

**MINUTES**  
**MORRIS COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (YSAC)**  
**Morris County Human Services Building, 340 West Hanover Avenue, Ground Floor**  
**Conference Room, Morristown, New Jersey**  
**April 18, 2013**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Juli Harpell-Elam at 2:31 PM. Members present:

Terry Belske	Linda Wolk
Claudia Salomon	Laurie Becker
Maria Augustowicz	Tina Bibbo
Ingrid Vaca-Bullaro	Jill Cerullo
Lila Bernstein	Jessica Mondino
Juli Harpell-Elam	Beth Jacobson
Sylvia Lippe	Kimberly Johnson
Lashone Murphy	David Johnston
Neville Newton	Kathy Leonard
Linda Seeley	Frank Pinto
Jaime Simon	Laura Siemonsma-Bertelli

Guests: Heidi Brotzman, Carolee Marano, Allison Zeis, Kathy Pross, Gary Rosenberg, Tara Legates, Matthew Chodosh, Liz Manley

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of member Claudia Salomon, seconded by member Jill Cerullo, the committee approved the minutes of the March 21, 2013 regular meeting.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Liz Manley from the Children's System of Care (CSOC) attended the meeting to discuss the changes at CSOC. The biggest change is the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) transition which started in October 2012 with 450 youth. In January 2013 the remaining 15,500 youth transitioned to CSOC. Only 3,500 of these were known to CSOC before hand. Some of the services provided to these youth are family support, which are services to support the parent/caregiver, respite, home health care, summer camp, home renovations, and a fixed budget. Right now CSOC is working on 650 summer camp applications. This provides financial support for families to send their children to summer camp. This is open for any youth determined eligible by DDD.

In regards to a question of age cut off, when a child turns 18 they have to go through a financial eligibility process to determine if they are eligible for Medicaid. Youth under 18 do not have to be Medicaid eligible. If they are under 18 then CSOC determines eligibility, if they are 18 and up DDD determines eligibility for services. 18-21 year olds can receive services until their 21<sup>st</sup> birthday; if they have Medicaid then they can continue after 21. In order to receive services after age 21 the individual must be Medicaid eligible. PerformCare has an application that is filled out while on the phone with parent.

In regards to DDD consultants (not called case workers), CSOC currently has 5 consultants and will be hiring more. They are case managers that came from DDD, their case loads consist of about 100 kids each, however this should be reducing soon. Their role is to help connect families to in or out of home services. They go out on visits. They are only located in Trenton for now but CSOC is working on acquiring more locations. CSOC did not get the waiting list of youth waiting for services from DDD, therefore they had to start over. CSOC struggled at first with data from DDD, but they have finally

gotten all of the files they need and had to restart all lists. They now have lists which are broken down by each service. When a slot opens they go to the list and find a person from the lists. The lists are driven by need. They can also find out from their computer program how long a family has been on the waiting list. All of the files are computerized and made from the family support application (which is filled out by PerformCare with parent at first call). This means all families need to contact PerformCare to fill out application to begin services. YSAC will eventually get data about the Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) services in our county.

The addiction services will be transitioning to CSOC on July 1. This will be a very small transition compared to DDD. The full addiction services will not be transitioning, only under 18 at first. There are 16 contracts as well as the South Jersey Initiative. Most contracts are residential but some are also outpatient. Chapter 51 will not be a part of the transition. CSOC wants to work directly with the county on how to move youth throughout the system. The ultimate goal is to have beds filled and place youth in the right place at the right time. PerformCare will look at full continuum at time of application and will connect to the appropriate services based on this application. If a child is recommended for substance abuse treatment the parent will call PerformCare (the same as with mental health) and PerformCare will assess if they have enough information to make a clinical determination. If there already is an assessment PerformCare will not recreate it. ASAM (American Society of Addiction Medicine) Placement Criteria will be included as part of the triage process (at the initial call). CSOC will identify one staff member to work with the county regarding the addictions transition. This person will be available to be contacted for information by the counties. CSOC is looking at the transition of 18 -20.99 year olds from Adult Mental health, but currently there is no data for this age group.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **2014 GIA-Youth Services and JJC Funding Priorities**

Jessica Mondino presented the 2014 GIA-Youth Services and JJC Funding Priorities. After brief discussion, Linda Seeley motioned and Sylvia Lippe seconded for the JJC Funding Priority to be approved; Linda Seeley motioned and Maria Augustowicz seconded for the GIA Funding Priority to be approved. All in favor, none opposed, and none abstained.

