

MINUTES
MORRIS COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (YSAC)
Division of Child Protection and Permanency Office,
201 Littleton Rd Morris Plains, New Jersey
May 16, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chairperson Ingrid Vaca-Bullaro at 2:32 PM. Members present:

Rose Marie Kill	Sandra Gogerty
Maria Augustowicz	Beth Jacobson
Ingrid Vaca-Bullaro	Dave Johnson
Lila Bernstein	Kimberly Johnson
Sylvia Lippe	David Johnston
Neville Newton	Kathy Leonard
Susan O'Donnell	Frank Pinto
Linda Wolk	Laura Siemonsma-Bertelli
Tina Bibbo	Jeena Williams
Jessica Mondino	

Guests: Heidi Brotzman, Tara Legates, Matthew Chodosh

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of member Maria Augustowicz, seconded by member Sylvia Lippe, the committee approved the minutes of the April 18, 2013 regular meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

No presentations.

ACTION ITEMS

No action items.

STATE AND COUNTY REPORTS

Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC)

The JJC currently has 5 Juveniles, one of which is in Pinelands.

Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P)

Dave Johnston reported that Morris DCP&P had a total of 248 referrals, Morris East 107; 76 Child Protective Services (CPS), 31 Child Welfare Services (CWS). Morris West 105; 69 CPS, 36 CWS. Mt. Olive had the most referrals with 21, followed by Morristown with 19 and Dover with 18.

Department of Children and Families (DCF)

Jeena Williams reported that an RFP for a Youth Advisory Board has been released; it will be closing on June 6. More information can be found at nj.gov/DCF providers and notices.

Youth Services Coordinator Report

Jessica Mondino reported that the JJC Award letter was received, signed by the Freeholders and returned to the JJC for signatures from the Attorney General's Office. JAMS is now open for 2013 1st quarter reports. There have been a few changes to the upcoming YSAC meetings, June will be held at DCP&P and September will be moved to Sept 5 to approve the 2014 Plan and Application. Ms. Mondino also passed around the site review sign up sheet.

Aging In/Out Task Force

Beth Jacobson reported that the next meeting will be July 16, 2013 at 10am at DCP&P.

Juvenile Detention Center/Youth Shelter

The JDC currently has 5 residents, 3 Male, 2 Female. 1 is from Morris, 0 are from Sussex, 1 is from Hunterdon and 3 are from Warren.

The Shelter currently has 9 residents, 6 Male, 3 Female. 5 are from Morris, 3 are from Sussex and 1 is from Warren.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning

Kim Johnson reported that the subcommittee met on Monday May 13, 2013

The committee discussed the timeline for the Plan and Application.

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

Systems Review

Ingrid Vaca-Bullaro reported.

The March 2013 minutes were reviewed and approved.

Community Reports:

Care Management Organization – CMO received 240 new referrals, 4 14-day plans and ended the month with a total of 413 cases.

CCIS – Currently 18 residents. Census has been running in the high teens all month. Currently there are 17 partial care clients.

Mobile Response & Stabilization Services – Mobile Response received 67 calls which resulted in 60 dispatches. Of those dispatches, 38 were in Morris and 22 were in Sussex. MRSS transitioned 70 and had 81 families in stabilization at the end of the month. There were 9 school referrals, 8 of which were from Morris (Frelinghuysen, Butler HS, Hunterdon Learning Center, Randolph Middle School, Riverdale Middle School, Hill View Elementary and Franklin Elementary), 1 of which was from Sussex (Sparta High School). Identified service gaps in Morris County were: more services for children on the autism spectrum and who have developmental disabilities; more services for the autistic population; anger management groups that accept Medicaid and offer transportation; PHP/IOP for adolescents with

private insurance (there are waiting lists in the community); therapy services for the hearing impaired; social skills groups for children with autism.

Identified service gaps in Sussex County were more services for children with autism. 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 86 referrals – 68 CPS and 18 CWS; Morris West had 135 referrals - 106 CPS and 32 CWS, for a total of 221 in Morris County.

