

MINUTES
MORRIS COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (YSAC)
Division of Child Protection and Permanency Office,
201 Littleton Rd Morris Plains, New Jersey
June 20, 2013

The meeting was called to order by YSAC Member Linda Seely at 2:36 PM. Members present:

Rose Marie Kill	Jessica Mondino
Claudia Salomon	Sandra Gogerty
Maria Augustowicz	Beth Jacobson
Michelle Bordon	Dave Johnson
Diana Cirillo	Kimberly Johnson
Sylvia Lippe	David Johnston
Lashone Murphy	Kathy Leonard
Susan O'Donnell	Frank Pinto
Linda Seely	Laura Siemonsma-Bertelli
Tina Bibbo	Jeena Williams

Guests: Heidi Brotzman, Tara Legates, Matthew Chodosh, Carolee Marano, Gary Rosenburg

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of member Rose Marie Kill, seconded by member Susan O'Donnell, the committee approved the minutes of the May 16, 2013 regular meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

No presentations.

ACTION ITEMS

No action items.

STATE AND COUNTY REPORTS

Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC)

No report

Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P)

Dave Johnston reported that Morris DCP&P had a total of 257 referrals, Morris East 107; 82 Child Protective Services (CPS), 25 Child Welfare Services (CWS). Morris West 150; 114 CPS, 36 CWS. Morristown had the most referrals with 24, followed by Dover with 21 and Parsippany and Mt. Olive both with 19.

Department of Children and Families (DCF)

Jeena Williams reported that a Request For Qualifications (RFQ) for an in home provider for DDD services was on the DCF website. (NJ.gov/DCF)

Youth Services Coordinator Report

Jessica Mondino reported that 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. Also the extra planning meetings that were originally planned are not needed. The scheduled meetings are now July 15 at 12pm at the shelter and August 12 at 10am at 30 Schuyler Pl, and then back to the regular schedule. Ms. Mondino also passed around the site review sign up sheet.

Aging In/Out Task Force

Beth Jacobson reported that the July 16, 2013 meeting was cancelled and the next meeting will be October 15, 2013

Juvenile Detention Center/Youth Shelter

The JDC currently has 10 residents, 10 Male, 0 Female. 6 are from Morris, 1 is from Sussex, and 3 are from Warren.

The Shelter currently has 12 residents, 8 Male, 4 Female. 7 are from Morris, 3 are from Sussex and 2 are from Warren.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning

Kim Johnson reported that the Subcommittee met on Monday June 10, 2013

The committee discussed the need for a Parent/Youth survey to be distributed before the planning can begin. The committee also discussed the summer planning meetings. It was decided 8 meetings were not needed. The scheduled meetings are now July 15 at 12pm at the shelter and August 12 at 10am at 30 Schuyler Pl , and then back to the regular schedule.

Next Meeting: Monday July 15, 2013 at 12:00 p.m. at the Morris County Youth Shelter

Systems Review

Jessica Mondino reported.

The April 2013 minutes were reviewed and approved.

Care Management Organization –CMO received 256 new youth 73 new referrals and 183 transfers, 5 14-day plans. They transitioned out 31 and ended the month with a total of 419 cases.

CCIS – No report

Mobile Response & Stabilization Services – Mobile Response received 73 calls which resulted in 69 dispatches. Of those dispatches, 46 were in Morris and 23 were in Sussex. MRSS transitioned 46 and had 104 families in stabilization at the end of the month. There were 11 school referrals, 8 of which were from Morris (Morris Knolls (2) Roxbury HS (2) Tinc. Rd Elementary, Lafayette Elementary, West Milford HS, Jefferson HS), 3 of which were from Sussex (Hopatcong Middle School, Fredon Elementary, Montague Elementary). Identified service gaps in Morris County and Sussex County were more services for children with autism.

Family Support Organization – FSO received 17 referrals, provided 37.75 support group hours, and had 77 active families. There were 50 warm line contacts, 366 hours of peer support, 30 youth in the Youth Partnership and 145 people attending support groups.

Division of Child Protection & Permanency – Morris East had 107 referrals – 76 CPS and 31 CWS; Morris West had 105 referrals - 69 CPS and 36 CWS, for a total of 212 in Morris County.

Sussex County – no report

Division of Developmental Disabilities – no report

Children’s System of Care – CSOC is getting ready for the July 1 transition. They have received a copy of the 16 contracts that will be transitioning. The CIACCs were given statistics from PerformCare. More details were requested.

Morris County Youth Shelter – There are 7 youth in the Youth Shelter at the current time, 5 male and 2 female. There are 2 from Morris County, 3 from Sussex County, and 2 from Warren County.

For the month there were 17 youth, 9 Morris, 5 Sussex and 3 Warren.

