

MINUTES
MORRIS COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (YSAC)
Division of Child Protection and Permanency Office,
201 Littleton Rd Morris Plains, New Jersey
September 5, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Juli Harpell-Elam at 2:35 PM. Members present:

Rose Marie Kill
Maria Augustowicz
Ingrid Vaca-Bullaro
Juli Harpell-Elam
Sylvia Lippe
Linda Seely

Jessica Mondino
Beth Jacobson
Dave Johnson
Kimberly Johnson
David Johnston
Kathy Leonard

Guests: Heidi Brotzman, Erica Valvano, Tara Legates, Heidi Brotzman, Nancy Stecker, Naresh Patel

CLOSED SESSION

On motion by member Jill Cerullo, the closed session was called to order at 2:35 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

2014 Grant in Aid Funding Recommendations

All members that were in conflict left the meeting room in accordance with the Morris County Conflict of Interest Policy. The 2014 Grant in Aid Funding recommendations were distributed to the remaining committee members. After review and discussion, on motion by member Jill Cerullo and seconded by Dave Johnson, the 2014 Grant in Aid Funding recommendations were approved by the committee. All were in favor with one (1) abstention.

2014 Juvenile Justice Funding Recommendations

Family Court

All members that were in conflict left the meeting room in accordance with the Morris County Conflict of Interest Policy. The 2014 Family Court Services recommendations were distributed to the remaining committee members. The committee members reviewed the recommendations. After review and discussion, on motion by member Kimberly Johnson and seconded by Dave Johnson the 2014 Family Court Funding recommendations were approved by the committee. All were in favor with one (1) abstention.

State/Community Partnership

All members that were in conflict left the meeting room in accordance with the Morris County Conflict of Interest Policy. The 2013 State/Community Partnership Grant recommendations were distributed to the remaining committee members. The committee members reviewed the recommendations. After discussion, on motion by member Dave Johnson and seconded by Maria Augustowicz, the 2014 State/Community Partnership Funding recommendations were approved by the committee. All were in favor with one (1) abstention.

Juvenile Accountability Block Grant

All members that were in conflict left the meeting room in accordance with the Morris County Conflict of Interest Policy. The 2014 Juvenile Accountability Block Grant recommendations were distributed to the remaining committee members. After review and discussion, on motion by member Jill Cerullo and seconded by Maria Augustowicz, the 2014 Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Funding recommendations were approved by the committee. All were in favor with one (1) abstention.

2014 Comprehensive County Youth Service Plan Update

The 2014 Comprehensive County Youth Service Plan Update was reviewed and discussed. The planning subcommittee met over the summer months to complete the section of the Youth Service Plan Update. On motion by member Dave Johnson, seconded by Jill Cerullo, the 2014 Comprehensive County Youth Service Plan Update was approved by the committee.

2014 Juvenile Justice Commission Funding Application

Jessica Mondino gave a brief overview of what is included in the Juvenile Justice Commission Funding Application. The committee reviewed the application, and on motion by member Ingrid Vaca-Bullaro, seconded by Linda Seely, the committee approved the 2014 JJC Funding Application. All were in favor with no abstentions.

OPEN SESSION

The open session was called to order at 2:55 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of member Rose Marie Kill, seconded by member Maria Augustowicz, the committee approved the minutes of the June 20, 2013 regular meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

No presentations.

STATE AND COUNTY REPORTS

Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC)

No report

Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P)

Dave Johnston reported that since the meeting was being held in the beginning of the month he did not have stats for September.

Department of Children and Families (DCF)

Dave Johnston reported that an Aging Out /Permanency round table will be held in November across the state. The state is looking to implement a plan across the board.

Youth Services Coordinator Report

Jessica Mondino reported that now that everything had been approved by the YSAC the process would continue to the next step which will be approval by the freeholders.

Aging In/Out Task Force

Beth Jacobson reported that the next meeting will be October 15, 2013

Juvenile Detention Center/Youth Shelter

The JDC currently has 13 residents, 11 Male, 2 Female. 12 are from Morris, and 1 is from Sussex.

The Shelter currently has 4 female residents. 2 are from Morris, and 2 are from Warren.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning

Kim Johnson reported that the Subcommittee met on Monday July 15, 2013 and August 12, 2013

The subcommittee went over the 2012 recommendations, the 2013 provider/youth survey results and began working on the 2014 plan update

On August 12, the funding committee met and went over the recommendations for 2014 funding.

Next Meeting: Monday September 9, 2013 at 10am at The Morris County Department of Human Services, Morristown.

Systems Review

Ingrid Vaca-Bullaro reported.

The June 2013 minutes were reviewed and approved.

Community Reports:

Care Management Organization –CMO received 54 new referrals (34 Morris, 20 Sussex, transitioned 35 Morris and 8 Sussex, and ended the month with a total of 465 cases.

CCIS – No report.