## **STATE AND COUNTY REPORTS**

### **Juvenile Justice Commission**

No Report

### **Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P)**

Dave Johnston reported that Morris DCP&P had a total of 221 referrals, Morris East 86; 68 Child Protective Services (CPS), 18 Child Welfare Services (CWS). Morris West 135; 106 CPS, 32 CWS. Morristown had the most referrals with 20, followed by Dover with 19 and Mt. Olive and Roxbury with 18.

Dave Johnston also reported that a Child Well Being Survey was conducted in all 50 states with 7 different areas. New Jersey was number 1 followed by Massachusetts and New Hampshire at 2 and 3. The Northeast and Midwest were ranked the best while the South and Southwest rank lower.

### **Department of Children and Families (DCF)**

No report

## **Youth Services Coordinator Report**

Jessica Mondino reported that there are two ideas as to how to use the Missing and Exploited Children's Fund. One is through probation for "Sexting" education and the second is for a training about fire setting and our Juvenile Firesetter Prevention Program. Ms. Mondino also reported that the county is still awaiting the award letter from the JJC. Therefore, 1<sup>st</sup> quarter reports can not yet be put into JAMS. Once the award is entered into JAMS Jessica will let everyone know that they can submit their reports.

## **Aging In/Out Task Force**

Beth Jacobson reported that the committee met on April 16, 2013. There was a case review from CMO based on an 18 year old with developmental Disabilities in Greystone. Peggy Waller from Daytop also did a presentation about their 18-27 year old outpatient program. The next meeting is July 16, 2013 at 10am at DCP&P.

## **Juvenile Detention Center/Youth Shelter**

The JDC currently has 14 residents, 12 Male, 2 Female. 6 are from Morris, 3 are from Sussex, 1 is from Hunterdon and 4 are from Warren.

The Shelter currently has 5 residents, 3 Male, 2 Female. 1 is from Morris, 3 are from Sussex and 1 is from Warren.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Planning**

Kim Johnson reported that the subcommittee met on Monday April 8, 2013

Jessica Mondino reported that the CIACC met on 3/15. Liz Manley discussed summer camp and issues with transitioning. Any families that haven't received information should contact Perform Care to reapply for services. The Children's System of Care expects the substance abuse transition to roll out more smoothly on July 1. They requested input from the counties on information and data we want reported. The committee will discuss this at the next meeting.

Ms. Mondino also reported that the System Review Committee is experiencing some issues with CCIS attending the meetings. A formal letter was sent on behalf of the committee.

The committee discussed the 2014 Priorities Summaries for Youth Services, as well as the 2014 plan and application which will be released on April 15. Monitoring meetings were also discussed and will be set up within the next few months.

Next Meeting: Monday May 13, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at the Morris County Department of Human Services, Morristown.

### **Systems Review**

Ingrid Vaca-Bullaro reported.

The February 2013 minutes were reviewed and approved.

### **Community Reports:**

**Care Management Organization** –CMO's current census is 197.

**Youth Case Management** –

**Sussex** – Sussex County YCM started February with 103 and received 8 referrals: 6 from Needs Assessments, 1 Community, 1 Mobile. They opened 10, closed 23, and had 2 decline services. They ended the month with 83.

**Morris** – Morris County YCM received 25 new referrals during the month (2-Community, 7-Parent, 1-Needs Assessments, 7-DCP&P and 4-MRSS). They ended the month with 126 cases. YCM transitioned 19 families. YCM worked with 150 families throughout the month of February.

