



BERGEN *County* NEW JERSEY

Youth Services Commission

2022 Membership Meeting Minutes

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BERGEN COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION

Membership Meeting (Virtual)

January 4, 2022

Members: Kristen Ambrosio (designee for Nick Montello); Janice Conti (designee for Nicole Jaccoi); Liana Dinallo; Meredith Kunz (designee for Mark Musella); Christine Hill (designee for Sue Debiak); Harry Lisa (designee for Tammy Molinelli); Rosemarie Lobretto; Silvia Pascarella; Christopher Perry (designee for April Petersen); Linda Spiegel; Anne Giacobbe (designee for Ken Lowry/Suzanne Tiren); Adiyah Washington; Danielle Osenbruck; Kleidon Ndreu; Laura Simoldoni, Marie LaTesta (designee for Louis DeLisio)

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.*

Prepared by: Jamie Ziegelhofer, MSW, LSW
BCYSC Administrator

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.*

Prepared by: Jamie Ziegelhofer, MSW, LSW
BCYSC Administrator

BERGEN COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION
 Membership Meeting (Virtual)
April 5, 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; Jorge Sandoval; Linda Spiegel; Anne Giacobbe (designee for Ken Lowry/Suzanne Tiren); Adiyah Washington; Danielle Osenbruck; Marie LaTesta (designee for Louis DeLisio); Melissa DeBartolo

Staff: Jamie Ziegelhofer; Laurie Bianchi

Ex-Officio: Kyle Sheehan

Resource: Christine Hill, Bergen County Division of Addiction Services/OADD; John Cutitto, Bergen County Division of Family Guidance; Stephanie Drag, Robin Wanner and Sarah Lauber, 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; Tasia Milicevic, TMR; Sharon Barth, CASA

Harry Lisa called the Membership Meeting to order. He gave a special thanks to Christopher Perry for all his help with the BCYSC and wished him luck in the future. A motion by Shelby Klein, seconded by Meredith Kunz, *to approve the BCYSC March 1, 2022 Membership Meeting Minutes, was carried. Melissa DeBartolo and Rosemarie Lobretto abstained.* Jamie Ziegelhofer announced the approved minutes will now be available on the County website.

Superior Court of NJ – No report

Superior Court of NJ– Family (Juvenile) – No report

BC Prosecutor’s Office/Juvenile – No report

NJ Office of the Public Defender-Juvenile/Bergen – No report

BCYSC Administrator Report/ BCYSC Committee/Subcommittee Reports/Updates

The 2023 Plan Update and the updated 2022 monitoring tool has not been released yet. Jamie Ziegelhofer reported in Adiyah Washington’s absence.

The BCYSC Allocation subcommittee met on Wednesday, March 16th to review the following proposals.

The Subcommittee recommends the following reductions:

The START Institute – The program did not receive any referrals and will no longer be funded	-\$15,210
M & S Psychiatric Evaluations – Reduce LOS by 5	-\$5,000
BCDFG Psychological Evaluations – Reduce LOS by 5	-\$4,750

Total reductions	-\$24,960
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The Subcommittee recommends the following increases:

Center for Modern Dance Education Moving into Knowledge – To enhance programming through expansion of an African Dance & Drum Company for youth at-risk; and to fund a new seasonal Co-Coordinator staff position to help manage the existing Summer Camp programs for youth at-risk.	\$14,000
Bergen County Division of Family Guidance Regional Stationhouse Adjustment Program – To fund a training for law enforcement and school personnel	\$8,087
Bergen County Division of Family Guidance Adolescent Substance Abuse Program – To fund an increase in the food budget	\$2,873
Total increases	\$24,960

A motion by Rosemarie Lobretto, seconded by Linda Spiegel, to approve and move forward with the BCYSC Allocations Subcommittee report and recommendations was carried.

A roll call vote to approve: Meredith Kunz – yes; Melissa DeBartolo – abstain; Shelby Klein – yes; Janice Conti – abstain; Rosemarie Lobretto – yes; Anne Giacobbe – unable to vote due to technical difficulties; Judge Magali Francois – yes; Harry Lisa – yes; Kristen Ambrosio – abstain; Marcia Hartkapp – yes; Danielle Osenbruck – abstain; Silvia Pascarella – abstain; Jorge Sandoval – abstain; Linda Spiegel – yes; Marie LaTesta – yes (8 yes, 6 abstain, 1 unable to vote due to technical difficulties).

