

Salem County Youth Services Commission Meeting Minutes
September 4, 2019



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YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION and JUVENILE CRIME ENFORCEMENT COALITION

Meeting Attendance: October 2nd, 2019.

Amber Smith	<u>SODAT of NJ</u>	Jodie Loufik	<u>Girl Scouts of America</u>
Armando Gonzalez	<u>SC Probation</u>	Jody Veler	<u>IAC</u>
Brian Pennington	<u>SCSD</u>	Joshua Stafford	<u>SWC</u>
Chuck Goldstein	<u>CGS-CMO</u>		
Danita Pierce	<u>CSOC</u>	Justin Caruso	<u>Acenda Health</u>
Dawn Heaton	<u>First Step Clinic</u>	Kellie Smith	<u>Salem High School</u>
Dominique Turner	<u>CGS-CMO</u>	Lauren Snyder	<u>MRSS</u>
Ed Ramsey	<u>Community Resident</u>	Lionel Woodley	<u>CGS-FSO</u>
Frank Carozza	<u>IAC</u>	Megan Rush	<u>SC Women's Services</u>
Greg Wolf	<u>SC Family Court</u>	Melissa Niles	<u>First Step Clinic</u>
Herbert Woodard	<u>PGHS Shining Stars</u>	Mona Prakash	<u>SC Family Court</u>
Jack Swain	<u>SC Vo-tech</u>	Monica Lallo	<u>Acenda Health</u>
Jason Helder	<u>SC Vo-tech</u>	Ron Hudak	<u>CGS-CMO</u>
	<u>Community</u>		
Jean Kuhl	<u>Advocate</u>	Ryan Hudson	<u>PTMS PRIDE</u>
Jennifer Rodriguez	<u>YAP</u>	Scott Eckstein	<u>UPMS-SMILE Club</u>
Jerry Oglesby	<u>DCPP</u>	Stewart Potter	<u>Quinton School</u>
Jessica Venello	<u>SCPO</u>	Tiffany Duca	<u>AP Schalick HS</u>
			<u>SC Drug and Mental</u>
Jim Whitt	<u>Ranch Hope</u>	Victoria Maurizio	<u>Health</u>

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I). Call to Order-

The meeting was called to order at 12:30PM by Co-Chair Jim Whitt. Welcome and introductions were made around the room.

II). Approval of the Minutes-

****MOTION** to approve the minutes from September 4th, 2019, was made by Chuck Goldstein with a second from Jim Whitt. Motion passed with all in favor.*

III). Committee Reports-

Planning and Allocations – (Ron Hudak)

The Planning Committee is awaiting the completion of 2019 JDAI Monitoring and will convene when completed.

Quality Assurance – (Armando Gonzalez)

The Monitoring subcommittee will be called upon to complete monitoring for the 2019 JDAI programs B.R.I.D.G.E and PET Program. Frank has reached out to schedule the PET (October 8th 2:30pm) and BRIDGE October 10th @ 4:30p,).

IV). JET – (Greg Wolf)

Greg Wolf reported that the DCP, the Public Defender, CMO, IAC, Family Court, JJC, were present at the JET/MDT meeting held on October 1st, 2019. They reviewed the statuses of youth held in detention, the GPS ankle bracelet, and the Grounded program. The next meeting will be held on December 3rd, 2019. There are currently (1) youth on the GPS ankle bracelet program.

V). Administrator's Report – (Frank Carozza)

The 2020 Comprehensive Plan Update was submitted to the JJC on August 2nd, 2019 with high regards to the great work being done in Salem. Frank continued to report on the statuses of the budget modification letters and contracts which are complete and currently being reviewed by Salem County planning. Vendors are reminded that JAMS will be opening up for the 3rd quarter and to submit invoices, outcome measures, and narrative reports. The 2019 budget modification has been submitted and revised vendor budgets will be submitted for consideration by the SCYSC planning committee. 2019 YTD fiscals for YSC/JDAI programs were shared with the Commission with an update pending September submission and school-based invoices.

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The Monitoring committee is in need of a volunteer for co-chair as well as an additional member of the YSC to attend monitoring of JDAI programs- please contact Frank.

