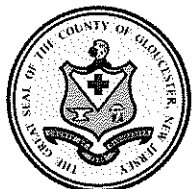


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The Gloucester County
Youth Services Commission



Ms. Laurie Burns
GC Clerk of the Commission
2 South Broad Street * PO Box 337
Woodbury, NJ 08096

June 22, 2023

Dear Ms. Burns:

As requested by County Administration, attached are the *approved* Youth Services Commission minutes for the April 19, 2023 plenary reorganizational meeting.

As today's meeting was virtual, there was no sign in sheet but the meeting "Teams attending" is attached. If that isn't needed, discard it.

If you require any clarifications or additional information, please do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Donna".

Donna Pinto, YSC Secretary
Senior Community Services Aide
Gloucester County Youth Services Commission

Cc: Rudolph Aikens, Robert Bramford, Lisa Cerny

Enclosure: approved 2023 minutes



**Gloucester County
Youth Services Commission
"Approved" Zoom Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2022
Open Public Meeting**

Call to Order – Co-Chair Terry Miles called the meeting to order at 3:02 PM and read the Open Public Records Act statement.

Attendance – Staff: Linda Bizzelle, Audrey Carter, Gerald Hodges, Erin Kline, Tasha McCrae, Terry Miles, Jillian Palladino, Ellyse Peterson, Lydia Ramsey, Ken Ridinger, James Sampson, Kathy Seibert, Dr. Carole Subotich, Ailsha Thompson, **Staff:** Rudolph Aikens & Donna Pinto. **State:** Jessica Froba. **Guests:** Elizabeth Bermudez, Ashley Campbell, Stephanie DiBartolo, Stacy Keaton, Holly Redmond, and Kyleigh Stevenson.

Adoption of Agenda / Minute Review - Kathy moved, Dr. Carole seconded, and today's agenda was approved as distributed.

Minute Review – Terry moved, Gerald seconded, and the February, 2023 reorganizational meeting minutes were approved as distributed.

Presentation: One Step Forward Initiative – Ashley Campbell is "Miss Gloucester County" and founder of the One Step Forward initiative. It started in 2019 with the primary purpose of creating mental health inclusivity and safe spaces for marginalized communities like LGBTQ, people of color, disabilities, people from foster care, etc. She started as she has a hidden disability and is biracial and felt discriminated against. They hosted 200 initiatives including art therapy. Ashley is a dancer and feels art lets people express themselves. She has "conversations to make a difference" and holds food and clothing drives to reduce mental stressors. She pushes for all identities and would be grateful to be a presenter to young people K-12

or even university students. She would like to target May events. Ashley's contact information is campash17@gmail.com

Administrator's Report – Over the past two months, the YSC increased funding for Glassboro's middle school after-class program from \$12,000 to \$16,000. On March 1, the YSC approved Paulsboro truancy funding go to the YMCA boxing program that just kicked off this week. They are looking to service 25-50 youth throughout the year. This is for kids from Woodbury area and can include 12-15 kids at a time.

Rudy will be re-sending emails about the May 15th antibullying 5K in collaboration with the Woodbury Police. Vendors tables and presenting events will take place. Sponsorships are available.

Our 2023 Comprehensive and Innovations grants are approved by the JJC; we are waiting for the Attorney General. 2024's Three Year Comprehensive Plan may drop soon.