Program Updates:

Bergen County Division of Family Guidance (BCDFG) Adolescent Substance Abuse Program (ASAP) – referrals are up, 12 youth currently in the program (9 male and 3 female)

BCDFG Alternatives to Detention (ATD) – 15 youth, 6 on the bracelet

BCDFG Regional Stationhouse Adjustment Program (RSAP) – 24 referrals in March from 12 different municipalities. Five new municipalities utilized the program in March.

BCDFG Positive Strides – 6 new referrals in March. The program will be creating its first group.

BCDFG Psychological Evaluations – 5 evaluations in March

BCDFG Using Technology Responsibly (UTR) – will email an update

Juvenile Detention Center – 10 youth in total, 8 out of county and 2 Bergen County (9 male, 1 female)

BCDFG – Visions – total 5 youth (all male)

Bergen’s Place Youth Shelter – 2 youth (1 male, 1 female)

Shelter Plus – 5 youth

Teaneck Public Schools – no report

Center for Modern Dance Education – e-mailed a video (shared)

Children’s Aid and Family Services – The new town, Rochelle Park, has received Board approval and will start next week. The remaining towns are in the fourth marking period. EPIC is continuing with their meetings and training. The Youth conference is tentatively scheduled for October 21, 2022. They are waiting on the venue.

Probation – The first POP (Parent Orientation Program) session was a success. 8 parents/guardians representing 7 youth with 3 in person and 5 via Zoom.

Big Brothers Big Sisters – in person will resume soon

TMR Mental Health Care – 10 youth and families are being served some in person and some virtual.

NJ Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC) – Kyle Sheehan reported the monitoring tool was modified and we should receive it next week. There are no Bergen County youth in JJC programs currently.

NJ Juvenile Justice Commission/JDAI – no report

Old Business – none

New Business – Shelby Klein reported that CIACC (Children’s Interagency Coordinating Council) is looking to bolster youth and family engagement. Mental health services are at a record high. Melissa DeBartolo reported the Family Fun Festival will be in person this year with a date to be determined in May.

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

Prepared by: Jamie Ziegelhofer, MSW, LSW
BCYSC Administrator

BERGEN COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION

Membership Meeting (Virtual)

May 3, 2022

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

Staff: Jamie Ziegelhofer; Laurie Bianchi; Robert Sibi

Ex-Officio: Kyle Sheehan

Resource: Christine Hill, Bergen County Division of Addiction Services/OADD; John Cutitto, Bergen County Division of Family Guidance; Stephanie Drag, 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; Tasia Milicevic, TMR; Sharon Barth, CASA; Michele Hart-Loughlin, CBH Care; Marisa Heluk, ADV; Tina Kelter; Ana Richards

Harry Lisa called the Membership Meeting to order. A motion by Kristen Ambrosio, seconded by Rosemarie Lobretto, *to approve the BCYSC April 5, 2022 Membership Meeting Minutes, was carried.* *Liana Dinallo abstained.*

Superior Court of NJ – Judge Francois reported that Juvenile Court is busy; issues remain with long-term residential placement. The Court is seeing offenses that are more serious and there are not a lot of options for alternatives to detention for more serious offenders. Fields programs are a good option but the juveniles need to follow the rules or they cannot stay in the program, which is a huge obstacle. Judge Francois also noted the need to have all proceedings be in-person. Virtual is helpful, but it lacks formality. Fifteen new volunteers were sworn in to the Juvenile Conference Committees.

Superior Court of NJ-Family (Juvenile) – Liana Dinallo echoed the Judges' comments, in regard to in-person proceedings. Out of home placement is a statewide issue. The Court is working hard to complete backlog cases over 90 days by June 30, 2022, if possible. No date for phase two of the Court House construction.

BC Prosecutor's Office/Juvenile – Meredith Kunz reported they are very busy and are down a prosecutor. Rich Nunez has replaced Chris Perry, which led to a transition period. The need for the formality of in-person proceedings was also reiterated.

NJ Office of the Public Defender-Juvenile/Bergen – Rich Nunez introduced himself and is looking forward to working with everyone.

