

HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
April 26, 2016, 340 West Hanover Avenue, Morristown

Call to Order of the April 26 meeting of the Human Services Advisory Council by Mr. Ken Oexle at 5:10 p.m.

Members Present:

Linda Csengeto, OTA Liaison
David Hollowell, Workforce Development Board Liaison
Joanne McEniry, NJAS
Kenneth Oexle, Citizen Rep.
Michelle Roers, United Way of NNJ

Also Attending:

Kristen Carew, Dawn Center for Independent Living
Joanne Quattro, United Way of Northern NJ
Rebeca Sherrod, Child & Family Resources
Wendy Zoccola, NJDHS, Division of Developmental Disabilities

Staff in Attendance:

Laure Becker, MCDHS
Shelia Carter, MCDHS
Pat MocarSKI, MCDHS
Maria Rosario, MCDHS
Lauren Sossin, MCDHS

Welcome and Introductions – Mr. Oexle

All were welcomed and introductions were made.

Approval of February 23 Minutes –

The motion to approve the February 23 minutes was made by Ms. Linda Csengeto and seconded by Mr. Ken Oexle. All were in favor with no opposition and three abstentions. Motion was carried.

Child Care Issues in the Dover Community – Michelle Roers and JoAnn Quattro

Ms. Roers spoke about United Way's Success By 6 and their commitment to quality. United Way Success By 6 creates communities where children from birth through age six, and especially those from ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) and low-income families, have access to affordable, high-quality early childhood education and experiences that prepare them to succeed in school and in life.

United Way has been working with many nonprofit childcare centers to enhance the quality of child care operations and programming. As a result, children enrolled in early childhood and education programs supported by the United Way of NNJ Success By 6 Initiative have

experienced a 97% readiness rate upon entering kindergarten compared to a national kindergarten readiness average of 60%. There are 22 centers registered and in the pilot stage of this program. The centers are doing self-assessments and identifying their strengths and weaknesses.

The State is giving money for Race to the Top Funds but the money runs out in 2018. It is now necessary to figure out how to leverage resources, including county funding. The current voucher reimbursement rates do not meet market rates.

The Dover community is struggling to serve folks in their community. About 50% of Dover falls into the ALICE population. This population is above the federal poverty level but still struggling. Head Start marches to a different tune and has over 200 children on their waiting list. There are many families that are the ALICE population and have a huge need for assistance.

Ms. Quattro stated that research shows much of the brain develops at the age of 3. Thus they are trying to get more services for young children. It has been shown that quality preschool programs have the capacity to close achievement gaps. There is a lot of focus and attention on early childhood learning.

El Primer Paso has a lot of great programs. They are dual language and are able to provide a sliding scale tuition. Most children attending are not getting state vouchers for this program. They get grants and some support from United Way but their funds have dwindled. They are at a funding crisis. If there was a loss of this program it would negatively impact the community.

The schools don't have enough room for the children. They partner with El Primer Paso and are trying to work on a solution to these funding issues. They are building a coalition and have partners that help them place children at other centers. Through the years they have been helping other centers that were closing. They are exploring the Early Head Start Expansion Grant and would like to renovate their building in order to serve more children. They will need capital funders and have a few funders interested. They hope to transfer El Primer Paso into a larger program. They are also looking at preschool expansion in Dover somewhere down the road.

It was suggested that a letter be written to the Department of Human Services advocating for the increase of voucher reimbursement rates. There was also a recommendation to send a representative to testify at the annual State budget hearings. Further discussion ensued about the childcare crisis. Some suggestions were made regarding possible ways to help sustain El Primer Paso such as reaching for assistance from local churches, Catholic Charities, etc.

County of Morris Department of Human Services – No Report

New Jersey Department of Human Services – Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) – Ms. Wendy Zoccola (report in folders)

Community Services update - Everything is statewide. There is no more separation by County or region. (i.e.: previously, Morris County was part of the Northern Region that included Morris, Sussex, Warren, Bergen, Passaic and Hudson Counties.)

Based on an individual's level of care needed and Medicaid Waiver status, DDD consumers will receive supports through either the CCW (Community Care Waiver) or the Supports Program (Support Coordination Agencies).