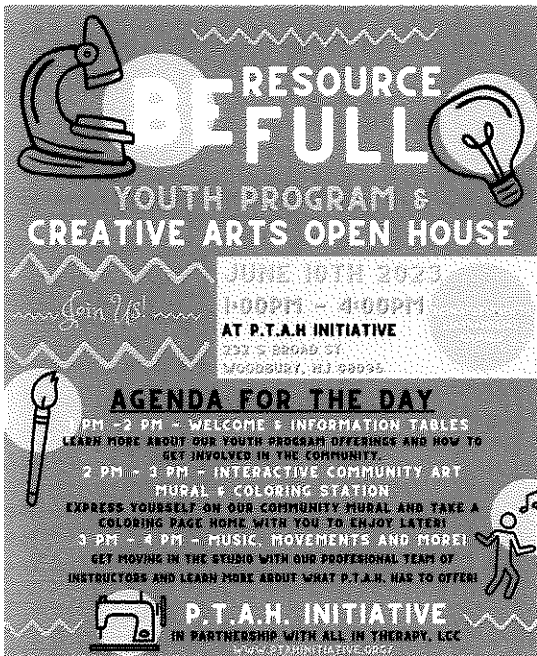
JAMS is due tomorrow. Planning is always in negotiations to try and expand some programs when possible. Please check your email for any funding requests for a vote.

JDAI – Emily was not available.

JJC – Jess said the JJC started a tattoo removal program. Five kids will participate to have residents with highly visible tattoos can have them removed to assist with military or employment endeavors. They received a grant for about \$80,000 for juveniles on parolee under 26 transitional living programs including Covenant House in Atlantic City and two placements with Community Cares and Camden County.

PROVIDER REPORTS

All In Therapy – [ALL IN THERAPY, LLC](http://ALLINTHERAPY,LLC) (allintherapyllc.org) Rudolph reported that Alishia Laws did her art therapy first workshop with the Woodbury GALS program on April 30th. Twelve 12 girls participated in the two-hour workshop. Rudy and Kathy were there to get feedback from the participants and the staff. The girls enjoyed it and



things went well. [They are doing an event at the PTAH office in Woodbury June 10th.]

with Cog Skills transportation. Incentive referrals are 32 with one super incentive referral. There are 22 coaching slots remaining. Highlights include a recent trip Top Off in March. Referrals to coaching are a challenge.

Multi Systemic Therapy – they have one open active case but referrals have been slow.

PASO – said they have two evaluations completed awaiting write up. Five active youth are receiving counseling services. This leaves six evaluation and five counseling. In person groups have resumed in Williamstown since February. Things are going really well. You may reach Coach Paul or Danielle at tahinitiative@gmail.com

Stationhouse Adjustment – they have six active cases and one carry over still in counseling for their 48 slots. They had ten intakes so far with three pending intakes leaving 42 remaining slots.

ACENDA – Erin’s email is eklein@acendahealth.org

Cognitive Life Skills – Erin said they are in their first cycle now with six youth participating since March 8th. They are in week seven now. They are going to Alloway for Camp Edge on April 27th. This is the most fun part of the experience. Challenges include irregular attendance and they are working with probation on those cases.

Electronic Monitoring – haven’t had any youth yet. There are ten slots available.

True Colors – their LOS is 24 and they have serviced six kids so far with 16 remaining slots. Success had three youth graduate successfully over the last two months.

Electronic Monitoring – they haven’t had any youth from the brand-new program yet. There are ten slots available.

FCIU/Mobile – no report.

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS - Gerald said they have 25 slots for the summer camps and have already filled ten. Camp starts at the end of June. They appreciate the support from the YSC and welcome references. His email is ghodges@gcbgc.org

CENTER FOR FAMILY SERVICES – Tasha’s email is tasha.hannah@centerffs.org

ACE – Tasha said transportation has eight with one for coaching. They provide four youth

PROBATION

Parent Orientation Resource Nights – Audrey said they had two in-person orientations with one on January 25th with four youth and four parents attending. At the March 30th event, unfortunately no parents were able to attend. Next one is May 31st. Audrey’s email is audrey.carter@nicourts.gov.

SCHOOLS:

PTAH Truancy – Rudy said they received four referrals and have two current cases. They are working with two families who have excessive truanancies. They are having discussions with the school about interventions and resources. The program’s goal is to get to the bottom of why kids aren’t attending.

Glassboro – Rudy said he visited recently and saw a lot of students needing support services. This is due to both transition and covid. Many students are behind and getting up to status quo is difficult. Their average is 20-25 kids daily with the additional support. They have two staff; we [just received approval] from the JJC to add two additional staff and one day to the program. Although originally a social emotion support program, it has evolved into something bigger.