BCYSC Administrator Report/ BCYSC Committee/Subcommittee Reports/Updates

The 2023 Plan Update and the updated 2022 monitoring tool was released. We are continuing to meet and move forward with our planning process in order to complete the plan update. Program reviews are beginning. Jamie Ziegelhofer gave a brief overview of the new monitoring tool and regulations. The agencies are now required to have a brief presentation at the time of the monitoring. The schedule and

signup sheet was shared. Two qualified voting members need to be present for a formal monitoring. All were encouraged to sign up. The JDAI research and reform specialist, Julie Boc, has resigned, and Erica Hein is filling in until the position is filled. The JDAI application was released, but we are unsure if Bergen will be applying for funds this year or continuing to use next year as a planning year.

Program Updates:

Bergen County Division of Family Guidance (BCDFG) Adolescent Substance Abuse Program (ASAP) – Average male group attendance is 6 male, and female group attendance is 3 female

BCDFG Alternatives to Detention (ATD) –17 youth in program, 6 youth on bracelet and three phone monitoring

BCDFG Regional Stationhouse Adjustment Program (RSAP) – April had 21 referrals serving 35 different municipalities. Three new municipalities utilized the program in April (Fairview, Saddle Brook, and Washington Township). A training will be held targeting law enforcement and educators.

BCDFG Positive Strides – 6 new referrals in April. The first group will tentatively start this month.

BCDFG Psychological Evaluations – One in detention and one in community evaluations

BCDFG Using Technology Responsibly (UTR) – Two referrals by police

Juvenile Detention Center – 14 youth in total, 8 out of county and 6 Bergen County (13 male, 1 female)

BCDFG – Visions – total 5 youth (3 male, 2 trans)

Bergen's Place Youth Shelter – 7 youth (5 male, 2 female)

Shelter Plus – 6 youth (2 female, 4 male)

Teaneck Public Schools – no report

Center for Modern Dance Education – no report

Children's Aid and Family Services – Stephanie Drag reported the Botvin Life Skills program has expanded into Rochelle Park's 7th grade and it has just begun. The seven habits of highly effected teens expansion this summer is working the Zone to run the program. Empowering Peers Inspiring Change group is moving along. EPIC Englewood ran a sticker shock for an alcohol awareness event in collaboration with the Englewood Health Department. Lodi EPIC has moved in person at the library. Seeds of Change conference is scheduled for Friday, October 21, 2022, in collaboration with the County Executive's Office. The theme is diversity, equity, and inclusion focusing on LGBTQ+.

Probation – Janice Conti reported the planting event is being planned for this month. They are preparing for parent orientation and painting with a purpose in June. They are looking for speakers for two topics: burn out prevention and detoxing the work environment, and how to engage and unlock the team's creativity and the next generation leadership.

Big Brothers Big Sisters – In person has resumed and everything is going well.

TMR Mental Health Care – no report

NJ Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC) – Kyle Sheehan reported that on April 22nd the Attorney General visited Jamesburg and is planning to visit other correctional facilities and the fields programs. The monitoring tool has been updated and there are no Bergen County youth in JJC facilities at this time.

NJ Juvenile Justice Commission/JDAI – no report

Old Business – none

New Business – Shelby Klein announced that May is Mental Health Month there are a variety of activities and trainings such as youth mental health first aid training, suicide prevention training, and a naran training. Email for more information. A sticker contest was held and an event will take place soon. CIACC (Children's Interagency Coordinating Council) is working on a resource guide for youth and families.

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

Prepared by: Jamie Ziegelhofer, MSW, LSW
BCYSC Administrator

BERGEN COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION

Membership Meeting (Virtual)

July 6, 2022

Members: Kristen Ambrosio (designee for Nick Montello); Mitchell Badiner (designee for Howard Lerner); Janice Conti (designee for Nicole Jaccoi); John Stallone (designee for Liana Dinallo); Karen Gwynn (designee for Mark Musella); Harry Lisa (designee for Tammy Molinelli); Rosemarie Lobretto; Linda Spiegel; Anne Giacobbe (designee for Ken Lowry/Suzanne Tiren); Adiyilah Washington; Danielle Osenbruck; Marie LaTesta (designee for Louis DeLisio); Melissa DeBartolo; Kleidon Ndreu; Richard Nunes (designee for April Petersen); Laura Simoldoni; Gerald Powers (designee for Russell Read); Jorge Sandoval