V-(A). PRESENTATION: AP Schalick MENTORS Program Summer Expansion (Tiffany Duca)

Tiffany began by noting that the summer expansion to include both juniors and seniors went extremely well. She thanked the Commission for supporting this progress, and supporting positive bonds between mentors and mentees. Currently, a bowling trip, movie night, and family engagement event that allow more quality time to be spent all around. The summer program allowed Tiffany to see how beneficial outside the school day is in regards to participant levels and happiness, and MENTORS will be adding an additional mindfulness program throughout the elementary schools. Tiffany also presented a slideshow with pictures and video from the program, and looks forward to a productive school-year and summer.

VI). JJC Liaison Report- (Spencer Young)

-No report.

VII). Provider Reports- (All Vendors)

A). **Acenda Health-** (Justin Caruso)

- Connect II Program- Currently serving (0) youth with (5) open slots for service.
- Grounded- Currently serving (0) youth with (1) slot available for the remainder of the year.
- Cognitive Skills Program- Working (12) youth referrals with (12) actually accepted for the Fall Cycle .Graduation is anticipated to occur in mid to late December.

B). **YAP-** (Jennifer Rodriquez)

YAP is year to date has served (18) youth. YAP is currently serving (3) youth of which all are diversion. The youth are scheduled to complete their programming with community service hours being completed at Habitat for Humanity and local animal shelters.

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C). **Quinton Township School**- (Stu Potter)

Culture Club is just starting up for the school year with (42) students. The youth attended summer programming trips to Valley Forge and Philadelphia. The youth showed off their dining etiquette skills at the Family buffet, and look forward to college tours and the following activities:

Monday, September 23, 2019: Physical Activity to include GaGa Competition and Other Fun Physical Activities.

Monday, October 7, 2019: **STEM** (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Activity!

Monday, October 21, 2019: Physical Activity to include Zumba/Aerobics/Exercise

Monday, October 28, 2019: Craft Time! The students will learn a new skill and be able to think creatively while engaging in an activity.

Monday, November 4, 2019: Let's Play Chess! Students will learn the basics of the game of chess and participate in a game that could lead into a tournament. This is a life-long game and favorite of many!

Monday, November 18, 2019: Dining Etiquette Anyone?: Students will learn about the simple rules of etiquette and enjoy a fancy meal!

Monday, December 2, 2019: Let's Play Pickle Ball! The students will be learning about and participating in the game of Pickle Ball! Pickle Ball is a mini version of tennis and it is considered a sport that the students could play throughout their lives.

Monday, December 16, 2019: Service Learning Project: Students will prepare baked goods and cards to provide to the local assisted living facility residents.

D). **Pittsgrove Middle School**- (Ryan Hudson)

PRIDE is just starting up for the school year and plan to host a number of children with (14) school clubs and field trips. Some of the new clubs include photography, book, and a Gay Straight Alliance.

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Anti-gang Program. – The Renaissance program is currently being re-evaluated to expand and be more inclusive to the entire school population by offering new reward opportunities for youth that typically may not meet the criteria for the upper echelon of rewards.

E). Penns Grove High School- (Herb Woodard)

Shining Stars launched the start of their JJC program on September 19th with (21) active students enrolled. This program is expected to increase as per usual, and includes a pre- and post-test to determine if they will bring in an anti-gang specialist to speak with at-risk youth. They will also be facilitating an enrichment trip to Philadelphia's Eastern State Penitentiary, and will be providing continued incentives for positive behavior.

F). First-Step Clinic- (Melissa Niles)

Melissa began by announcing Dawn Heaton, Clinical Director, to be the new lead in reporting for First Step Clinic. Year to date, there have been (14) referrals with (2) youth successfully completing the program. (1) Youth has completed an assessment, but did not continue because the term of his probation had ended with no desire to continue treatment. (7) Youth completed assessment with (1) completing an intake without group treatment. (1) Completed an assessment, who became incarcerated, and (4) youth are currently attending group sessions. There are currently (2) referrals waiting scheduling with some difficulty in contacting these individuals. Melissa concluded by announcing there is a new music program called Keeping Young Minds Occupied, which is walking distance from First Step Clinic. Melissa took the youth on a preliminary tour, and will be arranging for them to complete their own music track based upon their continued positive behavior.

G). Upper Pittsgrove Middle School- (Scott Eckstein for Jenny Knox)

- How many youth(s) have you served? How many are currently servicing? 24 7th and 8th Graders (7 males and 17 females).
- How much money has your program spent? \$6,458.49
- What is the remaining balance of your contract funds? \$5,541.51
- What does your program offer? The Smile Club offers an opportunity for students to volunteer in their community.
- Do you project that you will meet your contract commitments for the year? Yes.
- Do you have a success story? On September 30, Meals on Wheels visited our club to explain their mission to the students. The club then volunteered at the Meals on Wheels Giant Pumpkin

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Carve. They set up a table with a free fall craft for families. We served about 500 people. It was an awesome event. We will continue to help Meals on Wheels by making crafts to send their clients throughout the school year. Supplies for the crafts were purchased with the grant monies.

