

Salem County YSC

June 3, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 12:35 PM by Jim Whitt. Introductions were made around the zoom room.

Attendees: Jean Kuhl; Jim Whitt; Ron Hudak; Jerry Oglesby; Armando Gonzalez; Sarah Kuhl; Jennifer Rodriguez; Allison Ford; Amber Smith; Jody Veler; Christina DiGiovacchino; Jeff Harvey; Peggy Nicolosi; Judge Ostrouski; Justin Caruso; Jodie Loufik; Larry Van Meter, Alexa Adler, Lindsay Dragon

Approval of last month's meeting minutes: Jim Whitt made a motion to approve the May's minutes and Armando seconded. Minutes were approved.

Presentation: Lindsay Dragon – Legacy Treatment Services

Legacy Treatment Services is opening a new outpatient program in Salem County. Until there are better guidelines in place services will be conducted via zoom. Legacy Treatment Services accepts both Medicaid and Medicare. Referrals are completed through the Access Center. Appointments are scheduled with a therapist a psychiatrist right away along with case management. The new location is located right next to Salem Medical Center. Lindsay can be reached at LDragon@legacytreatment.org

Committee Reports:

Planning and allocations – Ron Hudak: The Planning and Allocations Committee met yesterday, they are currently waiting on the resolution approval from the freeholders to cote on the budget modification of \$34,000 that will be unutilized. The other concern of the committee is that schools will have money left over as some of them had to suspend program services due to Covid-19. They created a survey to see what the needs are of the county for youth and with this a new program could be developed.

Quality Assurance – Armando Gonzalez: Currently nothing really to report as they are waiting on guidance from the JJC on how to move forward with monitoring.

JET – Greg Wolf was not present to report.

Administrators Report – No report.

JJC Liaison Report – No report.

Providers Reports:

Acenda Health: Justin Caruso – There were 3 youth in the Cognitive Life Skills program working through zoom however, they are now down to two and their conversations last up to almost two hours. Justin would like to send out the application to YSC providers that may have youth interested. The Connect 2 program currently has 5 youth in the program with 1 opening. Currently there aren't any youth in the Grounded! Program, Acenda has reached out to Greg and Heather to remind them the program is still an option for youth.

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YAP –Pay It Forward: Jennifer Rodriguez – The Anti-Theft and Anger Management Programs are both currently operating. There are 3 youth at this time. Youth are working on greeting cards for children stuck at home as a community service project. The program is still open to receiving new referrals. Please reach out to Jennifer with any questions.

Quinton Township: Jody Veler recently spoke with Quinton Township and because they are a summer program, they are still waiting to hear back from the state to see if/when they can open. They will know more by the end of the month.

Pittsgrove Middle School: Allison Ford – Currently wrapping up the school year. They are still holding after school clubs virtually and teachers check in with students once a week. There are 10 days left of the school year.

Penns Grove HS: Herbert Woodard was not in attendance to report.

First Step: No report.

A.P. Schalick High School: There has been a discussion about doing a virtual summer program. It has been approved from upper administration to do a 2-week virtual summer program. Emails with referrals will be sent out along with more information. They are hoping to have at least two days of the program be in person contact. There will be more information on the program next month.

JDAI:

BRIDGE Program: Armando Gonzales – The program is currently suspended due to Covid-19.

SODAT PET: Amber Smith – Currently still providing incentive gift cards for any students or parents that reach out. They are working hand and hand with probation to plan a virtual orientation. They are planning and coming up with trips that could be held outside with maintaining social distance.

Armando Gonzales – two youth have successfully completed their college years.

Old Business – None

New Business – None

Announcements – Sarah Kuhl – There will be a protest at the old movie theatre this Friday at 4:00 PM and the Salem protest will take place today. Both police chiefs approved both protests.

Adjournment –

Jim Whitt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:24PM

Armando Conzales seconded this motion.

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Our next meeting will be July 8, 2020 at 12:30PM via zoom.