

Gloucester County CIACC October 11, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Location: Budd Blvd. 10AM

Present: Beverly Lynch, Kim Glazer, Jennifer Rodriguez, James Sampson, Jonathon Cummings, Amber Porter, Gloria Rivera, Susana Dias, Xiomara Lowery, Robert Bamford, Bethany D'Amelio, Beth Smith, Danielle Alia, Jenny Hunt, Isaiah White, Michelle Pandolfo, Lisa Cerny

Michelle Pandolfo calls meeting to order

Michelle Pandolfo asks for an approval of the May 10, 2023 minutes, James Sampson motions, Kim Glazer seconds and minutes are approved. Edit to James Sampson CMO report.

Lisa Cerny asks for an approval of the August 9, 2023 minutes, Beverly Lynch motions and Jennifer Rodriguez seconds and minutes are approved.

Guest Speaker: Dr. Isaiah White NJ4S Director, Acenda

NJ4S is a program for students and young adults experiencing mental health issues and support students social, emotional and mental health, and well-being. Goal is to aid in assistance to show the positive side by offering services, trainings, classes, and resources to the schools and community. NJ4S falls under prevention care to meet requirements to fulfill grant and services that fall into three tiers, tier one present community workshops, connect clients with community resources, tier two and three are delivered in partnership with schools that elect to partner with the program. Tier two has programs to help staff, families, and teachers focus on counseling, and tier three focus is more on the clinical therapy aspect. The program is a statewide network of support for students and their families, centered around voice experience, and needs of the students and their families. Located in Elmer, Email contact is lwhite@acendahealth.org www.nj4scgs.org

Convener/Coordinator's Report

By – Laws circulated prior to meeting and is in agenda packets, a committee looked at the by-laws and most of the changes were minor stylistic things, the grant now requires a minimum of eight meetings instead of ten. Which led to a removal of a meeting from the local and one removal from the Tri-County schedules for 2024, along with some changes / updates to previous by laws.

Kim Glazer motions to discuss by-laws, Jennifer Rodriguez seconds.

- Discussion asking if everyone agrees and is okay with by-law changes

Lisa Cerny asks if all are in favor of by-law modifications, all are in favor, no abstentions and by-laws are approved.

Children's System of Care / State Representatives

CMO

James Sampson

- September Census was 965 families, with 182 admissions.

- Gloucester County breakdown had 546 families making up 56.58% with 101 admissions making up 55.49% of census.
- Were able to maintain 498 youth in home making up 91.21% of census. Had 48 youth out of home making up 8.79% of census
- Co-managed 40 families with DCP&P the average length of stay in Gloucester County was 10.46 months and the average stay for out of home was 41.40 months
- Recently applied for Community Resource and Development Funding which will be worth 67,697.70\$. Currently under the data collection of the process and is looking for data regarding the population served to send to James Sampson.
- Six new care managers were hired in October.
- Not seeing an increase or decrease in numbers, they are staying the same.

FSO

Jennifer Rodriguez

- Servicing 226 families which 130 are from Gloucester County
- 25 individuals are on wait list with 16 being from Gloucester County
- Finished up workshops for Developmental Disabilities Population adults transitioning into adulthood. Held a series of five different workshops on topics like post-secondary education, estate planning training. Will be doing events this month for Halloween for the families
- Seeing a lot of challenges still around housing
- Notable trends and needs being seen caregivers requesting things like food, household products, hygiene products, cleaning products and paper products for the families.

Other State Representatives

- CSOC updates are that the second round of the Dreams Initiative is underway. wrapped up in June with the second round and have been approved for three more.
- Suicide initiative is starting their second round.

DCP&P Susana Dias and Danielle Alia

- **Gloucester West had 160 intakes and investigations. 740 active children and 80 of those children are in placement, open with a total of 381 families right now.**
- **Hiring at Gloucester West.**
- **Majority of referrals coming in are due to homelessness and Domestic Violence issues. DCP&P is doing a focus on resource parent retention to try to have homes for kids to go into. Number's were high over summer months which are usually the lower months and that trend is continuing.**
- **Gloucester East office has 108 intakes and investigations. Currently have 468 active children 78 of those children are in placement, open with a total of 228 families. Susana and Danielle visited the open house that Angels Community Outreach held, they have food, clothes, baby formula, as long as the family member fills out the referral form online. Lisa mentions South Jersey Dream Center ran by Natalie Fortunato can be utilized for donations as well.**

Youth and Family Voice – Michelle Pandolfo

- Held August Back to school open house resource event that was well attended. 17 families and 49 children attended the event.
- Partnered with Family Support Organization in September and they provided advocacy leadership training to their parents and youth and shared information about the CIACC at those workshops.
- Circulates invitations every meeting for agencies to share with families to help boost the engagement with the CIACC and families in the community.
- Educational partnership have participated in some community resource events this year.
- Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities group has met a few times, also trying to bridge connection to the regional family support planning council, they cover more than just Gloucester County, they also have a similar mission to the CIACC, they meet monthly and would like to have a CIACC member able to participate in their meetings.
- Missing and Abused Children Committee met yesterday and are revisiting the mission and purpose with the COMA committee moving forward.
- Youth Services Commission this year contracts will be expiring, so Rudolph Aikens will be putting out for RFP over next couple of weeks, they just recently received funding from JJC.

Partial Care – Beverly Lynch

- Under Inspira Behavioral health they have the Ados Clinic recently opened up with no waiting list and are taking all insurances except for Insigna. Program is for those ages 4 through adults with autism.

Trends or Needs Regarding Access To Services or Gaps in Services for Discussion

- **Homelessness**
- **Resources**

Old Business

New Business/Announcements

- Kim Glazer offering workshops for schools, high schools, and community agencies. Offering four workshops which are (QPR) - Question Persuade Refer, Teen Depression and Mental Health Awareness, By-stander Intervention Training, and small group bonding and communication skills
- Mega Job Fair at RCSJ Friday October 13 at the gymnasium with over 100 employers along with supportive services as well.
- Wellness on Wheels van is available to attend events
- Gloucester County is sponsoring Narcan Training which is held the last Monday of the month at 6pm at the Living Proof Recovery Center at RCSJ where the Rowan School of Osteopathic Medicine is providing the training.
- Southwest Council - working on a Strengthening Families Program right now. Presenting “Don’t Get Vaped In” presentations and just recently did 14 over the course of 2 days at Gateway High School last week. Marijuana Town Hall will be on October 27th which will have 4 expert panelist’s

in the field and will be able to answer questions and discuss topics concerning new laws, legalization, and issues being found in schools. Event is open to the public and will be located in Glassboro.

- Out of the Darkness Suicide Awareness and Prevention walk at GCIT on Sunday if anyone is interested in participating.

Adjournment

Lisa Cerny asks for motion to adjourn meeting Jennifer Rodriguez motions, Kim Glazer seconds and meeting is adjourned.

Next meeting will be November 15, 2023

Location: Gloucester County Health Department 204 E. Holly Ave, Sewell, NJ 08080