

MINUTES
MORRIS COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (YSAC)
Morris County Human Services Building, 340 West Hanover Avenue, Ground Floor
Conference Room, Morristown, New Jersey
November 21, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Juli Harpell-Elam at 2:34 PM. Members present:

Terri Belske	Neville Newton
Rose Marie Kill	Linda Wolk
Claudia Salomon	Jessica Mondino
Maria Augustowicz	Beth Jacobson
Ingrid Vaca-Bullaro	Dave Johnson
Lila Bernstein	Kimberly Johnson
Diana Cirillo	David Johnston
Juli Harpell-Elam	Kathy Leonard
Sylvia Lippe	Laura Siemonsma-Bertelli

Guests: Tara Legates, Matt Krauze, Lisa Villano

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of member Terri Belske, seconded by member Maria Augustowicz, the committee approved the minutes of the October 17, 2013 regular meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

No Presentations

STATE AND COUNTY REPORTS

Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC)

Dave Johnson reported that two (2) juveniles are awaiting transportation to Jamesburg, One was interviewed and one (1) is awaiting a PDR.

Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P)

Dave Johnston reported that Morris DCP&P had a total of 229 referrals, Morris East 93; 77 Child Protective Services (CPS), 16 Child Welfare Services (CWS). Morris West 136; 105 CPS, 31 CWS. Dover and Mt. Olive had the most referrals with 21, followed Randolph with 18.

Department of Children and Families (DCF)

Dave Johnston reported that November is National Adoption month. Adoption day in Morris County will be held on November 22. 39 adoptions have been finalized for 2013.

DCP&P is still awaiting the appointment of a new Morris West manager.

Public Notices on the DCF website, there is and RFP for Sandy Recovery life skills. One time \$90,000 due 12/20

Youth Services Coordinator Report

Jessica Mondino discussed the changes to the 2014 Committee Dates, these changes include the April YSAC moved to 4th Thursday 4/24/14, Extra Planning meetings will be added between April – July, The September YSAC will be earlier or we will meet in Aug, DMC has been changed to the first Wednesday, Legislative and DMC have been decreased to 3 meetings a year and Firesetters has been decreased to 4 meetings a year. Ms. Mondino also informed the committee that reappointments would be done in January and if you do not wish to be reappointed to let her know.

Aging In/Out Task Force

Beth Jacobson reported that the next meeting will be January 21, 2013.

Juvenile Detention Center/Youth Shelter

The JDC currently has 25 residents, 17 Males, 1 Female. 17 are from Morris, 4 from Sussex, 3 from Hunterdon and 2 from Warren.

The Shelter currently has 9 residents, 5 male and 4 female. 6 are from Morris, and 1 from Sussex, 1 from Warren and 1 from Middlesex.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning

Subcommittee did not meet in November.

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

Systems Review

The systems review committee met on October 28, 2013

Care Management Organization – CMO ended August with 441 youth (277 from Morris, 164 from Sussex). They received 35 youth in September, 20 from Morris and 15 from Sussex. 32 youth were transitioned (23 Morris, 9 Sussex). They ended September with 444 youth, 274 Morris and 170 Sussex.

At the end of August, there were still 15 youth who had been referred for 14-day plans (12 Morris, 3 Sussex), and 8 more were received in September (4 each from Morris and Sussex). 4 youth referred as 14-day plans transitioned, all from Morris. At the end of September, there were 20 youth with 14-day plans, 13 Morris and 7 Sussex.

CCIS – For September, CCIS had 38 admissions, 22 Morris and 16 Sussex.

Mobile Response & Stabilization Services – Mobile Response received 59 calls which resulted in 54 dispatches. Of those dispatches, 34 were in Morris and 24 were in Sussex. MRSS terminated 24 and had 87 families in stabilization at the end of the month. There were 10 school referrals, 7 Morris and 3 Sussex.

Family Support Organization – Family Partners received 14 referrals in September, provided 11.75 support group hours to 128 participants, and provided 462.50 hours of peer support. There were 120 active CMO families, 18 youth in the Youth Partnership, and 57 warmline contacts.

Division of Child Protection & Permanency – Morris East had a total of 88 calls – 9 CWS, 79 CPS; Morris West had 125 calls – 31 CWS, 94 CPS; Sussex had 98 calls – 21 CSW and 77 CPS.