System Change continues toward Fee for Service - Non-CCW individuals will transition to Fee-for-Service on an ongoing basis. Individuals who are eligible for CCW will move toward Fee-for-Service when the CCW waiver is renewed.

*Mariana Pietrunti- Statewide Director of Supports Program Case management and Provider Monitoring

*Seth Bassion-Statewide Director of CCW Case Management

DDD Communication-Division Update

NEW... DDD Webinars on Employment!

DDD's Commitment to Employment: Services and Supports to Help All People Work

The Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) is committed to ensuring that everyone receiving services has an opportunity to become competitively employed.

To that end, we are pleased to offer DDD's Commitment to Employment: Services and Supports to Help All People webinars to assist Supported Employment providers and individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families in understanding the scope of employment services that can be accessed through Division funding to assist all individuals, regardless of level of support needed, in finding and maintaining competitive employment in the general workforce.

PRESENTERS:

Jennifer Joyce, Director, Supports Program and Employment Services

Katelynne Collick, Coordinator, Employment and Transition Services

TOPICS INCLUDED:

- ✓ Funding for the discovery process
- ✓ Services available to provide support
- ✓ Initiatives implemented as a result of **Employment First**, the national initiative adopted by New Jersey in April 2012

All Division stakeholders – and any other interested individuals – are invited and welcome to attend either webinar. Please register by following the REGISTER NOW! Links below.

- **DDD's Commitment to Employment: Supported Employment Provider-focused version**
Tuesday, May 3, 2016, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

REGISTER NOW! For DDD's Commitment to Employment: SE Provider-focused webinar

- **DDD's Commitment to Employment: Individual/Family-focused version**
Tuesday, May 3, 2016, 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

REGISTER NOW! For DDD's Commitment to Employment: Individual/Family-focused webinar

To view any of the Division's archived webinars and to register for upcoming webinars, please visit the [DDD Webinars](#) page.

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New Jersey Department of Children and Families – Division of Protection and Permanency – Staff Reports – Mr. Johnston

Morris East

Child Welfare Assessments - 27
Child Abuse Investigations - 82
Total for MELO – 109

Morris West

Child Welfare Assessments - 35
Child Abuse Investigations - 74
Total for MWLO 109

County Totals

Child Welfare Assessments – 51
Child Abuse Investigations – 185
Total Reports 218

The Morris West office is currently looking for a local office manager. The Office of Adolescent Services had a forum and a lot of concern was expressed by participants over those aging out of the system (those between 20 and 25). HUD is getting vouchers for that population and is excited about it.

The office is recruiting for foster homes and are especially in need of foster homes for adolescents. Fliers are available that contain further information on being a foster parent. If anyone is interested in being a foster parent they should talk to recruiters. They are also in need of foster homes for the disabled.

Staff Reports – Ms. Becker

The 22nd annual Forum for Consumers and Families will be held on Tuesday, June 14, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at the Haggerty Center, Frelinghuysen Arboretum, in Morristown. Please see fliers in your folders. This year the Forum is titled "Many Faces of Recovery: Stigma Revisited."

All are welcome. Agencies are being asked to bring resources to share with attendees at the Forum. They are also being asked to bring extra materials for the upcoming Morris County Wellness Event to be held June 14 and 15 at Central Park of Morris County on the former Greystone property.

The 2017 Request for Funding Application (RFA) is scheduled to go out on May 27.

Staff Reports – Ms. Carter

The Morris County Continuum of Care Notice of Intent is available for new projects. In the past, both new and renewal projects were requested at the same time. This year the notice for new projects was released early for ample time to develop robust project submissions.

Please see the Morris county website for further information at <http://morriscountynj.gov/hs/behavioral/community/continuum/>

Ms. Carter gave a tour of Morris County Human Services website. The Office of Community Development updated the Analysis of Impediment to Fair Housing Choice and 2016 Action Plan. Review of these documents for public comment may also be found there at [Office of Community Development | Morris County Human Services](#).

Subcommittee Reports – Mr. Oexle

Program Review Action Item – 2017 Funding Priorities

The Program Review subcommittee has updated the funding priorities for 2017 for Child Abuse Prevent (CAP), Grant-in-Aid (GIA) and Social Services for the Homeless (SSH). Motion made by Ms. McEniry to approve the updated 2017 funding priorities for CAP, GIA and SSH. Motion was seconded by Ms. Csengeto. All were in favor with no opposition and no abstentions.