**CCIS** – No report.

**Mobile Response & Stabilization Services** – Mobile Response received 51 calls which resulted in 43 dispatches. Of those dispatches, 30 were in Morris and 13 were in Sussex. MRSS transitioned 35 and had 84 families in stabilization at the end of the month. There were 9 school referrals, 7 of which were from Morris, 2 of which were from Sussex

Morris County service gaps were more PHP and IOP programs that offer transportation and accept Medicaid.

**Family Support Organization** – FSO received 5 referrals, provided 24.30 support group hours, and has 90 active families. There were 18 warm line contacts, 335.90 hours of peer support, 25 youth in the Youth Partnership and 69 people attending support groups.

**Division of Child Protection & Permanency** – Morris East had 96 referrals – 73 CPS and 23 CWS; Morris West had 134 referrals - 109 CPS and 25 CWS, for a total of 230 in Morris County. Mt. Olive had the most referrals with 30, followed by Morristown with 25, Dover with 24, Parsippany with 16 and Roxbury with 14

Sussex County had 84 referrals – 70 CPS and 14 CWS.

Dave Johnston spoke about the Task Force on Helping Youth Thrive in Placement.

<http://www.state.nj.us/dcf/adolescent/TaskForceHYTIP.pdf>

Jeena Williams reported about an RFP for A Pregnant or Parenting Teen program. The RFP closes May 14

<http://nj.gov/dcf/>

**Division of Developmental Disabilities** – Jeena Williams announced that the round table discussions between DCF and DDD will reconvene.

**Children's System of Care** – CIACC met on 3/15. Liz Manley discussed summer camp and issues with transitioning. Any families that haven't received information should contact to Perform Care to reapply for services. CSoC expects the substance abuse transition to roll out more smoothly on July 1. They want input from the counties on information and data we want reported.

**Morris County Youth Shelter** – There are 5 youth in the Youth Shelter at the current time, 4 male and 1 female. There is 1 from Morris County 2 from Sussex County, 1 from Somerset County and 1 from Warren County.

**Morris Juvenile Detention Center** – There are 13 youth in the Detention Center, 11 male 2 female; 4 from Morris, 3 from Sussex, 1 from Hunterdon and 3 from Warren. The Center served 18 youth during

the month of January; 12 were on formal Probation, 3 were CMO cases, 3 were YCM, and 2 were DCP&P. The average length of stay was 11 days, and 9 of the 18 were there more than once. Destination upon release: 10 home; 1 house arrest; 1 Jamesburg; 1 inpatient; 2 Shelter, 2 County jail and 1 other County JDC

**Sussex County Home Detention Program** – There are currently 3 males in the Home Detention Program. 1 Post Disposition, 1 Awaiting Disposition and 1 Waiting for Inpatient. February's average was 1.7

**Probation** –

**Sussex** – There is a current census of 100, 35 Deferred, 65 Formal Supervision

**Morris** – As of Feb 1, 2013, there were 64 pending cases. During the month of Feb, 2013, 104 cases were added, including 6 violations of probation. 90 cases were disposed of in the following manner: 19 cases were adjudicated delinquent, 17 cases were diverted to the Juvenile Conference Committee, 21 were diverted to an Intake Service Conference, 22 were transferred to other counties, 3 cases were waived to Criminal Court, 3 cases were dismissed and 1 case was deactivated.

Total active and inactive cases as of Feb 28, 2013 was 109.

As of March 21, 2013, there were 246 juveniles under Probation Supervision, with 131 juveniles on Formal Probation and 115 under Deferred Status.

It was reported that station house adjustment numbers are up.

**JJC** – No report.

**Aging Out/Aging In Task Force** – Beth Jacobson reported that the committee will meet on April 16 at the DCP&P office. There will be a case review from the CMO.

**System Struggles** – Dave Johnston reported a struggle with CCIS not attending our monthly system meetings. Barbara Miller will draft a formal letter to send to CCIS.