The Sussex County Quality Review was completed, and they did well in several categories, including Safety. The team determined that Sussex County needs improvement in the areas of teaming and resource availability.

Children’s System of Care – CIACC is meeting this morning to discuss the formation of Education Partnerships. The plan is to have DCF and DOE encourage school systems in counties where partnerships do not exist to support the creation of partnerships. The next CIACC meeting is in November, report to follow.

Morris County Youth Shelter – no stats recorded.

Morris Juvenile Detention Center – There are currently 12 residents at the JDC, all male. There are 7 from Morris County, 2 from Sussex County and 3 from Hunterdon. For the month there were 10 youth, 4 male and 6 female. 8 were from Morris, 1 from Sussex and 1 Middlesex.

Sussex County Detention Alternatives Program – There are currently 3 males in the Home Detention Program and 1 youth in the Home Supervision Program; 2 HDP clients are awaiting disposition, 1 is committed and 3 are pre-adjudicated and awaiting disposition. The HSP client is pre-adjudicated and awaiting disposition. September’s average daily census was 2.2.

Probation –

Sussex – There is a current census of 83; 28 Deferred, 55 Formal Supervision.

Morris – As of September 1, 2013, there were 147 pending cases. During the month of September, 90 cases were added; 45% of the total cases were deferred. 67 cases were disposed of in the following manner: 20 cases were adjudicated delinquent, 13 were diverted to the Juvenile Conference Committee, 20 were diverted to the Intake Service Conference, and 1 case was dismissed.

JJC – no report

Aging Out/Aging In Task Force - A representative from the Morris County Mental Health Association discussed the problems facing people with mental health issues who are no longer eligible for placement in the juvenile system but who really aren’t appropriate for adult placements. They really have no other options. In addition, if they can get supplemented housing, the requirements are for single occupancy, for which many of them are also not ready.

The next meeting is January 21, 2014 at 10am at DCP&P.

System Struggles – None were raised.

System Successes – Morris County JDC and Family Intervention Services had a meeting with Judge Wright to discuss 14-day plans, needs assessment and psychiatric evaluations to help further his understanding on ordering the appropriate service for youth coming before him. They are going to provide a worksheet explaining these services and the differences between them to assist him.

Case Review: - Updating last month’s case, the youth and family are transitioning to CMO.

Open Discussion: A letter to Alan Vietze expressing concerns about the lack of intermediate care beds to help youth transition from CCIS to placement when there are no openings for them to move into placement. Betty will gather some stats on how many of these cases CCIS has seen in the last year, and Barb will draft a letter for Betty, Dave, Tara and Gianine to review and finalize as soon as those stats are available.

New Business and Announcements – Barb presented the 2011-2013 attendance/stats awards to FIS, DCP&P, JDC, and Morris County Probation, along with some stats showing data trends over the course of the three year period. These will be updated and presented periodically to help the team see more clearly what has been happening across a period of years.

Ingrid talked about Creative Heartworks groups for girls, and said that they need more referrals. Copies of the flyers were distributed and Ingrid will also email the announcement out to help partner agencies make referrals and encourage participation.

Kristen announced the up-coming Battle of the Bands to take place at Sussex Tech on Saturday, Nov. 2.

The next meeting will be on November 25, 2013 at Caring Partners in Mount Arlington at 9:30 am

Legislative

The subcommittee did not meet in November.

Next Meeting: January 14, 2014 at the Morris County Department of Human Services, Morristown.

Juvenile Firesetter Prevention Program

The Subcommittee did not meet in November.

Next Meeting December 12, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at the Morris County Department of Human Services, Morristown.

Disproportionate Minority Contact

The subcommittee did not meet in November.

Next Meeting: February 5, 2014 at the Morris County Department of Human Services, Morristown.

Education Partnership

The subcommittee did not meet in November.

The next training will be held on December 11, 2013. The topic is “Getting Proper Services”

Next Meeting: TDB

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business at the time.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Terri Belske informed the committee that she was now on the Mental Health Association's Board of Directors. Terri also asked about the mental Health First Aid Training

Beth Jacobson reported that there would be a webinar on Medicaid and SSI on 12/11 at 6:30-7:30pm

Juli Harpell-Elam announced that there was an event called "Shop for a Cause" it will be held at Randolph High School.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at the time.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 16, 2014 at 2:30 PM at 340 West Hanover Avenue.

ADJOURNMENT

At approximately 3:10pm, Member Linda Wolk 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.