

**Youth Services Advisory Committee
Minutes**

February 17, 2011

Attendance: Suzanne K. Arnold; Terri Belske; Lila Bernstein; Tina Bibbo; John Dixon; Sandra Gogerty; Juli Harpell-Elam; David Johnson; David Johnston; Rose Marie Kill; Cecilia Laureys; Kathleen Leonard; Elizabeth Manley; Steven Neblett; Neville Newton; Tammy Rosenthal; Claudia Salomon; Linda Seeley; Abdul Staten; Diane Williams; Jeena Williams; Linda Wolk.

Guests: Jeff Guenzel, Director, DCBHS; Nadezhda "Nadia" Sexton, New Alliance Academy; Mary Vineis, NewBridge Services and TLC; Stephanie Iacopelli, Center for Evaluation and Counseling; Scott Smith, MC Prosecutor's Office.

Morris County Department of Human Services Staff: Laurie Becker, Rachelle Farese & Beth Jacobson.

Welcome

- Meeting began at approximately 2:40 pm by Linda Seeley.

Minutes

- Minutes were reviewed and approved with no revisions.
 - Motion: Claudia Salomon; 2nd: Diane Williams

Presentations

- 2011 YSAC Orientation Linda Seeley
 - Ms. Seeley gave a brief description of the mission and make up of the Youth Services Advisory Committee. The YSAC members were also given an orientation packet.
- Division of Child Behavioral Health Services Jeff Guenzel, Director
 - Please see attached report.

Action Items

- 2011 YSAC Chair/Co-Chair Vote Rachelle Farese
 - Chair and Co-Chair were re-presented and a vote was held.
 - Chair: Linda Seeley; Co-Chair: Juli Harpell-Elam
 - Both Linda Seeley and Juli Harpell-Elam exited the room for the vote.
 - Motion: Terri Belske; 2nd: Steven Neblett; All in Favor, 0 Oppositions, 0 Abstentions.
- 2011 YSAC Subcommittee Sign Ups
 - Sign up sheets were presented and passed through the committee.

State Reports

- **Juvenile Justice Commission** Jim Saylor
 - No report.
- **Division of Youth and Family Services** David Johnston
 - Mr. Johnston reported that in January Morris East received eighty eight (88) referrals and Morris West received 125 referrals.
 - Mr. Johnston also reported that in the past three (3) months, DYFS received four (4) referrals from OTA regarding homeless youth to find out if DYFS could put the youth into foster care until the family has a new home.
 - The homelessness can result from various situations including mental illness and financial difficulties.

- **Department of Children and Families**

Jeena Williams

- Ms. Williams reported that the number of referrals for services for children under the age of five (5) had increased in January. In Morris County, there were sixteen (16) children and in Sussex there was one (1) youth.
- Ms. Williams also informed the committee that there are three (3) new RFPs on the State website at <http://www.state.nj.us/dcf/notices/index.html>.
 - Support for Pre-School Mental Health Services
 - Residential Treatment Center (RTC) Intensity of Care (IOC)
 - Home Furnishings

Sub-Committee Reports

- Subcommittee reports were reviewed with updates. Rachelle Farese gave the Legislative, Educational Partnership and Family Advisory Committee reports. 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

- Tammy Rosenthal: Family Service of Morris County will be holding a St. Patrick's Day Celebration Concert on Friday, March 18, 2011 from 7 PM to 9 PM, featuring the highly acclaimed, multi-talented fiddler/guitarist from Prince Edward Island, JJ Chaisson. For more information please contact Margie Waldrum @ 973-538-5260 Ext. 122.
- Steve Neblett: Morristown Neighborhood House will be holding a Black History Month Celebration "Remembering We Can" on Thursday, February 24, 2011 from 5:30 PM to 7 PM. Tickets are \$10. For more information please contact Steve Neblett at 973-538-1229 Ext. 28.
- Juli Harpell-Elam: JBWS in conjunction with Drew University Campus Life and Student Affairs and Morris County Partners in Substance Abuse Prevention will be sponsoring a presentation of the play "The Yellow Dress: A dramatic one-woman play on dating violence" at Drew University on Thursday, February 24, 2011 from 7 PM to 8 PM. Admission is free and open to the public. For more information please contact Frank Merckx at 973-408-3390.
- Dave Johnston: Morris County Child Abuse Prevention Collaboration, Deirdre's House and United Way of Morris County will be holding a symposium on Friday, April 8, 2011 from 8:30 AM to 1 PM at St. Elizabeth's. The symposium will focus on Strategies for Success in Working with LGBTQI Children and Adolescents. For more information please contact Sara at 973-631-5000.
- Beth Jacobson: Morris County will be holding their 4th Annual Natural High Family Ice Skating Event on Thursday, March 24, 2011 from 6 PM to 8 PM at Mennen Sports Arena. Admission is free. For more information please contact Steven Nebesni at 973-285-6860.
- Linda Wolk distributed information about the Daytop Prep School to the committee.

Public Comment

- No public comment at this time.

Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:00 pm.