

**Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem County
Tri-County Children's Inter-Agency Coordinating Council Meeting Agenda**

Wednesday, March 10, 2021
Zoom Conferencing 10:00AM

Meeting Minutes

Present: Lisa Cerny, Linda Smith, Robert Bamford, Paulette Mader, Michelle Pandolfo, Jennifer Rodriquez, Ron Hudak , Kaitlyn McConomy, Rudolph Aikens, Maria Rodriquez, Jennifer Plews, Jim Whitt, Jennifer Preen, Lisa Reyes, Tiara Molock, Elisa Read, Tracy Mauriello, Marshela White, Ina Jetter, Christina DiGiovacchino, James Sampson, Lauren Snyder, Linda Smith, Lisa Ranieri, Amy Kiger, Emily Poole, Michael Reginelli, Beth Thomas, Billie Thomas, Lionel Woodley, Angelo Ragonesi and Sophia Noncent Johnson

Meeting called to order at 10:10am

Lisa asks for a motion to review and approve minutes Jim Whitt makes motion, Rudolph Aikens seconds Lisa corrected spelling of Cerny.

County CIACC Updates

Frank Carozza: Cumberland County CIACC's next meeting will be the 16th at 10am , covering topics for incarceration for justice reform, working with Southwest Council Partnerships For Success.

Michelle Pandolfo: Gloucester County held first county CIACC meeting on February 10th. Looking for a chairperson for Gloucester County CIACC hope to have position filled by next meeting in May. PSF subcommittee is up and running; hopeful to have IDD started back up soon. Developing flyer to invite families into participating in CIACC once that is completed it will be circulated.

Christina Digiovacchino: Reports that in Salem Jennifer Rodriquez has been voted in as chairperson. Currently Votech service meeting is working with Ed Partnership committee on a presentation. Working with regional coalition on PSF work group. Next meeting is May 5th.

Systems Partners Update on Care Management

Ron Hudak: CMO currently has 878 children open cases in Tri County area 75.5 %, out of those 791 are in home and being stabilized in community and schools, that's 90.1%. 87 children receiving out of home treatment. 663 are at moderate care. 215 are at the intensive level of care.

For Gloucester County reaching 518 children of the 878, 59%. Out of 518 children, 70 are involved in DCP&P, 63 children have special needs, 41 children are receiving out of home treatment with an average length of stay is 11.4 months in Gloucester County. In home service with CMO is at 44 months.

For Cumberland 283 open cases of the 878. 38 children are in DCP&P, 22 special needs. 33 Cumberland children are in out of home treatment, with an average length of stay reaching 8.3 months. In home service length average is 40.1 months.

Salem County has 74 children with open cases, 11 cases are in DCP&P, 6 children have special needs, 12 children are in out of home treatment with an average length stay of 7.7 months. In home services average length is 46 months.

CMO has selected Serena Romero for the permanent CEO position.

Lisa asks Ron if a representative can be a part of the Gloucester County IDD subcommittee. Ron answers in the affirmative.

Mobile Response

Lauren Snyder: Since beginning of New Year has seen an increase in call volume. January has been the busiest month with 213 dispatches. February had 197 dispatches. March is averaging 15 to 16 calls a day, showing a trending increase, County CIACC meetings seeing youth depression and lack of academic motivation. Currently hiring because a few staff members left over pandemic having a hard time getting applicants.

Frank Carozza asks if she has heard any initiatives coming from CSOC or DCF that may change the response method. Lauren responds no specifics as of yet.

Beth Thomas, Cumberland special child health asked about opening postings which can be found on agency website

Lauren responds with postings are available through website for applications.

FSO

Lionel Woodley: Family Support Organization is doing well, have not yet moved back into facility thinking about maybe a time in April. Not at full staff but a staggered staff, quite busy with receiving many referrals at this time. June meeting is typically at the FSO in-person, as of right now we'll keep it virtual but revisit at the end of April.

Screening

Jennifer Plews: Gloucester County screening numbers are still lower than pre-covid. Just resumed in person training with police municipalities, seeing an uptick in outreaches, early prevention is the area of focus.

Partial Care – representative not present

Hospital and Outpatient – representative not present

CCIS - representative not present

Old and New Business

Lisa Cerny: State has released FY 2022 state budget and all calls with DCF were very positive. Looking for feedback on what was included in the governor's budget terms of agencies and guidelines.

Beth Thomas would like to see funding for children with IDD and expand those services.

Emily Poole looking to improve and expand programs concerning ACEs, Substance Abuse, along with risk and protective factors.

Frank Carozza looking for ways to begin super forecast to try and predict certain trends with covid spreading. Made a prediction that by the middle of March will see an increase in substance abuse and academic lethargy. Working on trying to forecast needs on trends on any findings that may result because of pandemic.

Lisa Cerny, in discussing family and youth engagement, states trying to get families more of the community involved and engaged, will be an on-going agenda item and discussion.