Sussex County had 109 referrals – 83 CPS and 26 CWS.

Division of Developmental Disability – no report

Children’s System of Care – The Children’s System of Care held a special meeting on the 16th to discuss transition issues. The meeting focused mostly on the upcoming addition of addiction services to the DCF array of services, and they clarified that the only substance abuse services moving under the DCF umbrella are the 16 contracts currently active under DAS. The State has also clarified the scope of services to the Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities populations to re-iterate that there are no new services for these clients. Again, it was a matter of moving existing services from one State agency to another. Long-term expansions of services are being explored but will not be available in the immediate future.

Morris County Youth Shelter – No report

Morris Juvenile Detention Center – There were 10 residents served in March, 8 Probation and 2 CMO. County break-down: Morris County – 5 males, 1 female; Sussex County – 2 males, 1 female; Warren County – 1 male; Hunterdon County – 1 male. 3 were released home, 4 to inpatient, and 1 to other county JDC. Average stay was 14 days, and 3 out of 10 were repeaters.

Sussex County Home Detention Program – There are currently 4 males in the Home Detention Program and 2 males in the Home supervision Program; 3 pre-adjudication and 3 awaiting disposition. March’s average was 3.65, all males.

Probation –

Sussex – There is a current census of 93, 36 Deferred, 57 Formal Supervision

Morris – As of 3/1/13, there were 78 pending cases. During the month of March, 82 cases were added, including 4 violations of probation. 79 cases were disposed of in the following manner: 20 cases were adjudicated delinquent, 11 cases were diverted to the Juvenile Conference Committee, 26 were diverted to an Intake Service Conference, 12 were transferred to other counties, 1 case was dismissed and 2 cases were deactivated.

Total active and inactive cases as of March 31, 2013 was 111.

As of 4/18/13, there were 232 juveniles under Probation Supervision, with 55% of juveniles on Formal Probation and 4 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 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.

System Struggles – Mobile Response and Stabilization Services is currently struggling with a case with an I/DD client that was recently hospitalized at CCIS and was recommended for placement. They were referred to UCM and they are currently in-home with ICS/Respite. Despite their dual diagnosis they have to be evaluated separately for UCM level of care. The child's 8 weeks of MRSS was up on March 31st, MRSS was asked by Wyndee Davis from the State to extend their case; however there is no way of billing, therefore the client is not reimbursable and the services provided are costly. Apparently this scenario is occurring throughout the State, and MRSS is hoping that a solution will be developed and the children with dual diagnoses will be able to move through the system with more ease in the future.

System Successes – MRSS reviewed a case of a juvenile that was at the Shelter and multisystem involved, specifically shelter, MRSS and DCP&P. The systems partners worked together to return the child, with the father to their state of residence.

Case Review: No additional case review

Open Discussion: No Report

New Business and Announcements – No Report

*Next Meeting is scheduled for May 28, 2013 at Caring Partners in Mount Arlington at 9:30 am.

Legislative

Dave Johnson reported that the subcommittee did not meet in May.

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 did not meet in May.

One (1) youth is pending an evaluation and two (2) youth are pending education.

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

Disproportionate Minority Contact

Dave Johnson reported that the subcommittee did not meet in May

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 did not meet in May

A cross training was held on April 24, 2013 at the Public Safety Academy. The training consisted of 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 at 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.*

Sylvia Lippe passed out two flyers for Family Services of Morris County. One for an adolescent social anxiety group and one about their overall services. (Attached)

Linda Wolk from Daytop handed out pamphlets for their Day School (Attached)

Lila Bernstein spoke about an Empowering Youth conference that she attended in Essex County. Ms. Bernstein thought this was something we could look into bringing to Morris County.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at the time.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 20, 2013 at 2:30 PM at DCP&P.

ADJOURNMENT

At approximately 2:58pm, Member Ingrid Vaca-Bullaro 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.