Advisory Committee Reports –

Workforce Development Board (WDB) – Mr. Hollowell (report in folders)

On April 8 the MSW WDB received notification that it has met the State Employment and Training Commission (SETC) WDB certification requirements and passed all negotiated performance measures for PY 13 and PY 14. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between WDB board and the Warren, Sussex and Morris Board of Chosen Freeholders and the One Stop System Partners MOU will be submitted upon signature from all necessary entities.

James Hughes, Distinguished Professor and Dean of the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers University, will speak at the April 28 WDB Open Meeting. Dean Hughes is the Director of the Rutgers Regional Report, which has produced over 40 major economic, demographic, and real estate studies on New Jersey and the broader metropolitan region. He is a nationally-recognized academic expert on demographics, housing, and regional economics, and is author or co-author of 34 books and monographs and more than 150 articles. He has received numerous awards, provided extensive budgetary and economic testimony before New Jersey State Legislative committees, and delivered many policy briefings both in Washington and Trenton on a number of commissions and task forces.

Morris, Sussex, Warren HIV Advisory – Ms. Joann McEniry (report in folders)

The Morris, Sussex, Warren HIV/Advisory Committee met last on Tuesday, April 19, 2016.

At that meeting the committee discussed:

- The upcoming lunch and learn organized by the committee on the subject of oral health scheduled for 4/20/16 was discussed. In addition, a consumer survey will be facilitated at that session to obtain information on oral health needs/barriers faced by people living with HIV/AIDS.
- Previous committee discussion was had regarding the reduction in Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA) funding and a mandate to decrease service provision of this long-term rental assistance program. A representative from the HOPWA office in Newark attended the meeting in response to these concerns. The committee noted the difficulty in removing people from long-term HOPWA assistance into other rental subsidies due to a lack of housing resources. In addition, it was reported that HOPWA funds do not cover Warren County residents.
- A representative from Street Smart also attended the meeting regarding youth engagement in HIV/AIDS services.
- A workgroup was schedule to meet in May to continue assessing and implementing the use of technology/websites to share resources and better communicate amongst community partners.

The meeting location rotates between New Jersey AIDS Services, Zufall Health and Hope House. The next meeting of The Morris, Sussex, Warren HIV/Advisory Committee is scheduled for: June 21, 2016 at Hope House in Dover, NJ.

Mental Health Addictions Services Advisory Board (MHASAB) – Ms. Becker (report in folders)

- There Rockaway Township Substance Abuse Alliance along with the Morris County Prosecutor's Office and Daytop NJ will host the Morris County Heroin Summit of 2016 on Tuesday, April 26, 2016. Stakeholders will talk about the drug that is overtaking our communities and nation. The event will be held at Christ Church in Rockaway from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Registration is required.
- Ms. Valerie Mielke, Assistant Commissioner, DMHAS, gave an overview on the Transition to Fee-for-Service. She distributed information to providers and board members. At the State and Budget Addresses, in 2016 Governor Christie announced that \$127 million would be invested in enhanced behavioral health services rates for providers. It is the largest overall increase to this community in over a decade and it's designed to strengthen the organizations that provide critical programs for some of NJ's most vulnerable residents. The rate study and rate setting processes had been underway for several months. Augmented with stakeholder input, a professional accounting firm and budget experts, the rates were determined and providers are being notified. There was discussion and a question and answer period. Providers expressed concern that these changes may negatively impact agencies, reduce support services and possibly increase trip to the emergency room.

Advisory Council on Aging, Disabilities & Veterans (report in folders)

- May is “Older Americans Month” and the theme is “Blaze a Trail”. The Administration for Community Living will use this opportunity to raise awareness about important issues facing older adults.
- Congress has approved the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act. Now it goes to the President for signature.
- To celebrate Older Americans Month, County Clerk Ann F. Grossi has established the Cecilia “Cissy” Laureys Senior Volunteer Award on May 3, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Frelinghuysen Arboretum.
- Legal Services of Morris County has instituted a pilot program to offer a one stop center for Domestic Violence victims which will offer social and legal services under one roof.
- The Senior and People with Disabilities Art Show, sponsored by NORWESCAP, will be held on May 26, 2016, at the Morris County Library, 30 East Hanover Ave., Whippany, NJ.
- DAWN offers Independent Living Skills Training to members to enhance their knowledge of programs, services, benefits and entitlements that may assist them in their goal of living independently.

