

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

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

Terri Belske	Jim Saylor
Rose Marie Kill	Tina Bibbo
Claudia Salomon	Barbara Allen
Maria Augustowicz	Jessica Mondino
Ingrid Vaca-Bullaro	Beth Jacobson
Lila Bernstien	Dave Johnson
Juli Harpell-Elam	Kimberly Johnson
Neville Newton	Kathy Leonard
Linda Seely	Laura Siemonsma-Bertelli
Matt Krauze	Samantha Denegri
Carolee Marano	

Guests: Tara Legates, Jennifer Amaya, Derek Pivko

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of member Terri Belske, seconded by member Linda Seely, the committee approved the minutes of the January 16, 2014 regular meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

Jennifer Amaya from Street Smart spoke about their program.

- Street Smart is part of Somerset house in Bridgewater.
- They received federal money to combat human trafficking
- The Morris location is at 175 Washington St Morristown
- Takes 13-21 years of age (sometimes take older)
- Help with job prep, housing, GEDs Ect
- Help to prevent youth homelessness
- Human trafficking is a big issue in Morris County because of the large number of undocumented youth and the language barrier
- 24/7 outreach, always in pair of 2, and always on call
- 13-17 years old are reported to DCP&P
- 18 and older can enter into the program on their own
- They have a shelter (houses 16), group home(houses 16, 4 emergency beds and 2 transitional living programs which house 5 each..
- The average shelter stay is 2 months
- The average TLP stay is up to a year
- At the TLP they are required to have a job is they do not attend school
- They do not turn anyone away because of age. If the program can not serve them then they will refer the youth to another program.
- The shelter does not take firesetters, sexual offenders, or pregnant youth.
 - Males and females are separated
 - Transported to and from school

- 13-17 are home schooled if not in school
 - Youth with physical disabilities are referred to a place that can serve them
- Large population of LGBTQ
 - State and federally funded
 - Somerset home has different funders
 - Will set youth up with Medicaid if uninsured
 - Have had 8 calls already in the 4 days they have been opened in Morris
 - Somerset house is located in 7 different counties

ACTION ITEMS

2015 GIA-Youth Services and JJC Funding Priorities

Jessica Mondino presented the 2015 GIA-Youth Services and JJC Funding Priorities. After brief discussion, Dave Johnson motioned and Jim Saylor seconded for the GIA Funding Priority to be approved; Claudia Salomon motioned and Lila Bernstein seconded for the JJC Funding Priority to be approved. All in favor, none opposed, and none abstained.

STATE AND COUNTY REPORTS

Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC)

Jim Saylor reported that there are (5) active juveniles from Morris County in the JJC. Three (3) are on probation, two (2) are committed/on parole, and one (1) will be released in April. All males

Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P)

No Report

Department of Children and Families (DCF)

No Report

Youth Services Coordinator Report

Jessica Mondino discussed the Sexting/Cyber-bullying Education program that is being developed in Morris County.

Aging In/Out Task Force

Beth Jacobson reported that Jeena Williams from DCP&P presented a case study and the meeting was focused on youth homelessness, which will be our focus for the year. The committee will be putting together a report at the end of the year.

Juvenile Detention Center/Youth Shelter

The JDC currently has 13 residents all male. 8 are from Morris, 3 from Sussex, 1 from Hunterdon and 1 from Warren.

The Shelter currently has 12 residents, 7 male and 5 female. For the month they had 19, 12 from Morris, 2 from Sussex, 2 from Warren, 1 from Hudson, 1 from Hunterdon and 1 from Passaic.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning

Subcommittee met on March 10, 2014

The committee updated the JJC and GIA funding priorities for 2015.

Next Meeting: Monday April 7, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. at the Morris County Department of Human Services, Morristown.

Systems Review

System Review met on February 24, 2014

Community Reports:

Care Management Organization – CMO ended December with 473 youth (300 from Morris, 173 from Sussex). They received 58 new youth, 39 from Morris and 19 from Sussex. 40 youth were transitioned (20 Morris, 20 Sussex). They ended January with 491 youth, 319 Morris and 172 Sussex.

CMO ended December with 25 14-day plan youth – 19 from Morris, 6 from Sussex. During January, they received 7 14-day plans from Morris, none from Sussex. 2 Youth with 14-day plans were transitioned, 2 Morris and 0 Sussex. They ended January with 30 14-day plan youth, 24 Morris and 6 Sussex.

