



## **Gloucester County Youth Services Commission**

**December 17, 2025**

**“Draft of Meeting Minutes”**

**115 Budd Blvd., West Deptford NJ 08096**

**Call to Order / Open Public Records Act** – Kathy called the meeting to order at 3:08 PM and read the Open Public Meetings Act.

**Attendance:** Ken Ridinger, Jennifer Rodriguez, Shawnda Mammi, Lisa Cerny, Jillian Palladino, Emily Kohri, Steven Salvati, James Pandolfo, Christine Graves, Ellyse Peterson, James Sampson, Kathy Seibert, Bessie Williams, Staff: Rudolph Aikens State: Jessica Froba.

**Adoption of Agenda/Previous Meeting Minutes Approval** – Jillian P. moved, Ken R. seconded and the agenda for today’s meeting and October minutes were both approved.

**Administrator’s Report** – YSC Admin reports the year is coming to a close and all JAMS and final billing will be due by Jan 20<sup>th</sup> 2026. YSC discussed the 2026 monitoring goals and the need to begin the process earlier than in past years to ensure we are able to complete the process before the submission of the 2027 application/plan. YSC administrator discussed briefly that a new /updated Plan and Application will be released in 2026, for the new 2027-29 Plan, and moving forward. It appears to be more condensed and more gear to how program and services have evolved over the last few years. There was a successful Toys for Tots campaign, run through DHSS, that produced over 15 boxes of unwrapped gifts sent to The Marines Toys for Toys location in Clarksboro, NJ for the Holiday season. YSC Admin also thanked the Commission for the hard work provided throughout the year and dedication to the Commissions goals and objectives. We are looking forward to a new and productive 2026.

**Administrator Report Cont. WOW Outreach** – please be aware that our divisional Wellness on Wheels (WOW) van is available for events. We participate

as part of our community outreach. For more information, please reach out to [ctrifiletti2@co.glooucester.nj.us](mailto:ctrifiletti2@co.glooucester.nj.us) to inquire about scheduling.

**Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative** –Emily K reported the Council (CJJSI and subcommittees) is in a state of transition as there will be new co-chairs selected and a new JDAI specialist in Jan 2026 therefore, we did not meet in October 2025. We will resume meeting in Jan 2026.

**Youth Justice Commission State Report** – Jessica F had nothing to report.

### **PROVIDER PROGRAMMING REPORTS**

**Acenda** – Agency reported 11 youth total, 8 on Electronic Monitoring and 3 on Home Detention. There are 2 available slots remaining. Agency and courts were able to track a missing bracelet and discussed a resolution to secure it. The Youth Scholarship Recreation Program will resume in Jan 2026 with new funding for youth in need of recreation scholarships.

**FCIU Mobile Response** – Agency reported servicing 197 total youth in November, 109 in Gloucester County. They also reported FCIU does not have any current petitions open, and no youth currently in the shelter.

**Boys & Girls Club** – Agency reported that all slot currently listed as the contracted level of services are full, however, they are still enrolling youth at would like to participate in programming and have a safe space during non-school hours.

**Center for Family Services** – Agency reported for PASO 9 evaluation contracted slots with 8 serviced and 1 slot remaining for 2025. Services slots used were 5 with 4 remaining for 2025. The agency is hiring for PASO. Stationhouse Adjustment has 48 contracted slots with 2 active and 34 slots still available. The program still offers virtual service as an option, if necessary. ACE reports no coaching referrals in 2025 with 3 for transportation, 11 incentive only and 1 super incentive currently. They had a successful Family Recognition Night on 11/20 with 14 attending.

**CGS FSO** – Agency reports a contracted level of service being 25 but servicing 10 currently with a total of 38 serviced in 2025. They are currently sponsoring cooking classes and had a successful game night with Success 1<sup>st</sup>, a local nonprofit agency within the County. Solar, a New Jersey-specific mental wellness app for teens and young adults, also came out and discussed their app. The FSO will be looking to expand services to the Hollybush Community in Glassboro, NJ starting in Jan 2026.