Youth Services Advisory Council (report in folders)

Action Items

- The 2017 Grant-In-Aid and Juvenile Justice funding Priority Summaries were approved.

Presentations

- HIV, Counseling, Testing and Referrals Morristown Medical Center – this clinic provides HIV prevention, education and diagnosis in youth, as well as testing and counseling services.
 - Contact information: Allison Delcalzo - Allison.Delcalzo@atlantichalth.org

General Announcements

- Tara Prezioso from the juvenile facilities announced that she had been trained as a trainer in the Nurtured Heart Approach, she will be training the youth shelter staff in May and the shelter will be adding it to their new hire orientation.
- Christie Farber from Family Partners (FSO) handed out their May 2016 newsletter

Partnership Announcements – No report

Continuum of Care – Ms. Csengeto
Executive Committee/Sub-Committee Updates

The major issues they are working on include –

- Onsite monitoring of CoC Programs that are receiving funding to prepare recipients for HUD audits;
- 2015 CoC received approval for all Tier 1 projects and they are awaiting Tier II outcomes;
- Still working on relationship between CAS and Executive Committee;
- Still working on developing program standards – must develop program standards on how people move through the system (need standards for shelters, permanent supportive housing and transitional housing, etc.);
- New RFP – State Rental Assistance Program – The CoC will endorse one collaborative proposal from M.C. providers for State vouchers within the next month. Housing First Model to be used.

Point-In-Time – Final numbers will be available soon.

Data Collection – Still need a chair for this committee (should be a Site Administrator). Believe Allison Delcalzo has offered to take this position.

- Goal is to improve quality of data entered into HMIS.
- Need a better definition of role of site administrators.

Coordinated Assessment – Next meeting is April 28 at 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Project Homeless Connect – Fall 2016

Old Business – Ms. Becker

There is a resolution going for the Freeholder’s approval and signature tonight to get Morris County Stigma Free. This is a county wide initiative and the hope is to get all involved.

New Business – None

Public Comment – Child Care Report – Ms. Rebeca Sherrod

- There is no waiting list for child care subsidies. We are serving all eligible applicants and receive approximately 30 new applications a week. The number of applications received weekly does not increase in the summer (May - August).
- They currently do not have any openings at any dedicated voucher centers.
- The following centers are centers that have Dedicated Voucher Spots throughout Morris County:
 - Collinsville Child Care Center – 125 South Street, Morristown 973-538-2366
 - Dover Child care – 50 North Morris Street, Dover 973-366-0277
 - Early Years – 52 Cooper Road, Denville 973-328-4011

- El Primer Paso – 29 Segur Street, Dover 973-361-0880
- Flanders Valley Country Day – 6 Bartley Chester Rd., Flanders 973-377-4945
- F.M. Kirby Center – 54 East Street, Madison 973-377-4945
- Jefferson Child Care – Nolan’s Point Road, Lake Hopatcong 973-663-2704
- Kindercare Learning Ctr. – 181 Howard Blvd. Suite, Mt. Arlington 973-601-9440
- Little Learner Academy – 30 Old Budd Lake Road, Budd Lake 973-691-9430
- Little Learner Academy – 89 Route 46 East, Denville 973-625-2800
- Little Learner Academy – 25 Green Pond Road, Suite 2, Rockaway 973-983-0600
- Mt. Olive Child Care – 150 Wolfe Road, Budd Lake 973-426-1525
- Neighborhood House – 12 Flagler Street, Morristown 973-538-1229
- Parsippany Child Day Care – 300 Baldwin Road, Parsippany 973-584-3030
- Roxbury Day Care – 25 Righter Road, Succasunna 973-584-3030
- Salvation Army – 95 Spring Street, Morristown 973-539-0543
- The Magic Garden – 113 Fern Avenue, Wharton 973-361-4167

These centers hold 350 dedicated voucher spots cumulatively.

Adjournment

Ms. Michelle Roers made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. Ms. Linda Csengeto seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned with no abstentions and no opposition.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Mocarski
 Program Development Aide