**System Successes** – Jeena Williams and Dave Johnston reported a success they had with a client who has significant delays, and is almost an adult. Mom has been reaching out for help, she found a placement out of state and the system is helping to facilitate this.

**Case Review:** The group discussed a case that involved many Sussex and Morris agencies. A plan was drafted to be put into place later that day at court.

**Open Discussion:** No additional discussion.

**New Business and Announcements** – None.

\*Next Meeting is scheduled for April 22, 2013 at Caring Partners in Mount Arlington at 9:30 am.

**Legislative**

Jessica Mondino reported that the subcommittee met on April 9, 2013.

There were no updates on the currently tracked legislation; however there are four new bills that the committee will begin following.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 9, 2013 at 10 AM at the Morris County Department of Human Services, Morristown.

### **Juvenile Firesetter Prevention Program**

Jessica Mondino reported that the subcommittee met on April 11, 2013.

One (1) youth is pending and evaluation and one (1) youth is pending education. The committee discussed putting together training in the fall for all of the different agencies that are utilizing or can utilize the firesetter program.

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 13 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at the Morris County Department of Human Services, Morristown.

### **Disproportionate Minority Contact**

Jessica Mondino reported that the subcommittee met on April 2, 2013.

The committee discussed the “Stop and Frisk” law in NYC. Chris Burkhart handed out stats broken down by each county on DMC issues. The committee also discussed having a public defender attend one of our meetings to answer some questions; we will come up with formal questions at the next meeting. The issue of needing more law enforcement on the committee was also discussed.

Next Meeting: July 2, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. at the Morris County Department of Human Services, Morristown.

### **Education Partnership**

Maria Augustowicz reported that the subcommittee met on March 28, 2013.

The next training will be April 24, 2013 at the Public Safety Academy. It will be a resource fair and update on the changes to the Children’s System of Care.

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 6, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. location DCP&P.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business at the time.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business at the time.

### **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*\*All hand outs will be redistributed via e-mail.*

Laurie Becker announced that 19th Annual Public Mental Health Forum, "Many Faces of Recovery: The Importance of Connections" will be held on June 11 from 5:30pm-8pm at the Frelinghuysen Arboretum

19th Annual Public Mental Health Forum, "Many Faces of Recovery: The Importance of Connections"

**DATE** Tuesday, June 11, 2013  
**TIME** 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm EDT  
**WHERE** [Frelinghuysen Arboretum](#)  
[Haggerty Center](#)  
[353 East Hanover Ave](#)  
[Morristown, NJ](#)  
**AUDIENCE(S)** Caregivers, Families, General Public, Parents, Professionals, Public Officials, Veterans  
**ORGANIZATION** Mental Health Substance Abuse Advisory Board  
**TYPE OF EVENT** Education  
**NOTES** Mental health consumers, family members, public officials, providers, clients and system advocates are invited to participate in this forum, which includes: A public comment forum of your local human services system, what is working or can be improved, testimonies from individuals who have utilized system resources and presentations, Self-Help resources, local connections and information.

Lashone Murphy from The Neighborhood House informed the committee that their director, David Walker, has resigned. She also announced they would be having their summer camp program this year.

Jamie Simon announced that Community Hope will be hosting a Wellness Forum and Wellness Fair on May 16 from 9am-4pm

Juli Harpell-Elam announced that on June 7 JBWS and DCP&P will be holding a conference on Domestic Violence. They will also be hosting a Makeover contest with Mary Kay.

[http://www.jbws.org/documents/friends\\_of\\_JBWS\\_makeover\\_flier.pdf](http://www.jbws.org/documents/friends_of_JBWS_makeover_flier.pdf)

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment at the time.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 16, 2013 at 2:30 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At approximately 3:48pm, Member Jill Cerullo moved to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Mondino  
Youth Services Coordinator

*Original is signed and kept on file at the office of the Division of Behavioral Health and Youth Services.*