CCIS – CCIS had a total of 99 admissions, 6 readmissions, and 85 discharges for January. Of those 30 admissions and 2 readmissions were from Morris County. They have 2 youth that are awaiting placement: 1- 17 year old female and 1- 7 year old female.

Mobile Response & Stabilization Services – Mobile Response received 76 calls in January which resulted in 65 dispatches. Of those dispatches, 42 were in Morris and 23 were in Sussex. MRSS terminated 53 and had 145 families in stabilization at the end of the month. There were 12 school referrals, 7 Morris and 5 Sussex. Morris County referrals came from Morristown HS, Pompton Plains HS, Jefferson HS, MT: THBV, Chatham, And Academy Street School, Mt Arlington. Sussex referrals came from Hamburg MS, Vernon HS and Newton HS.

No service gaps were identified for either county for January.

Family Support Organization – No Report

Child Protection & Permanency – No Report

Children's System of Care – Jessica Mondino reported that CSOC opened a 10 bed program for youth involved with human trafficking in a confidential location.

Morris County Youth Shelter – There are 8 youth in the Youth Shelter at the current time, 5 male and 3 female. 5 of which were Morris, 1 from Hunterdon, 1 from Essex and 1 from Hudson.

Morris Juvenile Detention Center – No report

Sussex County Detention Alternatives Program – There is currently 1 male in the Home Detention Program and 1 Male in the Home Supervision Program, 1 pre-adjudicated and awaiting disposition and 1 committed. January's average daily census was 3.

Probation –

Sussex – Total 64; formal probation 45, deferred 19.

Morris – No report

JJC – 1 from Sussex, 7 or 8 from Morris

Aging Out/Aging In Task Force - Jessica Mondino reported that the February meeting was cancelled due to snow. It will be rescheduled soon and DCP&P will present a case study.

System Struggles – Nacie Arnold from the youth shelter brought up several struggles

- Substance evaluations that are court order, there is no one to do them. The only options are Willow tree which is \$230 and only take private insurance and Treatment Dynamics, who do not take Medicaid. Can we look into funding through the JJC funding?
- Parents/caregivers involvement with court, they are not following through on things such as clothing and filling out paperwork. How can we get them to complete the things that need to be done? Sussex has the same issue.
- Youth being given different levels of care, shopping for level to fit into opened beds, instead of following one specific recommendation. Miguel Amador noted issues finding an actual program to meet the recommendations. There is a lack of beds due to an increase of need.

System Successes – Nacie Arnold - Judge Collister is back (on recall) and has started 2 week shelter reviews again.

Kristen Thompson – a previous case study (TD) is back on HDP and has made it to silver level.

Case Review: - No case review

Open Discussion: Kristen Thompson asked for clarification from MRSS, if a youth is on home detention and there is a situation at home and CMO is involved. CMO has to agree to MRSS involvement because CMO has its own on call response. If there is an issue worker would call perform care and – CMO/Mobile will figure it out. Are police required to call MRSS when there is a family crisis? MRSS is doing a lot of outreach to police departments and also have a good relationship with many of them already.

New Business and Announcements – None at this time

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

Legislative

Subcommittee did not meet in March

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 March

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 March

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 February 27, 2014.

The next training will be April 9, 2014 at the Public Safety Academy. Patty Tomaszewski, Executive Director of The Upper Delaware GLBT Center, Inc. will be presenting. The title of the training will be LGBTQ 101: Cultural Competency When Working with LGBTQ Youth. She will provide an overview, discuss how to help create safe environments for youth, discuss strategies, provide resources, etc.

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 15, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at 340 West Hanover Ave.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Lila Bernstein told everyone to make sure they take aging out books

Rose Marie Kill asks how the committee could get more family members involved.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Terri Belske announced that the Morris County Mental Health Pubic Forum would be on June 17 at the arboretum from 5:30-8. There is also a wellness fair at the Parsippany PAL.

Carolee Marano from DAWN reported that they were hosting a “Navigating Your Future” event at Morris Knolls high school on Saturday 3/22 starting at 8:30am. For students with I/DD transitioning from school life to adult life.

Beth Jacobson reminded everyone about Project Purple on April 24 at Mt Olive Performing Arts.

Ingrid Vaca-Bullaro from FIS handed out cards with the schedule for their training facility. She also announced that FIS received a grant from TD Bank to run parenting groups for 8 weeks in the dover area, in late April or May.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at the time.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 24, 2014 at 2:30 PM at 340 West Hanover Avenue.

ADJOURNMENT

At approximately 3:20pm, Member Linda Seeley 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.