Morris Juvenile Detention Center – There were 8 residents served in March. 5 were released home, 2 to inpatient, and 1 on house arrest. The average stay was 12 days, and 4 out of 8 were repeats. Currently there are 6 youth in the Detention Center, 5 male, 1 female. 2 Morris, 1 Sussex, and 3 Warren.

Sussex County Home Detention Program – There are currently 2 males in the Home Detention Program; 1 awaiting disposition and 1 committed. April’s average was 5.97.

Probation –

Sussex – no report

Morris – As of April 1, 2013 there were 86 pending cases. During the month of April 62 cases were added, including 6 violations of probation. 58 cases were disposed of in the following manner: 17 adjudicated delinquent, 11 were diverted to the Juvenile Conference Committee, 6 were diverted to Intake Service Conference, 10 were transferred to other counties, 5 were waived to criminal court, 1 was transferred to another court, 3 were dismissed and 2 were deactivated.

Total active and inactive cases as of April 30, 2013 was 120.

As of May 23, 2013 there were 237 juveniles under probation supervision with 55% under formal Probation and 45% under deferred disposition.

JJC – no report

Aging Out/Aging In Task Force –The next meeting is July 16, 2013 at 10am at DCP&P.

System Struggles – FSO – Issues with screening at Morristown Memorial Hospital. The parent has to stay the entire time child is in screening which can be a very long wait.

System Successes – Kristen Thompson from the Sussex HDP had a success with a youth who was committed to 60 days and was able to step down to home supervision because he was doing so well. The goal was supposed to be residential but because he did so well on the program he is able to stay home instead of going to a residential.

Case Review:

There was a case review presented by Kristen Thompson

A.A. DOB:2/11/1998 15 years old

2/21-3/14/13 (22 child care days) remanded to the MCJDC for AWOL from New Hope

Residential

3/14-3/28/13 (15 child care days) transferred from MCJDC to the Youth Shelter

3/28-5/26/13 (60 child care days) commitment on SCHDP

Total child care days: 97 days in some level of “custody” for delinquency charges

Providers: Probation, UCM, DCP, CASA

1. Diagnosis: Sleep disorder, Depression, Bi-Polar, and ADHD, history of substance use
 - a. Has not been on medication since Youth Shelter release
 - b. No follow up Psychiatrist in place
2. Not receiving any form of education (traditional, home instruction)
 - a. School refuses traditional placement
 - b. Fearful for teachers to be alone with youth
3. Not receiving any form of substance abuse treatment
 - a. Recommendation/disposition for residential placement with substance abuse component
 - b. No funding available for IOP
4. Residential placement is goal
 - a. Due to mother’s illness, interviews had been cancelled/rescheduled, in addition to no immediate beds being available
5. Mother is extremely ill with blood infection
 - a. Physical abilities are extremely limited
 - b. In and out of hospital for blood transfusions
 - c. Will not re-admit herself to hospital for next transfusion because she does not want A going back in to Shelter

A plan was formulated between CMO, HDP and FSO.

*Next Meeting is scheduled for June 24, 2013 at Caring Partners in Mount Arlington at 9:30 am.

Legislative

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

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 June 13, 2013.

Three (3) youth are pending an evaluation and two (2) youth are pending education.

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 8, 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 June.

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

Education Partnership

Sandra Gogerty reported that the subcommittee met on June 6, 2013

The committee discussed the 2013-2014 school year training schedule.

Next Meeting: Thursday August 22, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. at 30 Schuyler Place.

OLD BUSINESS

Dave Johnston asked is anyone has had any experiences with the housing hub, Neville Newton responded that any time he has used it he has noticed that that some of the same kids have been on for a year or more and have had trouble with getting updated information and contacts.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business at the time.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Jeena Williams from DCP&P informed the committee that June 21st was “National Ask Day” which is a day that parents or caregivers are encouraged to talk to their children’s friend’s parents or caregivers about guns in their home.

Michelle Borden said that 70,0001 Jobs + has expanded their contract for next year to accommodate 8 more youth. CDBG awarded them money for scholarships for grades 10-12 to assist in getting through the GED exam and learn to prepare for the test for youth who are low income. Their highest referrals are from Dover. The Summer Youth program helps youth ready to get a job or improve their job. About 35 youth will be assisted in finding summer activities, job or internship.

Sylvia Lippe announced that Family Services of Morris County has changed their name to Cornerstone Family Programs and Morristown Neighborhood House is now a subsidiary. There will be no changes to their programs. Sylvia then spoke about their outpatient program. The program is an IOP for either children or adolescents ages 7-18. They meet on Monday, Wednesday and Thursdays from 4-630. There is a psychiatrist available on certain days. They can also provide an individual assessment at any time. There are plenty of openings at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at the time.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 5, 2013 at 2:30 PM at DCP&P.

ADJOURNMENT

At approximately 3:05pm, Member Michelle Bordon 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.