

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 16, 2012

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

Terri Belske	Kathleen Leonard
Tina Bibbo	Elizabeth Manley
Jill Cerullo	Neville Newton
Juli Harpell-Elam	Claudia Salomon
David Johnson	Abdul Staten
Rose Marie Kill	Linda Wolk

Also in attendance:

Laura Budnick, New Alliance Academy
Lisa Villano, Saint Clare's Behavioral Health
Kimberley Snow, Family Support Organization
Samuel Rodriguez, Health First NJ
Dr. Gary Rosenberg, Saint Clare's CCIS

Staff in attendance:

Rachelle Farese

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of member Terri Belske, seconded by member Claudia Salomon, the committee approved the minutes of January 19, 2012 regular meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

Ms. Daniele Elizaire, Project Coordinator, from Morris County Prevention is Key (MCPIK) presented the STRYDES Program to the group. MCPIK received a grant from the Juvenile Justice Commission, Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Office to initiate a program that addresses disproportionate minority contact within Morris County. The STRYDES Program was developed to address and eradicate the issue of minority involvement with the juvenile justice continuum in Morris County. The program has multiple components including life skills programming, mentoring and parent/family strengthening programs. The programs are designed to get the youth involved to consider the consequences of their actions and also increase family involvement, since understanding the family dynamic is a key in working with the youth. Referrals are welcome from all agencies working with youth. Another key to the program is to provide technical assistance through trainings to the community. In October 2011, MCPIK partnered with the DMC subcommittee to hold a Cultural Competency Training at the Morris County Public Safety Training Academy. The training was given by Patrick Fennell and there were probation officers, juvenile officers, police chiefs and care managers in attendance. MCPIK is currently working the Morris County Prosecutor's Office to set up a second training in 2012. For more information, please contact Ms. Elizaire at 973-625-1998.

ACTION ITEMS

By Law Amendment Review

Amended by laws were distributed to the group for review. Rachelle Farese went through the proposed amendments. The vote to adopt the amended by laws will be held at the next meeting on March 15, 2012.

STATE REPORTS

Juvenile Justice Commission

Rachelle Farese reported that there are currently five (5) Morris County youth in the custody of the Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC), two (2) youth had been released to parole since the January meeting and there is one (1) youth pending placement with the JJC.

Division of Youth and Family Services

No report.

Department of Children and Families

No report.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning Subcommittee

Rachelle Farese reported that the Statewide CIACC Conveners meeting was held on Friday, January 20, 2012. The Division of Prevention and Community Partnerships gave a presentation. The CIACC conveners were given a written report regarding suggested agenda items. There were still unanswered questions regarding the agenda items; the CIACC conveners requested a meeting in February. The meeting will be held on February 17th or February 24th. Ms. Farese also gave the Systems Review updates which can be found below. Ms. Farese informed the group that the 2012-2014 County Comprehensive Youth Services Plan and 2012 Application have been approved by the JJC, the award letters have been signed by the Morris County Freeholders and returned to the JJC. The JJC forwarded them to the Attorney General for final approval on February 3rd. At this point the County is waiting for the executed award letters from the Attorney General in order to execute 2012 subgrants with agencies. The subcommittee reviewed the revisions made to the YSAC by laws at the January meeting. The by laws will be presented to the group during the February meeting for a vote on the amendments at the March meeting. Ms. Farese announced that the subcommittee needs a new chair. The previous chair retired in November of 2011. The chair's responsibilities include running the meeting, ensuring the subcommittee stays on task and reporting out at the YSAC meeting. Ms. Farese will send an e-mail to the subcommittee members to see if anyone is interested in volunteering.

Ms. Farese reported that Lila Bernstein spoke about a program that is up and running in Essex County. The program is entitled "Moving Forward". It is co-sponsored by National Council on Jewish Women and CASA. The program brings young girls between the ages of 16 and 21 together to learn how to develop a resume, apply for college, interview for a job and other life skills. Ms. Bernstein proposed that the program coordinator give a presentation to the Morris County YSAC. Ms. Bernstein will contact the presenter with Ms. Farese's contact information to schedule a presentation.

