

**MINUTES**  
**MORRIS COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (YSAC)**  
**Morris County Human Services Building, 340 West Hanover Avenue, Ground Floor**  
**Conference Room, Morristown, New Jersey**  
**February 20, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Juli Harpell-Elam at 2:33 PM. Members present:

Terri Belske	Tina Bibbo
Rose Marie Kill	Jessica Mondino
Maria Augustowicz	Sandra Gogerty
Juli Harpell-Elam	Beth Jacobson
Susan O'Donnell	Dave Johnson
Linda Seely	Kimberly Johnson
Matt Krauze	David Johnston
Linda Wolk	Kathy Leonard
Carolee Marano	Laura Siemonsma-Bertelli
Heidi Brotzman	Samantha Denegri
Jim Saylor	

Guests: Tara Legates, Kathy Defillipo, Tracy Monfre, Lisa Villano, Kathy Pross, Jennifer Amaya

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of member Susan O'Donnell, seconded by member Terri Belske, the committee approved the minutes of the January 16, 2014 regular meeting.

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

Each member spoke briefly about their agencies and services.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

No action items

#### **STATE AND COUNTY REPORTS**

##### **Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC)**

Jim Saylor reported that there are (5) active juveniles from Morris County in the JJC. There was one (1) new placement into a fields program.

##### **Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P)**

Dave Johnston reported that Morris DCP&P had a total of 241 referrals, Morris East 103; 74 Child Protective Services (CPS), 19 Child Welfare Services (CWS). Morris West 138; 104 CPS, 34 CWS.

##### **Department of Children and Families (DCF)**

Dave Johnston reported that Commissioner Allison Blake met with the area DCP&P directors and outlined the 2014 priorities.

- Continue to focus on DDD as well as Substance Abuse transition

- Enhance relationship between DCP&P and CMO
- Continue adolescent work through AOS
- More focus on early childhood education
- Recommitment to case management model
- Changing focus to permanency cases vs. just intake child stats.
  - A case will be randomly selected to dissect monthly
- Establish qualitative review process within CSOC

Current RFPS, which can be found at [www.njgov/dcf/notices](http://www.njgov/dcf/notices), are; The provision of intensive in home individualized behavioral intervention supports and services for children with I/DD closing March 11, The provision of intensive in home individualized clinical and therapeutic supports and services for children with I/DD closing March 11 and Respite services For Families of Children with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (ID/ DD) closing February 28.

### **Youth Services Coordinator Report**

Jessica Mondino discussed presentations for upcoming YSAC meetings. March will be Lesley Frost from the NJ Coalition against Human Trafficking, Family Link who provide Early Intervention services to children birth to 3 who have a developmental delay or disability, and Debi Roelke “A Home Within” which is a group of mental health professionals who volunteer to see one foster child in weekly therapy free of charge are also on the list. A JDAI presentation and also a presentation from “Street Smart” was requested.

Ms. Mondino also spoke about the priority planning surveys. They will be emailed out on Monday February 24 and are due back May 2. It was suggested that this survey be made available in Spanish. This will be looked into for next year.

Ms. Mondino has received phone calls from United Way asking for help identifying how many families in the Northern New Jersey region are currently seeking supportive housing for their children with special needs. They were able to identify that 8,000 families statewide fall into this category, but are hoping to identify a resource that might identify the same information for the region, or by county. Lastly a Bullying/Sexting education program through probation was discussed. The Missing and Exploited Children’s fund will be utilized for this program.

### **Aging In/Out Task Force**

Beth Jacobson reported that the February meeting was cancelled due to snow. It will be rescheduled soon and DCP&P will present a case study.

### **Juvenile Detention Center/Youth Shelter**

The JDC currently has 18 residents 16 Males and 2 Females. 10 are from Morris, 2 from Sussex, 5 from Hunterdon and 1 from Warren.