Lionel Woodley, youth are meeting virtually and a parent anonymous group, virtually as well.

Lisa Cerny speaks on NJ spotlight news will have a roundtable on ACES inside NJ new plan to prevent perennial harm. Had a roundtable last month on Youth Mental Health in the schools, PerformCare and CSOC not mentioned as resource. No budget cuts this year, keeping an eye on that and expansions. Making sure, we receive this to make sure we do our jobs the best we can. How we can enhance family and youth engagement, always wants to keep this a relevant topic due to its importance.

Paulette Mader has suggestions on where to start.

Emily Poole asks if anyone has any suggestions or any recent things that have been done in person.

Billie Thomas discuss Migrant education and McKinney Vento is scheduling meetings in person for our program parent advisory councils. It has been federally mandated to meet with parents quarterly and solicit info and feedback on the implementation of both programs. Working with some school districts where children have been housed and utilizing opportunities to schedule those meetings and combine them with education and informational settings. Also have family activities in place and scheduling for early April and that will be the first attempt at having in person meetings since pandemic. Will keep group informed on how meetings go, along with participation.

Lisa Cerny adds if any handouts and family support info are needed we can provide that to her and was just speaking with workers on what can be done or added to assist and benefit the program resources.

Beth Thomas asks if there are any brochures or flyers that really explain CIACC to families she would like to share that with her families. Suggests something be created that is uniform throughout state that explains CIACC would be very beneficial.

Ron Hudak adds that something at PerformCare breaks down the CIACC and has a definition of what CIACC does that used to be handed out at every presentation.

Frank Carozza utilizes website with initiatives and contacts, each administrator has ability to use that page, also has a unified list of administrators.

Lisa Cerny suggests adding Frank's website to share which would be the most current information.

Michelle Pandolfo added link to State page, which lists all County Conveners and Coordinators.

Jennifer Plews adds that she knows who the most frequenters are and suggests targeting outreach to those families specifically. They will likely need to better understand the program, and also possibly be willing to share their personal struggles and problems because they know best through experience,

trying to think creatively to make this as simple as possible for families as well because we know how busy these families are already.

Frank Carozza hosts Chatting with Cumberland so families and community members can share their experiences.

Lisa Cerny adds we will be looking to meet with families in June and asks to please share any ideas or suggestions. ABA services, will remain on agenda as it is experiencing a few difficulties

Beth Thomas adds an ABA provider has a wait list until fall, continuum asks if anyone has connections with any available providers.

Tracy Mauriello, Medicaid reimbursement rate a problem for ABA providers, CSOC still providing behavioral assistance but not at same level

Ron Hudak some providers pulling out due reimbursement rate, no longer a part of the MCO linkage, DOL changed employee-subcontract rules causing downsizing in staff, schools having challenges with all students, list of providers impacted by the rules, in compliance with CSOC is out of compliance with DOL regulations, in-home services an obstacle, providers really challenged

Beth Thomas is dealing with an ABA wait list until fall.

Ron Hudak problem for South Jersey, nobody providing services in the area, need not met by demand, Bancroft pulled out, reimbursement rates aren't covering the cost to provide services, many have plan set-up and then using BT1 and BT2 level of service delivery

Angelo Ragonesi and Sophia Noncent-Johnson (CSOC) PSF grant updated:

- Was just in a PSF internal meeting.
- Heading into Step C which is building a logic model for CIACC and is sending out a worksheet by the end of next week which will focus on ACES and an explanation on what needs to be done.
- Sophia adds this is a process and final goal is to complete logic model, Angelo adds they would like to finish up with 2c by the end of April.
- Update on each CIACC and PSF group. They are actively engaged in three counties, and meeting PSF requirements and hitting targeted benchmarks.

Lisa Cerny: Suicide Prevention - National suicide hotline, a roll out from the state in the near future, Beth Thomas suicide prevention walk funds used in the community, GCIT's Kim Glazer also does the suicide prevention work for Gloucester County, Zero Suicide DMHAS, Hope and Healing.

Billie Thomas working on Special Projects Department serving students of migratory families and those suffering from homelessness. Camden Civic Engagement is offering enrichment programming where students have the opportunity to receive STEM and STEAM programming each day from 4-5pm. Has been a great success. Offering information if anyone wants to reach out to her. For migrant they were contacted for an opportunity to get farmworkers vaccinated, feverishly working on rolling out info to have them participate on a call at 6:30pm tomorrow.

Lisa Cerny: ACENDA received a grant for "community navigators" for the vaccine, Lisa will share that info with Billie, and another suggestion, Frank may have more info, CASA or CATA in Clayton has a better presence amongst farmworkers.

Frank Carozza says CASA has a great outreach on this population and may be a great place to start, CATA is also in Glassboro Bridgeton and helps with migrant workers.

Lisa Cerny asks for motion to adjourn, Frank Carozza makes motion, Emily Poole seconds and meeting is adjourned at 11:15am.

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