The next meeting of the planning subcommittee will be held on Monday, March 12, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at the Morris County Department of Human Services, Morristown.

System Review Committee

Rachelle Farese reported that the subcommittee met on January 23, 2012.

Group reviewed the November 2011 minutes and December 2011 notes and noted the following necessary corrections to the November minutes:

- Division of Youth and Family Services report was given by Jeena Williams.

Subcommittee members introduced themselves. One (1) new member was present, Ms. Jessica Filosa will be representing the Morris County Juvenile Detention Center while Ms. Sarah Kepler is out on maternity leave.

Care Management Organization – Elizabeth Manley reported that the CMO census is currently at 195. ResourceNet is up and running with over 500 resources for families. Providers continue to add their information.

Youth Case Management – Stephannie Villota reported that YCM began the month with 160 youth; they received twenty four (24) new referrals (2-CCIS, 1-DYFS, 3-14 Day Plan, 2-Community, 3-Mobile Response, 11-Needs Assessment, 1-Perform Care). Three (3) families did not want services and they ended the month with 143 families. Fourteen (14) families were transitioned out. YCM is currently down two (2) staff members and are seeking a bi-lingual (English/Spanish) case manager.

Children's Crisis Intervention Services – Virginia Conlon reported (via e-mail) that the CCIS has moved out of the swing unit and into their newly renovated CCIS unit. Total admissions for the month of December was fifty five (55), total re-admissions was three (3) and total discharges was (65).

Mobile Response & Stabilization Services – Jennifer Oatley reported that Mobile Response received sixty six (66) calls which resulted in sixty (60) dispatches. Of those dispatches, thirty nine (39) were for Morris. MRSS transitioned seventy (70) youth and had 150 in stabilization at the end of the month. MRSS received six (6) school referrals from Morris County. Longer term Medicaid outpatient treatment was noted as a gap in services for both Morris and Sussex counties.

Family Support Organization – Madeline Lozowski reported that there were twelve (12) new CMO families active in the FSO, there are 125 total CMO families active with the FSO, 261 hours of peer support were delivered throughout the month and there were twenty three (23) Warm Line calls. Family Partners of Morris and Sussex Counties has been incorporated. The Board should start in March 2012. The FSO is currently down one family partner.

Division of Youth and Family Services – Jeena Davis reported that there are multiple RFPs available at www.nj.gov/DCF. Ms. Davis also informed the committee that the RFP for Psychiatric treatment and services has been awarded to NewBridge Services. David Johnston reported (via e-mail) that during the month of December, Morris East received 118 calls and Morris West received 152 calls.

Division of Child Behavioral Health Services – Melissa Latronica and Barbara Miller reported that during the last CIACC meeting there was a presentation by the Division of Prevention and Community Partnerships. The presentation was followed by a quick discussion regarding other agenda items and a hand out was distributed with further information regarding the items. Many questions/concerns were still left unanswered regarding the Unified Case Management (UCM) RFP and future RFPs. These questions/concerns included FSO staffing, tight budgets, eight (8) month non-profit set up and the need for community/local input. Discussion took place regarding a recent name change for the Psychiatric Community Residences (PCR) to Psychiatric Community Homes (PCH). It is believed that this name change is due to changes in the Medicaid regulations. CIACC conveners will ask for more clarification at the next meeting.

CSA – No report.

Youth Shelter – Tara LeGates reported that the shelter worked with ten (10) youth during the past month. There are currently four (4) youth in the shelter (2 male and 2 female; 1 from each County: Hunterdon, Morris, Sussex and Warren).

Morris Juvenile Detention Center – Jessica Filosa will be standing in for Sarah Kepler while she is out on maternity leave. Ms. Filosa reported that there were twenty three (23) admissions to the Detention Center in the last month. Currently there are fifteen (15) youth in the Center (14 males and 1

female). There are seven (7) from Morris, one (1) from Passaic, three (3) from Sussex and four (4) from Warren.

Probation – No report.

Juvenile Justice Commission – No report.