The Shelter currently has 8 residents, 5 male and 3 female. 5 are from Morris, 1 is from Essex, 1 is from Hunterdon and 1 is from Hudson.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Planning**

Subcommittee met on February 10, 2014

The committee updated the priorities survey for the 2015-2017 plan.

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

### **Systems Review**

System Review met on January 28, 2014

Community Reports:

Care Management Organization – CMO ended November with 467 youth (299 from Morris, 168 from Sussex). They received 50 new youth, 36 from Morris and 14 from Sussex. 45 youth were transitioned (36 Morris, 9 Sussex). They ended December with 472 youth, 299 Morris and 173 Sussex.

CMO ended November with 28 14-day plan youth – 22 from Morris, 6 from Sussex. During December, they received 2 14-day plans from Morris, none from Sussex. 5 Youth with 14-day plans were transitioned, 4 Morris and 1 Sussex. They ended December with 25 14-day plan youth, 19 Morris and 6 Sussex.

CCIS – No report.

Mobile Response & Stabilization Services – Mobile Response received 70 calls in November which resulted in 65 dispatches. Of those dispatches, 41 were in Morris and 24 were in Sussex. MRSS terminated 38 and had 146 families in stabilization at the end of the month. There were 15 school referrals, 12 Morris and 3 Sussex. Morris County referrals came from Riverdale ES, John Hill MS, Roxbury HS, Butler HS, Headstart (4), Morristown HS, Sage Day, Cornerstone, and Chester M. Stevens. Sussex referrals came from Halsted MS, Kittatinny RHS and Sussex County Charter School.

During December, there were 40 calls with 38 dispatches, 28 of which were Morris, 10 of which were Sussex. They terminated 64, and had 122 in stabilization at the end of the month. There were 8 school referrals, 6 Morris and 2 Sussex. Morris referrals came from St. Peter's Prep, Morristown HS, Morris Hills HS, Roxbury HS, Roxbury Day Care Center, and Pompton Plains. Sussex schools were Sparta Middle School and McKeown School.

No service gaps were identified for either county for November or December.

Family Support Organization –

Child Protection & Permanency – Morris East had a total of 80 calls – 16 CWS, 64 CPS; Morris West had 121 calls – 24 CWS, 97 CPS. Sussex had 75 calls – 16 CWS and 59 CPS.

In response to the Super Bowl, DCF has set up a Safe House in Bergen County for potential victims of human trafficking. The AG's office is also sponsoring three Say Something forums, one being held for high school students at St. Elizabeth's College in the afternoon of January 27th. Also, CP&P is holding its annual Aging Out Don't Miss Out event for Morris and Sussex Counties in March. This event is designed to make sure that youth who are aging out of CP&P are aware of all their service options.

Children's System of Care – The most recent statewide CIACC meeting was focused on the development of Education Partnerships.

At the Directors meeting, it was reported that spec and PCS beds were at capacity. However, meet and greets with youth will continue in order to be ready when beds become available. PerformCare has been asked to do a quality review for out-of-home agencies.

An RFP will be issued for trauma-focused RTC level of care and additional spec beds.

CSOC is also looking to develop a 30-day diagnostic service for I/DD youth with behavioral issues.

They have also developed needs assessments that are specific to youth with substance abuse issues and youth with I/DD issues.

Morris County Youth Shelter – There are 8 youth in the Youth Shelter at the current time, 7 male and 1 female. For the month, there were 16 youth in the Shelter, 13 of which were Morris, 1 from Hunterdon, 1 from Warren and 1 from Hudson.

Morris Juvenile Detention Center – There are currently 12 residents at the JDC, 11 male and 1 female. There are 7 from Morris County, 3 from Sussex County and 2 from Warren. For the month, there were 19 youth. Discharges were: 11 to home, 1 to inpatient, 1 to house arrest and 5 to the Shelter. 7 out of the 19 had been there more than once, and the average length of stay was 11 days.

