prevention).

B). Quinton Culture Club- (Stewart Potter)

-Stewart Potter reported having a well-attended etiquette-based lesson at the previous meeting held at Culture Club. Upon review of the budget, there is an excess of approximately \$2,000 in which is currently intended to be used for an upcoming field trip to Longwood Gardens.

C). Pittsgrove Middle School P.R.I.D.E- (Priscilla Ocasio-Jimenez)

-Since September of 2019, there are currently (152) students that are staying from Mon-Thurs after school to participate in the program. The biggest and most attended clubs are the sports clubs with (35) youth in Basketball and (53) youth in Running Club.

D). Pittsgrove Middle School Renaissance (Priscilla Ocasio-Jimenez)

-All 7th and 8th Grade students attended A.P. Schalick High-School for their CAMFEL production titled "About My Life". The production was geared towards making positive decisions and promotion of healthy peer- to-peer interactions. The official kickoff of the 2nd portion of the programming is scheduled for November 15th, 2019.

E). Penns Grove High School-

No report.

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IX). JDAI Report – (Tina DiNicola)

-Tina began by congratulating the members of the JDAI subcommittee members and the Salem County Youth Services commission on receiving exceptional funding in the amount of one-hundred and twenty-thousand dollars to fund innovative detention alternative programs for the youth of Salem County. Approximately forty-thousand dollars will be used for a Probation Enrichment Program with a restitution component that will allow juveniles with court fines to work paying them off with good behavior incentives while on probation. The remaining funding will be used to fund the B.R.I.D.G.E program to funnel youth that would normally be negatively involved in the juvenile justice system into both vocational and collegiate opportunities at the Salem County Vo-Tech.

X). Salem County Law Enforcement Report- (AJ Cummings)

No Report.

XXI). Old Business-

None.

XII). New Business-

-The floor was opened for 2019 Youth Services Chair nominations. Chuck Goldstein nominated Jean Kuhl with a second from Sarah Kuhl. No other nominations were offered. Chuck Goldstein made a motion to close nominations with a second from Sarah Kuhl; the motion passed with all in favor. Well wishes and congratulations were shared with Jean Kuhl on her 2019 reappointment as Salem County Youth Services Commission chairperson.

-The floor was opened for 2019 Youth Services Co-Chair nominations. Chuck Goldstein nominated Ed Ramsey who politely declined. Glen Donelson nominated Jim Whitt with a second from Jack Swain. Jim Whitt was not present to accept the nomination. Nominations will remain open until the next meeting date scheduled on December 5th, 2019.

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XIII). Announcements-

-Glen Donelson announced Mid-Atlantic States recent partnership with Philabundance. Fresh fruits and vegetables are available for families of Salem County every Tuesday 11:30-12:30PM at 391 South Broadway in Pennsville. All are welcome to attend, and please bring your own bag.

-Jack Swain announced that the Vo-Tech is hosting its 7th Annual Thanksgiving Pie Sale. Pickup will be Wednesday, November 21st at the Vo-Tech located 880 NJ-45, Pilesgrove 08098.

-Tina DiNicola announced that the Judiciary is currently scheduling school visits for their Courts to Classrooms program. Events include attorneys and judges visiting classrooms to host mini-mock trials, assemblies, reading events, and question and answer sessions. Services are currently being provided for grades K-12. For more information, please contact Tina DiNicola at tina.dinicola@njcourts.gov

XXIII). Adjournment-

A motion to adjourn was made by John Swain with a second from Sarah Kuhl. Motion passed with all in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:34PM

The next Salem County Youth Services meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 5th 2018, at 12:30PM.

Location: St. John's Parrish Hall 76 Market St. Salem, NJ 08079.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frank Carozza