

Sussex County Youth Services Commission

Meeting Date: September 17, 2025	Platform: Virtual-Zoom	Called to Order: 12:33pm
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Honorable D. Mikulka | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Christine Florio | <input type="checkbox"/> Ingrid Vaca-Bullaro |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dawn Carruth | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nick Kapatenakis | <input type="checkbox"/> Kristen Lauber |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Julia Zimmerman | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jill Cerullo | <input type="checkbox"/> Shannon Larrow |
| <input type="checkbox"/> James Villano | <input type="checkbox"/> Anthony Mauceri | <input type="checkbox"/> Elizabeth Plavnicky |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeff Wilk | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jen Colville | <input type="checkbox"/> Debbie Berry-Toon |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jill Space | <input type="checkbox"/> Janel St. Croix | <input type="checkbox"/> Haley McCracken |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sahil Kabse | <input type="checkbox"/> Brittany Perna | <input type="checkbox"/> Michele Wolf |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karl Hauck | <input type="checkbox"/> Brittany Brusberg | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jenn Wroblewski |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dan Palazzo | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief Jeff McCarrick | <input type="checkbox"/> Margaret Pittaluga |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shaun Russell | <input type="checkbox"/> Paige Dewald | <input type="checkbox"/> Amanda Catizone |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Melissa McCurry | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beth Rodgers | <input type="checkbox"/> Lisa Lombardo |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ben Davey | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kim Johnson | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marissa DeOliveira |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cindy Armstrong | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rachel Helt* | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alyssa Fiedorczyk |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gayle Carrick | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adam Kendler | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diahann DeRuggiero | <input type="checkbox"/> Tracy Cappicille |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gus Modla | <input type="checkbox"/> Massiel Sanabria | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Debbie Keiper | <input type="checkbox"/> Jim Mahoney | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maria Augustowicz | |

Ex Officio: Jeena Williams Natalie Roca Kristen Turtur Lawanda Lewis
 Guests: Jessica Raczyk, Kaitlyn Decker, Ashlen Gec, Deanne Reiger, Diane Paz

Ms. Helt announced that this is an open public meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES*: July 16, 2025

<i>*Quorum</i>	<i>Motion</i>	<i>Second</i>	<i>Abstentions</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Colville	Florio		

TOPIC OF THE MONTH: CFPC Presentation

NEW BUSINESS: none

OLD BUSINESS: 2025 JDAI Innovations executed award notice has not been received to date. Ms. Turtur has requested a formal letter be drafted by the SCYSC if not received by the next meeting in October. The 2026 Plan update and innovations have been sent to the YJC for approval

UPDATES/ STRUGGLES AND SUCCESSES: (See attached statistical report for the numbers)

County Reports:

Department of Health and Human Services: Public Health Nursing’s Mobile Clinic on the road by end of the year, Flu Clinic scheduling is on county website, the pantry is a recipient of Shoprite’s Partner’s in Caring Food Drives as the need continue.

Division of Community & Youth Services (CYS): Skylands Ride public hearing is at 12pm tomorrow, Sunday extension pilot program will begin September 28 through Skylands Connect

Sussex County Detention Alternatives (SCDA): Youth confidence closet has inventory and used frequently by program youth.

Department of Education/County Superintendent’s Office: no report

Sussex County Chief’s Association/Prosecutor’s Office: no report for this month by prosecutor’s office. The chief’s association has been prioritizing school safety and security. Sparta held its annual junior police academy with 75 recruits. Sparta had 12 station house adjustments and zero arrests in 2024, and in 2025 to date there’s been one station house adjustment and 4 arrests (DWI, 2-Poss Child pornography, cyber-harassment). Sparta’s biggest event, Hanging with Heros is October 17 from 6p-9p and will include a food drive, open to community, last year between 500-600 people attended.

Department of Children & Families (CIACC): Coordinators and the state have not met since the spring. There are numerous leadership changes at the state level. The next meeting is in November.

Education Partnership (EP): Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 24 at 2pm virtually

Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC): no report

Division of Child Protection & Permanency (DCPP): As the school begins again, the office is getting busier. Mr. Davey is attending a new training program with services moving from office to office specific to a regionalized service. What that will look like will be shared at a later date.

Mobile Response/Family Crisis Intervention Unit (MRSS/FCIU): statistics

Caring Partners (Morris/Sussex CMO): statistics

Family Partners (Morris/Sussex FSO): statistics

Regional Coalition: The annual What's your anti-drug (4-12) /What makes you happy (K-3) campaign goes through November 3, it's in its 25th year and averages 500 entries. A new youth magazine that's been created highlights various youth written articles, events, contest winners, etc. Youth were sent a survey to create a name for the magazine. Contest judging is November 5 at the Romano Center. Middle School Youth Summit is October 15 at Sussex Tech, adult volunteers are needed.

NJ-JJC Youth Services Commission (YSC): nothing further to report

Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC): nothing to report this month

Morris County Youth Shelter/Juvenile Detention Center (YS/JDC): statistics

Probation: statistics

Family Division (Intake & JCC): statistics

Family Court funding: Substance Use Treatment Program: CFPC: Alcohol and Marijuana use remain prevalent; the waiting list has been exhausted, new adolescent outpatient group to begin for Tuesday evenings. School primary prevention programming to begin.

State/Community Partnership funding: Think, Act, Grow Program: CFPC: The program is struggling with new referrals and is hoping the start of the school year will bring more referrals. Staff continue to diligently outreach to schools and police departments. School primary prevention programming to begin.

Council on Juvenile Justice System Improvement (CJJSI/JDAI): the next meeting is to be determined

Innovations Sub-Committee: nothing further to report

Probation Sub-Committee: Probation has been able to give incentives and complete family engagement projects through CFPC up fronting the cost (reimbursement awaits the award) for the summer. Eight youth and their families received Sussex County Miners tickets, promoting family engagement.

Open Discussion: Ms. Turtur introduced 2 budget modification requests from CFPC to move funding from one area of the continuum to another for the remainder of the year. This adjustment will not affect the total allocations for both programs. A formal vote will take place in October due to receiving the requests after the agenda release for this month.

PSS shared their upcoming events and programs. Baby and Parenting Fair tomorrow 1p-3p. 24/7 Dads support program is new. Youth Corps enrollment open. Career and Health Fair on October 27, vendor tables welcome. Holiday toy shop registration is coming up, any agency wanting to add resources to the registration bags should supply PSS with 1500 copies by November 1.

Please refer to the Bulletin and Handouts for upcoming events that are open to the community.

Handouts/Attached Documents: Agenda, Statistics Report, Mtg Minutes, Bulletins

MEETING ADJOURNED: Motion to adjourn at: 1:23pm Motion- Davey Second-Colville

The next SCYSC meeting is **IN-PERSON** One Spring St, Newton on October 15, 2025 at 1:30pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Kristen M. Turtur

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Date