

MINUTES
MORRIS COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (YSAC)
Morris County Human Services Building, 340 West Hanover Avenue, Ground Floor
Conference Room, Morristown, New Jersey
January 16, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Juli Harpell-Elam at 2:37 PM. Members present:

Terri Belske	Susan O'Donnell
Rose Marie Kill	Matt Krauze
Claudia Salomon	Linda Wolk
Meredith Reilly	Carolee Marano
Maria Augustowicz	Jim Saylor
Ingrid Vaca-Bullaro	Laurie Becker
Lila Bernstein	Barbara Allen
Michelle Borden	Jessica Mondino
Diana Cirillo	Sandra Gogerty
Juli Harpell-Elam	Dave Johnson
Sylvia Lippe	David Johnston
Neville Newton	Laura Siemonsma-Bertelli

Guests: Tara Legates, Matthew Chodosh, Evelyn Ortiz

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of member Dave Johnson, seconded by member Jim Saylor, the committee approved the minutes of the January 16, 2014 regular meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

No Presentations

ACTION ITEMS

2014 Fact Sheet

Juli Harpell-Elam presented the 2014 YSAC Fact Sheet.

2014 YSAC Chair Vote

Nominated parties were asked to exit the room for voting and discussion. Member David Johnson presented the 2014 YSAC Chair position. Juli Harpell-Elam was nominated to a 2014 term as Chair. After discussion, on motion by member David Johnson, the committee approved the 2014 YSAC Chair position. (16-Aye; 0-Nay; 2-Abstain) Member David Johnson presented the 2014 YSAC Co-Chair nomination. Ingrid Vaca-Bullaro was nominated to a 2014 term as Co-Chair. After discussion, on motion by member David Johnson, the committee approved the 2013 YSAC Co-Chair position. (16-Aye; 0-Nay; 2-Abstain)

2014 Subcommittee Sign Ups

Jessica Mondino briefly described each of the YSAC subcommittees and their meeting dates and time. The sign up sheets were sent around through the committee.

STATE AND COUNTY REPORTS

Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC)

Jim Saylor reported that there are (8) active juveniles from Morris County in the JJC. Three (3) are committed to Jamesburg, three (3) are in residential programs, two (2) are on parole and one (1) will be entering a fields program.

Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P)

Dave Johnston reported that Morris DCP&P had a total of 201 referrals, Morris East 80; 64 Child Protective Services (CPS), 16 Child Welfare Services (CWS). Morris West 121; 97 CPS, 24 CWS. Morristown and Mt. Olive had the most referrals with 16, followed by Randolph with 14.

Department of Children and Families (DCF)

Dave Johnston spoke about the Youth Permanency Project (hand outs). He also reported that the Youth Advisory Board RFP was awarded to Rutgers. There will be 15 boards for 21 counties.

Youth Services Coordinator Report

Jessica Mondino discussed the committee dates for 2014 as well as the biographical profile. Laurie Becker spoke about the DCF initiative to address homelessness through the aging in/out task force. (letter attached)

Aging In/Out Task Force

Laurie Becker reported that the next meeting will be January 21, 2013 at 10am at DCP&P.

Juvenile Detention Center/Youth Shelter

The JDC currently has 17 residents all Males. 13 are from Morris, 3 from Sussex and 1 from Warren.

The Shelter currently has 7 residents, 6 male and 1 female. 6 are from Morris, and 1 is from Hudson.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning

Subcommittee met on January 13, 2014

The committee discussed the timeline for the 2015-2017 Plan and Application.

Next Meeting: Tuesday February 10, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the Morris County Department of Human Services, Morristown.

Systems Review

System Review did not meet in December

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

Legislative

Subcommittee met on Tuesday January 14, 2014

The committee went through the tracked legislature and decided which to continue to follow and get more information on.

Next Meeting: Tuesday May 13, 2014 at 10 AM at the Morris County Department of Human Services, Morristown.

Juvenile Firesetter Prevention Program

Subcommittee met on December 12, 2013

There are currently four (4) youth pending evaluation and education.

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 13, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the Morris County Department of Human Services, Morristown.

Disproportionate Minority Contact

The subcommittee did not meet in December

Next Meeting: February 5, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. at the Morris County Department of Human Services, Morristown.

Education Partnership

The subcommittee met Thursday January 16, 2014.

Next Meeting: TBD

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.*

Michelle Borden announced that New Bridge would be partnering to provide 5 days of trainings to clinicians who want to work with veterans and their families. This is being sponsored by Johnson and Johnson.

Carolee Marano from DAWN reported that they have a 72 hr comprehensive life skills program for youth with disabilities, 504 or IEP coming to Morris, Sussex and Warren Counties at the end of February. They have also collaborated with DVRS For the "It's All About Work" Program. It is a two tier program available for schools to purchase. It is reasonably priced.

Ingrid Vaca-Bullarro brought up that Katie Couric acknowledged the excellent services in New Jersey especially citing Mobile Response.

Rose Marie Kill announced that Ginnie's House is hoping to do another benefit in the summer.

Juli Harpell-Elam discussed The Superbowl and Human Trafficking issue. There will be a candle light vigil at St Elizabeth's on wed January 22. Ms. Harpell-Elam also discussed the Soap Project which is being done through the NJ Coalition on Human Trafficking. The coalition will be bringing soap with information about how to get help to all of the hotels around the stadium area. You can volunteer to help deliver the soap on January 26th and 27th. <http://www.njhumantrafficking.org/>

Lila Bernstein reported that there would be an open forum to educate providers about what happens with youth around the super bowl. (Date and time to follow)

Dave Johnson discussed the DCF response; they will be having "Say Something" assemblies at St Elizabeth's for surrounding middle and high schools. DCF will also be opening safe houses during this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at the time.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 20, 2014 at 2:30 PM at 340 West Hanover Avenue.

ADJOURNMENT

At approximately 3:20pm, Member Dave Johnston 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.