

Salem County Youth Services Commission Meeting Minutes
September 4, 2019



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YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION and JUVENILE CRIME ENFORCEMENT COALITION

Meeting Attendance: September 4, 2019.

Alexandra Oasin	SC Family Court	Jim Whitt	Ranch Hope
Amber Smith	SODAT of NJ	Joshua Stafford	Southwest Council
Anna Cannella	Coastal Prep Academy	Joyce Stanton	PGHS Shining Stars
		Judge M.	
Christine Graves	SC FCIU/MRSS	Ostrowski	SC Family Court
Chuck Goldstein	CGS-CMO	Justin Caruso	Acenda Health
David Cruz	JJC Parole	Lionel Woodley	CGS-FSO
Ed Ramsey	Interested Citizen	Lois Kawajiri	SC Juvenile Probation
Frank Carozza	SC Inter Agency Council	Meghan Rush	SC Women's Services
Glen Donelson	SC Mid-Atlantic States	Nick Efelis	SC Prosecutor's Office
Greg Wolf	Family Court	Pam Comerford	SC BOSS
			Superintendent of SC
Jade Flemming	Stockton College	Peggy Nicolosi	Schools
		Rosemarie	
Jaimee Rex	Stockton College	Cuevas	SUN/First Step Clinic
Jean Kuhl	Community Advocate	Sarah Kuhl	Rutgers Southern Region
	Southwest		
Jenna Harvey	Council/SCRATCH	Viancy Morales	PGHS Shining Stars
		Victoria	
Jennifer Rodriguez	Youth Advocate Programs	Maurizio	SC Drug and Alcohol
Jerry Oglesby	SC DCPD	Warren Maybe	SC Sherriff's Dept.

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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 July 3rd, 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)

No Report.

Quality Assurance – (Frank Carozza for 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 will reach out via email to schedule with the vendors and Monitoring committee.

IV). JET – (Greg Wolf)

Greg Wolf reported that the DCPD, the Public Defender, CMO, IAC, Family Court, JJC, were present at the JET/MDT meeting held on September 3rd, 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 October 1st, 2019. There are currently (1) youth on the GPS ankle bracelet program and (1) youth on the Grounded program. There are currently (0) youth in detention currently.

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

Frank began by welcoming the Commission back from the summer break. 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 purchasing. Vendors are reminded that JAMS will be opening up for the 3rd quarter and to submit invoices, outcome measures, and narrative reports. As site-visits continue, Frank will be attending a site visit with SODAT and probation to a trip to Philadelphia on Saturday 9-7-19. Current 2019 Fiscal reports will be compiled and reported at the next meeting. The 2nd round of System Partners Surveys are currently in creation

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and will commence once completed by Frank. Lastly, monitoring for 2019 JDAI programming (BRIDGET/PET) will be coordinated by Frank and announced for completion to the monitoring subcommittee once arranged.

V-(A). PRESENTATION: Coastal Prep Academy (Anna Canella)

Anna began by pointing out that The Coastal Prep Academy is the third recovery high-school that serves the southern eight counties of NJ. The grant is for (30) students, but realistically expect to serve approximately (15-17) per year. The current program model was taken from the Wozniak School of Union County. Currently the year started with (2) students and ended with (7). Academics and recovery are the focus of this program, and offer live teachers in addition to virtual classes. Students receive (1) hour of recovery per week, and skills-based classes with their recovery coach. Many students are currently best served in a transition from a residential facility, but the school will take youth referred from any eligible sending districts. Drug tests are conducted weekly, and relapses are handled with family involvement and trauma informed staff. They're goal is to build the skills needed for sober living and learning, and are as supportive in reaching the major goal of earning the student's High-School Diplomas from their sending district schools. The student always has the option to return to their sending district and all services rendered are grant funded, and are no-cost to the student's family or sending school. The school opening March 1st, and is open to taking new student referrals with food provided. If you are interested, please contact Anna Canella @ Anna@CapeAssist.org 609-666-2700.

VI). JJC Liaison Report- (Spencer Young)

-No report.

VII). Provider Reports- (All Vendors)

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

- Connect II Program- Currently serving (4) youth with (1) open slots for service.
- Grounded- Currently serving (1) youth with (1) slot available.
- Cognitive Skills Program- Working (17) youth referrals with (10) actually accepted for the Fall Cycle .The 2nd round of programming began on August 22nd with only (1) client attending. Acenda will be resuming on September 12th, with referral forms to be distributed. Any Salem County youth will be accepted and provided transportation.