Paulsboro – no report.

Woodbury – Stephanie said that BLUES Brothers and GALS are starting their Cooking Matters today. They have 15 students in each program; their max was 20 so a few students dropped off. They did a women’s history project. We end with a celebration at the end of June. We have a part in the first week of June to celebrate. BLUES Brothers has 15 kids.

UNITED ADVOCACY: Lydia may be reached at lydia@unitedadvocacygroup.org

Family Assistance Home Supervision – Lydia said they have no one on the program right now. They started out with one and he was discharged neutrally in March. He was given 12 referrals. He has an out of district referral. They discharged seven cases in the last quarter.

Employment and Education - Lydia reported they worked with six kids this quarter. Four of the six have gotten jobs, two got their high school diploma already. One kid entered Youth Employment and Education program to get his diploma. He is doing well. They have another youth who is a senior who has honors all year and looking into RCSJ college. One youth is working with a mentor to look at starting their own business. As far as obstacles go, some of the youth have been unable to get scholarships or go into the military due to the nature of their charges.

Youth Advocate- contact mhamidy@yapinc.org

Mentoring – Jennifer sent a report saying they have a contract to service 12 youth and currently are working with five kids leaving seven slots for the year. Probation youth had challenges but they are turning around to complete their responsibilities with assist from their mentors.

YMCA - Rudy said they are working on the contract for the boxing program at the YMCA through another contract. Transportation may be an issue. Plans are for afterschool activities from 3-5PM for mentoring and boxing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Supporting Youth Group - Erin said Acenda’s program takes place during the school

year and two days a week in the summer. It provides safe space, cognitive/life skills, dinner and transportation. During the summer, they go to the Zoo or an Arcade. They would like to bring in some new youth. Attendance every week is not needed. Contact eklein@acendahealth.org

Girl Scouts – Holly returned to South Jersey Girl Scouts recently and is looking to run a program during the summer or present the options about Scouts. She is looking to reach out and present the program; her email is hredmond@gscsnj.org.

Spring Family Fun Day May 20th

- Natasha McRae said United Advocacy will have a celebration at Stewart Park in Woodbury. Looking for vendors for the resource fair. Vendor interest form. Lydia

said are partnering for a summer camp from June 26 from 10 AM to 3 PM for ages 10-15 in Williamstown. natasha@unitedadvocacygroup.org



Southwest Council - Kyleigh said they has PFSY grants for prevention. The tobacco action group for prevention is looking to expand their youth coalition with kids aged 13-18. Also provide prevention education and presentation free for kids. Programming includes Strengthening Families. Email kyleigh@southwestcouncil.org

Adjourn – Terry moved, Kathy seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 3:42 PM. The next YSC meeting will take place June 21 by Teams.

June 21, 2023

YSC Teams Meeting

Attendance Report

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- Cameron Baker**
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- Carole Subotich**
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- Danielle Ziegler (Guest)**
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- Elizabeth Bermu... (Guest)**
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- Elyse Peterson - ... (Guest)**
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- Emily Kohri (External)**
Organizer
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- Erin Klein**
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- Gerald Hodges**
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- Greene, Bridget [OPD]**
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- Holly Redmond, ... (Guest)**
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- Jacob Rodriguez (Guest)**
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- James Pandolfo**
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- Jenny Hunt**
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- Jose Jimenez (Guest)**
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- Judy M. Tobia-Jo... (Guest)**
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- Kathy Seibert (Guest)**
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- Kyleigh Stevenson**
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- Linnie Elmore (External)**
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- Lisa Cerny (Guest)**
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- Lydia Ramsey UAG (Guest)**
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- Msry Beth Monroe (Guest)**
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- Natasha McRae, ... (Guest)**
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- Palladino, Jillian**
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- Patterson, Alpha [JJC]**
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- Rudolph (Guest)**
Meeting guest
- Theresa Miles**
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- Thompson, Alisha [DOL]**
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