

Youth Services Advisory Committee

Minutes

August 18, 2011

Attendance: Rose Marie Kill; Patty Tomaszewski; Ingrid Vaca-Bullaro; Michelle Borden; Juli Harpell-Elam; Steve Neblett; Tammy Rosenthal; Linda Seeley; Linda Wolk; Jim Saylor; Christopher Burkhart; Kathleen Leonard.

Guests: Dr. Frank Mattiace, New Pathways Counseling Services; Allen Bradley, New Pathway Counseling Services.

Morris County Department of Human Services Staff: Rachelle Farese; Elizabeth Jacobson.

Welcome

- Meeting called to order at 2:35 PM by Linda Seeley.

Minutes

- Minutes were reviewed and approved with one (1) revision. Patty Tomaszewski was in attendance at the June meeting. Her name is to be added to attendance.
 - Motion: Michelle Borden; 2nd: Tammy Rosenthal

Presentations

- **New Pathway Counseling Services** Dr. Frank Mattiace and Allen Bradley
 - New Pathway Counseling Services, Student Outreach Athletic Recovery (SOAR) Program is a family based substance abuse outpatient treatment program in Pine Brook. The program is a minimum of twelve (12) weeks with group and individual counseling, physical activity and family counseling. However, the average youth is in the program for up to twenty four (24) weeks including aftercare and mentorships.
 - The program is a DYFS licensed provider, accepts private insurance and has a sliding scale fee. They currently do not accept Medicaid. All counselors are DAS licensed. The cost is \$25 per four (4) hour session (1 day). The facility is open seven (7) days per week. Youth can utilize the facility even if they are not attending counseling. Youth can continue to use the facility after they complete the program as long as they take drug tests and remain clean.
 - The exercise program includes weight/resistance training, boxing, martial arts and aerobic/flexibility training.

Action Items

- No action items.

State Reports

- **Juvenile Justice Commission** Jim Saylor
 - In the past month, one (1) youth was committed to the NJ Training School for Boys. One (1) youth will be returning to community within the next month.
- **Division of Youth and Family Services** Rachelle Farese
 - In July, Morris East received eighty (80) referrals (65-CPS & 15-CWS). Morris West received 109 referrals (89-CPS & 20-CWS).
- **Department of Children and Families** Jeena Williams
 - No report.

Sub-Committee Reports

- Subcommittee reports were reviewed with updates. For a copy, please contact Rachelle Farese.

Community Reports

- No community reports at this time.

Old Business

- No old business at this time.

New Business

- No new business at this time.

General Announcements

- No general announcements at this time.

Public Comment

- No public comment at this time.

Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:15 pm.