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Bergen County Youth Services Commission

2022 Membership Meeting Minutes

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BERGEN COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION

Membership Meeting (Virtual)

March 1, 2022

Members: Kristen Ambrosio (designee for Nick Montello); Janice Conti (designee for Nicole Jaccoi); Judge Magali Francois (designee for Peter Melchionne); Marcia Hartkopp (designee for Liana Dinallo); Shelby Klein; Meredith Kunz (designee for Mark Musella); Harry Lisa (designee for Tammy Molinelli); Rosemarie Lobretto; Silvia Pascarella; Christopher Perry (designee for April Petersen); Russell Read; Jorge Sandoval; Linda Spiegel; Anne Giacobbe (designee for Ken Lowry/Suzanne Tiren); Adiyah Washington; Danielle Osenbruck; Marie LaTesta (designee for Louis DeLisio)

Staff: Jamie Ziegelhofer; Robert Sibi; Laurie Bianchi

Ex-Officio: Kyle Sheehan; Kristen Williams

Resource: Christine Hill, Division of Addiction Services/OADD; John Cutitto, Bergen County Division of Family Guidance; Stephanie Drag and Robin Wanner, Children's Aid and Family Services; Rachel Kinne, Big Brothers Big Sisters; Mary Davey, West Bergen Mental Healthcare; Dana Czachorowska, Care Plus NJ; Dean Pastras and Shelisa Foster, Bergen's Promise; Jessica Nunez, Case Expeditor; Valery Sanchez and Albania Martinez-Bojos and Hiba Rahman, TMR; Laura Washington, NJ Early Intervention

Harry Lisa called the Membership Meeting to order. A motion by Russell Reed, seconded by Anne Giacobbe, *to approve the BCYSC January 4, 2022 Membership Meeting Minutes, was carried.*

Superior Court of NJ – Judge Francois reported there was an uptick in the caseload. Out of home placements are up. In-person hearings have resumed for VOPs and dispositions.

Superior Court of NJ– Family (Juvenile) – Liana Dinallo announced Marcia Hartkopp will be supervising the Juvenile Unit.

BC Prosecutor's Office/Juvenile – Meredith Kunz reported diversions are also increasing. They are seeing a lot of issues in school such as volatile behavior in youth, organized fights, etc.

NJ Office of the Public Defender-Juvenile/Bergen – Christopher Perry reported as of May 1st all youth will be eligible for the public defender's services. Stationhouse adjustments are keeping the numbers down.

BCYSC Administrator Report/ BCYSC Committee/Subcommittee Reports/Updates

Jamie Ziegelhofer presented the 2021 program results report. The report was reviewed and discussed at the last planning meeting. *A motion by Harry Lisa, seconded by Shelby Klein, to include the 2021 Program results report in the 2023 Plan Update data was carried.*

The 2021 BC Offenses Map and Summary was presented. *A motion by Kristen Ambrosio, seconded by Shelby Klein, to include the 2021 BC Offenses Map and Summary in the 2023 Plan Update data was carried.*

Program Updates:

Bergen County Division of Family Guidance (BCDFG) Adolescent Substance Abuse Program (ASAP) – the number of boys are increasing, but the girls’ numbers are low. Bipas is up and running, but the PAVE numbers are low.

BCDFG Positive Strides – ten referrals in February.

BCDFG Using Technology Responsibly (UTR) – six referrals in February (2 community and 2 police).

BCDFG Regional Stationhouse Adjustment Program (RSAP) – 39 referrals in February

BCDFG Psychological Evaluations – five referrals in February (1 detention and 4 police).

BCDFG Alternatives to Detention (ATD) – 19 youth in the program 6 on bracelet electronic monitoring

Juvenile Detention Center – 6 residents, 2 from Bergen County

BCDFG – Visions – 4 juveniles

Bergen’s Place Youth Shelter – 1 male resident. Shelter plus - total of 5

Teaneck Public Schools – no report

Center for Modern Dance Education – no report

Children’s Aid and Family Services – setting up intro meeting for Rochelle Park. They are collaborating with the SRO. LST is in the third marking period for the existing classes. Robin Wanner announced the second Seeds of Change conference will be on 10/21/22 location tbd. She also reported on the various events and trainings for the EPIC program.

Probation – Pop scheduled for 3/15. It will be hybrid (in-person and virtual). There has been a big struggle with engagement, buy in, and trust.

Case Expeditor – no report

Big Brothers Big Sisters – 31 Bergen County matches, 23 in the site based program. Two new matches last month. The program is trying to transition back to in person.

TMR Mental Health Care – 8 youth current with a wait list.

START Institute – the program has not received any referrals and will not be funded moving forward.

NJ Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC) – Kyle Sheehan reported they are working in person fully, but meetings are still virtual. Staff needs to be fully vaccinated by 3/31. There is one Bergen County youth in a JJC program.