Mobile Response & Stabilization Services – Mobile Response received 54 calls which resulted in 53 dispatches. Of those dispatches, 35 were in Morris and 18 were in Sussex. MRSS transitioned 68 and had 89 families in stabilization at the end of the month. There were 3 school referrals, 1 each from Morris Knolls, Hanover Park High School and Mt Olive High School. Identified service gaps in Morris County were more therapists that take Medicaid and more autism services.

Services gaps for Sussex County were more services for children with autism, a partial program in Sussex and groups to help children with divorce.

Family Support Organization – FSO received 50 referrals, provided 18.25 support group hours, and has 123 active families. There were 69 warm line contacts, 423.75 hours of peer support, 25 youth in the Youth Partnership and 85 people attending support groups.

Division of Child Protection & Permanency – Morris East had 83 referrals – 70 CPS and 13 CWS; Morris West had 136 referrals – 104 CPS and 32 CWS, for a total of 219 in Morris County.

Sussex County had 102 referrals – 82 CPS and 20 CWS.

Division of Developmental Disability – no report

Children’s System of Care – CSOC is still working on the addiction transition. The contracts that were transferred are on the perform care website.

Morris County Youth Shelter – There are 6 youth in the Youth Shelter at the current time, 2 male and 4 female. There are 2 from Morris County, 1 from Sussex County, and 3 from Warren County.

For the month there were 23 youth, 14 Morris, 4 Sussex and 5 Warren.

Morris Juvenile Detention Center – There are currently 12 residents at the JDC, 11 males and 1 female. There are 9 from Morris County, 1 from Sussex County, and 2 from Warren County.

Sussex County Detention Alternatives Program – There is currently 1 male in the Home Detention Program and 1 male in the Home Supervision Program; 1 HDP male is committed and 1 HSP male is pre-adjudicated and awaiting disposition. June’s average was 2.37.

Probation –

Sussex – There is a current census of 47, 29 Deferred, 18 Formal Supervision.

Morris – As of June 1, 2013, there were 74 pending cases. During the month of June, 81 cases were added, including 15 violations of probation. 76 cases were disposed of in the following manner: 26 cases were adjudicated delinquent, 8 were diverted to the Juvenile Conference Committee, 20 were diverted to the Intake Service Conference, 6 were transferred to other counties, 1 case was dismissed and 4 cases were deactivated.

The total number of active and inactive cases as of June 30, 2013, was 112.

As of July 18, 2013, there were 240 juveniles under Probation supervision, with 55 % of the juveniles under Formal Probation supervision and 45% under Deferred Status.

JJC – no report

Aging Out/Aging In Task Force – The July meeting has been canceled, so the next meeting is October 15, 2013 at 10am at DCP&P. The “Helping Youth Thrive in Placement” state task force will be applying for a federal grant.

System Struggles – Dave Johnston brought up some issues that have come up with CCIS in the past. The committee also discussed a specific current case. DCP&P and CSOC have concerns with youth being released in 7 days following serious cutting/suicide attempts. It was discussed that a meeting would be set up to discuss these concerns.

System Successes – Dave Johnston commended the shelter staff on the high numbers they have had and how well they have handled these numbers.

Barbara Miller informed the committee that on the Sussex county youth surveys one youth had thanked the DCP&P workers for everything they did for him.

Case Review: No additional case review

Open Discussion: n/a

New Business and Announcements – DCF fellows program 3rd round will begin in September and they are looking for 50 staff members to participate. The topic will be “Violence Against Women”

St Clares access to out patient services is immediate access as of right now.

*Next Meeting is scheduled for August 26, 2013 at Caring Partners in Mount Arlington at 9:30 am.

Legislative

Dave Johnson reported that the subcommittee met on July 9, 2013

The committee went over the current tracked legislature there were no new updates.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 8, 2013 at 10AM at the Morris County Department of Human Services, Morristown.

Juvenile Firesetter Prevention Program

Jessica Mondino reported that subcommittee did not meet in July or August.

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

Disproportionate Minority Contact

The subcommittee met on July 2, 2013.

The committee discussed different people that could be invited to the DMC meetings.

Next Meeting: October 1, 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 August 22, 2013

The first training of the school year will be held on October 9. The topic will be “The Juvenile Justice System”

Next Meeting: Thursday September 26, 2013 at 1:00pm at DCP&P.

OLD BUSINESS

Dave Johnston brought up an issue that has been discussed at Systems review for the past few months. There have been ongoing issues with CCIS. Susan Graham will be taking over for Tess Medina at CCIS and the system review members will be inviting her to attend the next meeting to discuss the ongoing issues. Dave will update after that meeting takes place.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business at the time.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sylvia Lippe handed out two new brochures from Cornerstone Family Programs, One about their Counseling Program and one about their Behavioral Health Services. (Attached)

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at the time.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 17, 2013 at 2:30 PM at 340 West Hanover Avenue.

ADJOURNMENT

At approximately 3:15pm, Member Linda Seely 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.