On October 18 the students hosted a trunk at the UPS Trunk or Treat. They made stress balls for the trick-or-treaters. The stress ball materials were purchased with grant monies.

Our next event will be hosting a fall party at the Eleanor Corbett House in Glassboro. The students will plan the food, make a craft with the children and a guest magician will entertain the club members with the shelter children. The craft and the hiring of the magician was paid for with the grant money.

H). A.P Schalick High School- (Tiffany Duca)

No report.

VIII). JDAI Report – (Armando Gonzalez, Jason Helder, Amber Smith)

The BRIDGE Open-House that was scheduled for September went well with programming beginning September 19th with (10) youth enrolled. The program is set to commence until December 5th, when it will conclude with the Family and Stakeholder end of year dinner. Discussions had been had to authorize the use of Client-Specific funds under re-entry to allow for 2-3 youth to continue programming at the Vo-tech when the terms of their probation end and are no longer funded by JDAI money. Principle Helder will be researching a cost-per student and will return with the figures to facilitate that:

***MOTION** to allow the re-allocation and use of CSF funds up into the amount of \$1,500.00 was made by Chuck Goldstein with a second from Jim Whitt. Motion passed with (10) Aye, (0) Nay, and (4) abstentions.

Vote:

Armando Gonzalez	<u>SC Probation- ABST.</u>	Jody Veler	<u>IAC-ABST.</u>
Brian Pennington	<u>SCSD-AYE</u>	Lauren Snyder	<u>MRSS-AYE</u>
Chuck Goldstein	<u>CGS-CMO-AYE</u>	Lionel Woodley	<u>CGS-FSO-AYE</u>
	<u>SC Family Court-</u>		
Greg Wolf	<u>ABST</u>	Ron Hudak	<u>CGS-CMO-AYE</u>
			<u>SC Drug and Mental</u>
Jack Swain	<u>SC Vo-tech-ABST</u>	Victoria Maurizio	<u>Health-AYE</u>
Jennifer Rodriquez	<u>YAP-AYE</u>		
Jerry Oglesby	<u>DCPP-AYE</u>		
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Amber Smith reported that the SODAT JDAI PET program is currently planning the end of the year family trip and recognition dinner which dates are currently being coordinated for. They have serviced (11) youth with (6) intakes and (3) completions. The program offers enrichment trips and positive incentives to complete the terms of youth probation. Currently the program has spent a little over (20k), and currently plans to host their next Orientation event on October 22nd, 2019. There have been (5) trips year to date, and plan to host their next events as soon as they hear back from probation.

IX). Salem County Law Enforcement Report- (Brian Pennington)

Brian reported that the SCSD was in attendance of the first night of the BRIDGE program with great success. Brian continued to report that the youth were happy to be there, and attended a culinary class and welding introductory class.

X). Old Business- None

XI). New Business- None

XII). Announcements-

- Monica Lallo from Acenda Health announced her new role within her organization, and introduced herself. She noted being pleased with the work being done in Salem and how she's looking forward to working with the group in the near future.
- Jim Whitt announced the Muddy Bottom run on October 5th at 8:00AM in Salem County's Camp Edge.
- Jean Kuhl announced the Great Pumpkin Carve is taking place on Saturday October 5th. Adult tickets are \$10 and kids are \$7- Contact Jean Kuhl for more information.

XIII). Jean's Gems- (Jean Kuhl)

Jean Kuhl shared a story regarding leadership and how to switch your hats to be a follower as well. As a child in an abusive family, turning off her radar at times prevented her from being an effective leader.

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Jean also shared that perception of leadership is entirely subjective, and change in traditional family structures should always be a consideration when working with youth. Taking time to display positive leadership examples while simultaneously being culturally sensitive is important when establishing rules and guidelines. As professionals, challenge yourself to remain vigilant, observant, understanding, and kind.

XIV). Adjournment-

***MOTION** to adjourn was made by Jim Whitt with a second from Jack Swain. Motion passed with all in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 PM

The next Salem County Youth Services meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 6th, 2019, at 12:30PM.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Frank Carozza