Staff: Jamie Ziegelhofer; Laurie Bianchi; Robert Sibi

Ex-Officio: Kyle Sheehan; Kristen Williams

Resource: John Cutitto and Kimberly Malone Bergen County Division of Family Guidance; Stephanie Drag, Robin Wanner, Children's Aid and Family Services; Lisa Cieplechowicz, Big Brothers Big Sisters; Mary Davey, West Bergen Mental Healthcare; Dana Czachorowska, Care Plus NJ; Shelisa Foster, Bergen's Promise; Tasia Milicevic, Valery Sanchez, and Albania Bojos, TMR; Sharon Barth, CASA; Michele Hart-Loughlin, CBH Care; Marisa Heluk, ADV; Rhona Vega, Parent Matterz; Tina Kelter; Allegro Addeo

Harry Lisa called the Membership Meeting to order. A motion by Janice Conti, seconded by John Stallone, *to approve the BCYSC May 3, 2022 Membership Meeting Minutes, was carried.*

Superior Court of NJ – no report

Superior Court of NJ–Family (Juvenile) –

BC Prosecutor's Office/Juvenile – Domestic Violence among youth seem to be on the rise and they are working with Alternatives to Domestic Violence.

NJ Office of the Public Defender-Juvenile/Bergen – no report

BCYSC Administrator Report/ BCYSC Committee/Subcommittee Reports/Updates

Program reviews are almost done. There are two more left: TMR on Monday, July 11th at 11:00AM and BBBS on Thursday, July 14th at 10:00AM. We are continuing to meet and move forward with our planning process in order to complete the plan update. The BCYSC Allocations/Program Review subcommittee met on Wednesday, June 29th to approve three site visit reports and discuss scoring. The total applicable points in a category will be 3 times the number of questions. If a program scores a four it will be considered extra credit. Jamie Ziegelhofer presented the BBBS One to one mentoring program, BCDFG Adolescent Substance Abuse Program, and CMDE Moving into Knowledge site visit reports.

A motion by Harry Lisa, seconded by Kristen Ambrosio, *to approve the BBBS One to one mentoring program site visit report, was carried*

A motion by Rosemarie Lobretto, seconded by Harry Lisa, *to approve the BCDFG Adolescent Substance Abuse Program site visit report, was carried.* Kristen Ambrosio, Jorge Sandoval, and Melissa DeBartolo abstained.

A motion by Kleidon Ndreu, seconded by John Stallone, *to approve the CMDE Moving into Knowledge site visit report, was carried.*

Program Updates:

Bergen County Division of Family Guidance (BCDFG) Adolescent Substance Abuse Program (ASAP) – Four Male and three Female, PAVE is up and running this week, BIPAS is having another cycle this week and the program continues providing assessments.

BCDFG Alternatives to Detention (ATD) –20 youth in program, the numbers are high this year, 9 youth on bracelet and three phone monitoring, and eight non bracelet/phone monitoring.

BCDFG Regional Stationhouse Adjustment Program (RSAP) – 16 referrals in June with 11 new municipalities, 40 in total.

BCDFG Positive Strides – 3 new referrals in June.

BCDFG Psychological Evaluations – 6 evaluations in June.

BCDFG Using Technology Responsibly (UTR) – Two referrals in June.

Juvenile Detention Center – 6 youth all Bergen County males. A discussion was held regarding the difficulty of finding placements when disposed.

BCDFG – Visions – 6 male

Bergen's Place Youth Shelter – 3 youth

Shelter Plus – not provided

Teaneck Public Schools – Harry Lisa requested the administrator to contact them to report in the next month.

Center for Modern Dance Education – no report

Children's Aid and Family Services – Stephanie Drag reported the Botvin Life Skills program completed the fourth marking period in all schools. They are collaborating with Bergen Family Center to provide the Seven Habit program this summer to approximately 30-35 youth and is set to start today. Robin Wanner reported the EPIC program is also collaborating with the Bergen Family Center Youth leadership summer program. The Youth Conference will be on October 21st and the theme is LGBTQ+.

Probation – Janice Conti reported they provided the planting project in May and POP and painting with a purpose were completed.

Big Brothers Big Sisters – Lisa reported the school year is complete and they are currently recruiting for those programs. The one on one mentoring continues and they are looking for mentors.

TMR Mental Health Care – 123 sessions have been completed and they are on par to complete their goal of 212 sessions. There were four positive terminations.

NJ Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC) – Kyle Sheehan reported 16 youth completed classes at Middlesex College. There are currently no Bergen County youth in JJC facilities.

NJ Juvenile Justice Commission/JDAI – no report

Old Business – none

New Business – none

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

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BCYSC Administrator