Sussex County Detention Alternatives Program – There are currently 2 males in the Home Detention Program, both pre-adjudicated. The HSP client is pre-adjudicated and awaiting disposition. December's average daily census was 4.

Probation –

Sussex – There is a current census of 69; 21 Deferred, 48 Formal Supervision.

Morris – As of November 1, 2013, there were 122 pending cases. During the month of November, 42 cases were added, including 4 violations of probation. A total of 72 cases were disposed of in the following manner: 38 cases were adjudicated delinquent, 4 cases were diverted to the Intake Service Conference 6 cases were transferred to other counties and 17 cases were either dismissed, consolidated or withdrawn. A total of 2 cases were inactivated.

The total active and inactive cases as of November 30, 2013, were 115.

As of December 1, 2013, there were 93 pending cases. During the month of December, 79 cases were added, including 3 violations of probation, 3 cases that were received from other counties and 1 case that was reactivated. A total of 65 cases were disposed of in the following manner: 25 cases were adjudicated delinquent, 10 cases were diverted to the Juvenile Conference Committee, 19 cases were diverted to the Intake Service Conference 3 cases were transferred to other counties and 2 cases were either dismissed, consolidated or withdrawn. 1 case was inactivated.

The total active and inactive cases as of December 31, 2013 was 130.

JJC – 4 Morris County youth, all in programs.

Aging Out/Aging In Task Force - Liz Manley discussed issues facing I/DD youth aging out of CSOC who are finding themselves ineligible for the same level of care under DDD. Laurie Becker is also trying to get adult providers to participate in the Task Force, which is currently mostly aging out with little aging in.

System Struggles – Length of stay in CCIS, which will be discussed by the ad hoc sub-committee following the main meeting.

System Successes – The CMO and CP&P worked in coordinating an appropriate community placement for a youth who was initially in a program that was too independent for his needs. A more suitable placement was located, and the youth was accepted into it.

Case Review: - No case review

Open Discussion: None.

New Business and Announcements – Morris County Education Partnership is holding an event on February 12th designed to connect domestic violence services with schools. Sussex County Education Partnership is working with the Mental Health Board's Education and Awareness Committee to gain greater access to schools.

\*Next Meeting is scheduled for February 24, 2014, at Caring Partners in Mount Arlington at 9:30 am.

### **Legislative**

Subcommittee did not meet in February

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

### **Juvenile Firesetter Prevention Program**

Subcommittee did not meet in February

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 8, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the Morris County Department of Human Services, Morristown.

### **Disproportionate Minority Contact**

The subcommittee did not meet in February

Next Meeting: June 4, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. at the Morris County Department of Human Services, Morristown.

### **Education Partnership**

The subcommittee met Thursday January 16, 2014.

A training was held on February 12, 2013 At DCP&P. The topic was Domestic Violence. JBWS presented.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 27, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. at the 30 Schuyler Place.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Dave Johnston reminded the committee of the “Say Something” assembly that was being held at St. Elizabeth’s. They had 150 youth attend, however they were all from the Passaic County Tech School. There were not Morris County schools in attendance.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Beth Jacobson informed the committee that she was working on the Addictions Plan and would like to use the YSAC as a focus group.

**GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

Heidi Brotzman announced that MCPIK along with other supporters are hosting an event on April 24 called Project Purple with Chris Herren a former Boston Celtic. (Flyer Attached)

Kathy Leonard from Family Intake reported that there were some changes in the court. Judge Collister will be handling the juvenile cases and Judge Enright would be the back up. Judge Bogard will handle DCP&P East Cases.

Tracy Monfre from St. Clare’s announced that they have a free parenting and violence prevention program for ages 0-8. Safe Start (Flyers attached, English and Spanish)

Dave Johnston informed the committee that the week of February 24<sup>th</sup> would be their annual Qualitative Review.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment at the time.

**NEXT MEETING**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

At approximately 3:15pm, Member Jim Saylor moved to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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*Original is signed and kept on file at the office of the Division of Behavioral Health and Youth Services.*