System Struggles – Sussex has a youth that is almost twenty (20) coming out of the Training School for Boys. He had an evaluation that recommends civil commitment; however, if civil commitment is not obtainable he needs a highly structured, highly supervised placement. DYFS is currently working with JJC to help place the youth.

System Successes – Tara LeGates reported that the Discharge Planning Reviews (DPR) have been helpful in getting the youth and partners involved in the discharge process to ensure the most efficient and workable plan.

Aging Out/Aging In Task Force – The Taskforce met in December and representatives from Daytop were in attendance. Daytop would like to offer more services to the youth that are currently aging out of the system. They will be present at the next meeting to discuss a sample youth case that will be composed of several characteristics from each of the system partners in attendance. The next meeting will be held on February 21, 2012 at 9:30 AM at 30 Schuyler Place, 3rd Floor, Morristown.

New Business and Announcements – No report.

The next meeting of the system review subcommittee will be held on Monday, February 27, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. at Caring Partners CMO in Mt. Arlington.

Legislative Subcommittee

Dave Johnson reported that the subcommittee did not meet in February.

The next meeting of the legislative subcommittee will be held on Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at the Morris County Department of Human Services, Morristown.

Juvenile Firesetter Prevention Program Subcommittee

Rachelle Farese reported that the subcommittee did not meet in February and there have been no new referrals for 2012.

The next meeting of the Juvenile Firesetter Prevention Program subcommittee will be held on Thursday, March 8, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at the Morris County Department of Human Services, Morristown.

Disproportionate Minority Contact Subcommittee

Liz Manley reported that the subcommittee met on Wednesday, February 1, 2012. The subcommittee reviewed previous recommendations made to the Juvenile Justice Commission through the 2009-2011 Plan. After reviewing the recommendations, the subcommittee decided to keep the recommendations in place and work toward achieving them in the upcoming year. The subcommittee also discussed current initiatives. One of the initiatives was to continue to work with Morris County Prevention is Key to address DMC through technical trainings. Currently, MCPIK is working with the Morris County Prosecutor's Office to hold a technical assistance training regarding DMC for the juvenile detectives of the County. Rachelle Farese and Elizabeth Manley requested to be in attendance if there is another meeting of the group. Discussion ensued regarding JDAI and the impact it may have in Morris County as well as a program currently running in Hunterdon County called the LEAP Program. The subcommittee changed its meeting date due to the unavailability of some members. The subcommittee will now meet on the first Tuesday of the month on a quarterly basis; except in April due to conflicts in members schedules. Rachelle Farese will send out an updated meeting calendar.

The next meeting of the Disproportionate Minority Contact subcommittee will be held on Monday, April 2, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. at the Morris County Department of Human Services, Morristown.

Education Partnership Subcommittee

Liz Manley reported that The Partnership hosted a "Suicide Prevention" training session on Wednesday, February 8, 2012. The speaker was Mary Veneis from NewBridge Services and the Traumatic Loss

Coalition. There were approximately seventy (70) people in attendance. The presentation was well received and the survey feedback was positive. The next presentation will focus on substance abuse and will be held on April 18, 2012.

The next meeting of the Education Partnership subcommittee will be held on Thursday, February 23, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. at the Morris County Department of Human Services, Morristown.

Family Advisory Subcommittee

No report at this time. The next Family Advisory subcommittee meeting date and time is to be determined.

COMMUNITY REPORTS

There are no reports at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

There is no old business at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

There is no new business at this time.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Tina Bibbo announced that the Morris County School of Technology will be hosting a community event about bullying. The guest speaker will be John Halligan. The event is on March 30, 2012 at the School of Technology from 7:30 PM to 9 PM. Ms. Bibbo will forward a flyer to Rachelle Farese for distribution to the group.

Samuel Rodriguez announced that Health First NJ will be at the 2012 WDHA 105.5 FM Kid Fest. They will be donating lunch bags and have activities set up for the kids. KidFest 2012 will be held on February 26, 2012 at the Parsippany Sheraton from 11 AM to 4 PM.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 15, 2012 at 2:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3:15 PM member Co-Chair Juli Harpell-Elam moved to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachelle Farese
Juvenile Justice Coordinator

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