**Girl Scouts of Central & Southern New Jersey** – Agency reports having 4 Girl Scout Troops currently in Gloucester County, 3 in Paulsboro, 1 in Clayton. Troop 68115 meets at the Billingsport School, we have Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> graders in this Daisy/Brownie Troop with 9 girls currently registered. Troop 67420 meets at Loudenslager School, we have 23 girls registered in grades 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> this is a Brownie/Junior Troop. Troop 68117 is our older Cadette Troop that meets at Gill Memorial Library for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders, we have 7 girls currently registered to the Troop. Troop 60572 meets at the Ed Bell Rec Center in Clayton, this is a Brownie/Junior Troop with grades 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>. We currently have 7 girls registered to this Troop.

I am looking forward to growing these troops in the New Year! They were invited to attend a screening of the Polar Express with their parent. I was so excited at the turnout and seeing so many parents come out to spend time with their children.

**Probation – Parent Orientation** – We received no report from Gloucester County probation.

**All In Therapy**-Agency reports ALL IN wraps up the fall/winter season hosting 4 workshops servicing over 65 students. This season's workshops referenced the themes of the season- comfort, safety, health and reflection. Participants experienced a variety of creatively expressive activities including "Aura therapy" (aromatherapy), mindfulness and tea making, as well as a game show themed group activity reflecting on self-identity, advocacy, and well-being. Participants openly expressed their interest during the programing in addition to the experience surveys collected.

We would like to remind our community organizations that we are here to support you as well! Please let us know if you have any questions about how we can be of service to you as you serve the community! If you have a youth or family that is interested in art and in need of supplies, please let us know!

**PTAH** – Agency reports starting a new opportunity working with Glassboro Middle School Alternative Education program once a week for the remainder of the school year. Programming will provide a wide variety of recreation and life

skills programming to up to 12 youth in the program, within the district consistently.

## **SCHOOLS**

**Clayton**-Agency reports currently serving 13 students in the program with 2 scheduled to return to day school as well as 1 negative discharge moving into the second half of the year.

**Glassboro** – Agency reports that both the school district HS and MS programming is moving along well. Both the HS and MS had a guest presenter from Truth Speaks, funded by the County to address over 50 youth in the district with regards to remaining motivated and overcoming life challenges. It was a great turnout and the youth had a great time participating.

**Paulsboro** – Agency has a contracted level of service of up to 50 youth annually in their Alternative Program and is currently serving 9 with 4 entering recently. All 9 students are doing well currently. Two students were recently recognized with the Renaissance Award. This award is given to student who go above and beyond achieving good grades, attendance and school behavior. This also comes with special incentive throughout the year for its achievement, specifically a breakfast with the principal. This is the first time both students have gained the award.

**Woodbury - GALS / Blues Brothers** – Agency reports this time of year we try to both celebrate and give back with our Blues Brothers and GALS students. We are fortunate in that some of our kids get to partner with the AOK Foundation, a local non-profit, that teaches kids the value of giving rather than receiving. GALS student were able to participate in a program where they were given a small budget to go and purchase gifts to give to their family and loved ones. This partnership has been going on several years now and is a highlight of the school year for our GALS students. Our other students held their end of the year Pizza Parties where they reminisced on the year and reflected on their goals for next year and made Holiday Cards to give to the local Assisted Living Community. All and all programs in each elementary school buildings are running at full capacity with great participation by both students and staff alike.

**United Advocacy Group** – No report.

**YMCA** – Programming will be expanding to include all Gloucester County High-school students in 2026, with the goal of keep teenage youth occupied and in a safe space during non-school hours.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**DHSS** – DHSS Director reported, on behalf of Deputy Director Jim Jefferson and the GC Commissioner Board, we would like to thank you for your hard work and service/dedication to the Youth Service Commission.

**Adjourn** – Emily K moved, Ken R seconded, and the YSC meeting adjourned at 4:15 PM.

**Future meeting Dates (Meeting are held 3pm at 115 Budd BLVD West Deptford, 08096 GC Offices, in the lagre conference area.)**

**2026 Tentative:** *Feb 18 April 22 June 24 Aug 26 Oct 21 Dec 16*