NJ Juvenile Justice Commission/JDAI – no report

Old Business – none

New Business – none

A motion by Shelby Klein, seconded by Kristen Ambrosio, *to adjourn the BCYSC Membership Meeting, was carried.*

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BCYSC Administrator

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Staff: Jamie Ziegelhofer; Robert Sibi; Laurie Bianchi

Ex-Officio: Kyle Sheehan; Kristen Williams

Resource: John Cutitto, Bergen County Division of Family Guidance; Stephanie Drag, Robin Wanner, and Kaetlynn Ayala, Children's Aid and Family Services; Rachel Kinne, Big Brothers Big Sisters; Sharon Barth, CASA; Mary Davey, West Bergen Mental Healthcare; Dana Czachorowska, Care Plus NJ; Dean Pastras and Shelisa Foster, Bergen's Promise; Jessica Nunez, Case Expeditor; Tasia Milicevic, Valery Sanchez, Albania Martinez-Bojos, TMR; Marisa Heluk, BC Alternatives to Domestic Violence; Quahim Muhammad, Benjamin Franklin Middle School (Teaneck); Laura Washington

Harry Lisa called the Membership Meeting to order. Liana Dinallo presented the 2022 Slate of Officers: Harry Lisa, Chair and Christopher Perry, Co-Chair. A motion by Rosemarie Lobretto, seconded by Kristen Ambrosio, *to approve the 2022 Slate of officers, was carried.* A motion by Christine Hill, seconded by Kleidon Ndreu, *to approve the BCYSC November 3, 2021 Membership Meeting Minutes, was carried.*

Superior Court of NJ – No report

Superior Court of NJ– Family (Juvenile) – Liana Dinallo reported offenses have picked up slightly. The Court is now remote whenever possible.

BC Prosecutor's Office/Juvenile – Meredith Kunz also reported offenses have picked up, but most offenses have been low level. There was a decrease in sexual assaults. They were busy in regards to the TikTok challenge. The office is hybrid this week.

NJ Office of the Public Defender-Juvenile/Bergen – Christopher Perry agreed and mentioned youth being in school fights.

BCYSC Administrator Report/ BCYSC Committee/Subcommittee Reports/Updates

Jamie Ziegelhofer reported the 2021 programs have concluded and the last quarterly reports are being reported. The 2022 Standing Committees were presented and discussed.

The 2022 Plan Update is complete and awaiting executed documentation.

The 2022 meeting schedule was presented. A motion by Janice Conti, seconded by Liana Dinallo, *to approve 2022 meeting schedule was carried.*

The Bergen County Division of Family Guidance (BCDFG) Regional Stationhouse Adjustment Program (RSAP) site visit report was presented and discussed. A motion by Janice Conti, seconded by Rosemarie Lobretto, *to approve the BCDFG RSAP site visit report was carried.*

The 2023 Plan Update timeline was presented and discussed. A motion by Harry Lisa, seconded by Christopher Perry, *to approve the 2023 Plan update timeline was carried.*

Program Updates:

Bergen County Division of Family Guidance (BCDFG) Adolescent Substance Abuse Program (ASAP) – slightly lower referrals; program running as planned

BCDFG Positive Strides – two referrals

BCDFG Using Technology Responsibly (UTR) – one referral in December.

BCDFG Regional Stationhouse Adjustment Program (RSAP) – 23 referrals in December

BCDFG Psychological Evaluations – three referrals in December.

BCDFG Alternatives to Detention (ATD) – 2 on bracelet electronic monitoring, 21 youth on the program. One youth on a probation bracelet. Smart link is being utilized (case management feature, facial recognition, status update, etc.)

Juvenile Detention Center – 9 residents, 4 from Bergen County

BCDFG – Visions – 7 juveniles

Bergen’s Place Youth Shelter – 3 residents: all male. Shelter plus - total of 8 (all in person visits for residential programs are suspended remote visits and access are available only)

Teaneck Public Schools – no report

Center for Modern Dance Education – no report

Children’s Aid and Family Services – LST completed classes on December 22, 2021. It is starting back today at Ben Franklin school. The program is prepared to go remote if needed. EPIC – Lodi Sticker Shock Event was successful. On December 10, 2021, there was a community event/movie night, 27 Bergen County youth attended.

Probation – The youth who mastered the “tie the tie” life skill received a dress shirt. In November there was a small group discussion on unconscious bias. In December there was an incentive event: a video game truck was provided for youth and adults. It was a positive way for the youth and adults to interact.

Case Expeditor – no report

Big Brothers Big Sisters – 21 Bergen County matches, the program is seeking mentors, and there are 12 youth on the waiting list

TMR Mental Health Care – The year ended year well. On January 22, 2022, a completion event will take place to reflect on what they learned and reinforce coping skills.

START Institute – no report

NJ Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC) – Kyle Sheehan reported on the new restorative justice grant, which is available to Paterson, Trenton, Camden, and Union. Also there is one person in programming from Bergen County.

NJ Juvenile Justice Commission/JDAI – no report

Old Business – none

New Business – none

A motion by Rosemarie Lobretto, seconded by Kleidon Ndreu, *to adjourn the BCYSC Membership Meeting, was carried.*

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