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B). YAP- (Jennifer Rodriguez)

YAP is year to date has served (18) youth. YAP is currently serving (4) youth of which all are diversion Youth. YAP is continuing Pay It Forward and PATTS programming and is accepting referrals with no waitlist. Anti-theft and anger management programming is continuing as scheduled. YAP is opening an outpatient mental-health program in Oldman school for children ages 5 and up.

C). Quinton Township School- (Frank Carozza for Stu Potter)

Culture Club is just starting up for the school year and is planning 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.

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D). Pittsgrove Middle School- (Frank Carozza for Ryan Hudson)

PRIDE and Anti-Gang programs are both just starting up for the school year and plan to host a number of children with after school clubs and field trips.

P.R.I.D.E. - Clubs are coming to a close for year with (360) total youth served.

Renaissance (Anti-Gang) – (506) Youth served with the next cycle programming set to continue in 2019.

E). Penns Grove High School- (Joyce Stanton for Herb Woodard)

Shining Stars launched (2) different programs in July in conjunction with the Transitional Leadership Academy. The event hosted leadership and theme related activities with weekly field trips to a water park and Six-Flags Great Adventure. They also had (12) youth enrolled a bike program. (6) Students also attended the trip to the LMI program in North Jersey with leadership conferences and camp-focused activities. The trip was well attended and fun.

F). First-Step Clinic- (Rosemarie Cuevas)

First Step Clinic has received 14 referrals to date. Two youth successfully completed the program, including assessment, intake and group treatment. One youth completed an assessment; however didn't attend group because his terms of Probation were completed. Additionally, seven youth successfully completed the assessment. Of those seven youth, one completed intake, but hasn't attended group; one completed assessment and was incarcerated; four youth are attending group and one youth is being seen for individual treatment. Two referrals still haven't reached out to schedule their appointments. With the help of Govan Transportation, we are successfully getting youth to come to group and attend their scheduled appointments for assessments and intakes.

G). Upper Pittsgrove Middle School- (Frank Carozza for Jenny Knox)

Jenny is beginning enrollment for the 2019-20 school year similar to other school-based prevention programs. They have currently spent \$5,281.88 of a (12k) allocation. They expect to complete their contract commitments and will be hosting Meals on Wheels on September 30th, and will be hosting a craft table at the Great Pumpkin Carve on October 5th.

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

No report.

VIII). JDAI Report – (Frank Carozza & Amber Smith)

The BRIDGE Open-House is scheduled for September 5th @ 6pm and will begin programming on September 19th. The program is set to commence until December 5th, when it will conclude with the Family and Stakeholder end of year dinner. The program will begin with a full roster of (10) enrolled youth.

The SODAT JDAI PET program is currently servicing (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 (12k), and currently plans to host their next Orientation event on October 22nd, 2019. There have been (4) trips year to date, and plan to host their next trip on Saturday September 7th, 2019 in Philadelphia.

IX). Salem County Law Enforcement Report- (Warren Maybe)

As part of the 1/3rd set-aside, the Salem County Sherriff's Office administrates the Juvenile Ankle Bracelet Program with (1) juvenile currently on the program. Warren continued to explain that if a youth cuts the bracelet and flees, that the Sheriff's Department will no longer permit the return of that juvenile on the program.

X). Old Business- None

XI). New Business- None

XII). Announcements-

-Victoria Maurizio announced a John Kiger stress-reduction strategy workshop taking place September 17th, from 6-8PM.

- The Narcan training will be held on n September 25th ,from 6-8pm at the Salem County Office of Emergency Services.

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

Jean mentioned today's topic concerns the meaning of the word 'observe. There are often times things around you that are not observed because you may be busy. Think of something positive from your past to re-examine. When Jean was teaching Sunday school, she met a family that had (8) children. The father, being the only male in a family of a set of triples, two sets of twins, and a single child all within 5 years of each other. The mother made their clothes, and stayed busy with church activities. One day, the family invited Jean over for dinner, and somehow, an entire bowl of popcorn went flying all over the place. Within a matter of moments, the entire family convened together to clean up the mess. It served as an positive observational experience that impressed Jean, and served as a testament to teamwork.

XIV). Adjournment-

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

The meeting was adjourned at 1:03 PM

The next Salem County Youth Services meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 2nd, 2019, at 12:30PM.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Frank Carozza