

Youth Services Advisory Committee

Minutes

June 16, 2011

Attendance: Terri Belske, Claudia Salomon, Elizabeth Manley, Ingrid Vaca-Bullaro, Michelle Borden, Diana Cirillo, John Dixon, Juli Harpell-Elam, Susan O'Donnell, Tammy Rosenthal, Linda Seeley, Abdul Staten, Linda Wolk, Jim Saylor, Tina Bibbo. David Johnson, David Johnston, Jeena Williams.

Guests: Stephanie Iacopelli, Center for Evaluation and Counseling.

Morris County Department of Human Services Staff: Laurie Becker; Rachelle Farese.

Welcome

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

Minutes

- Minutes were reviewed and approved without revision.
 - Motion: Tammy Rosenthal; 2nd: Michelle Borden

Presentations

- No presentations.

Action Items

- Letter of Support, Assembly Bill No. A1561 Rachelle Farese
 - Ms. Farese reminded the committee that a vote is still needed to write a letter of support regarding Assembly Bill No. A1561, which creates a diversionary program for certain youth offenders that are caught "sexting".
 - Motion: Juli Harpell-Elam; 2nd: Tammy Rosenthal. All in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.
- Site Visit Sign Ups
 - Rachelle Farese informed the group that site visits would be occurring throughout the summer. The sign up sheets were sent around for the group to review and sign up. Ms. Farese informed the group that two (2) of the site visits would be changed. The Creative Heartwork site visit would occur on July 8th at 2 PM and the Storytelling Arts site visit was to be determined. Ms. Farese will send the revised schedule to the committee. Anyone not at the meeting would be able to sign up via e-mail.
- Parsippany-Troy Hills Police Department Subgrant Modification
 - Rachelle Farese presented the group with the Parsippany-Troy Hills Police Department subgrant modification. The program was cut from the Police Dept. budget for 2011. The subgrant modification requests that they money be given back to the County and re-allocated to another program. The money would be reallocated to the Morris County Juvenile Detention Center because they are the only other agency that applied for JABG dollars for 2011.
 - Motion: Michelle Borden; 2nd: Terri Belske; 2 Abstentions; All others in favor, 0 opposed.

State Reports

- **Juvenile Justice Commission** Jim Saylor
 - In the past month, one (1) juvenile was committed to the New Jersey Training School for Boys and one (1) youth was diverted to a substance abuse program.

- **Division of Youth and Family Services** David Johnston
 - In May, Morris East had 101 referrals.
 - Mr. Johnston will report the Morris West statistics when they are available.

- **Department of Children and Families** Jeena Williams
 - Jeena Williams reported that the Federal Monitor report for the period of July 1, 2010 through December 31, 2011 was available on the DCF website. The report notes several improvements:
 - DYFS is making it easier for DYFS-involved kids to access health care.
 - DYFS investigations are being conducted in a more timely manner.
 - DYFS is making more “family type” placements for youth.
 - Adoption finalizations are being done in a more timely manner.
 - There were no youth under the age of 13 placed in the Youth Shelter.
 - There are more successes in sibling placements.
 - There are only twenty one (21) youth in out of state placements.
 - The report also noted several challenges:
 - Case plans should be done in a more timely manner following placement.
 - Family Team Meetings should be held in a more timely manner following placement.
 - Need to increase the frequency of visits following placement.
 - Continue to improve the Quality Review model.

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

- Rachelle Farese – Morris County will be holding a County-Wide Medicaid Waiver Meeting at the Morris County Public Safety Training Academy on Wednesday, June 29, 2011 at 2 PM. The meeting will serve as an information sharing session.
- Laurie Becker – DMHS is currently reviewing contracts. As part of their review, the committee reviews numbers for several community providers. Saint Clare’s reported that their Psychiatric Emergency Screening is predicting it will work with 3,100 adults and 1,300 youth (CCIS). Youth account for approximately 15% of the total for outpatient services. NewBridge Services is predicting that their outpatient services will work with approximately 1,000 adults and 270 youth.
- Linda Wolk – Daytop Day School is expecting openings for their program beginning September 2011. Discussion regarding costs and payments regarding IOP and OP ensued. IOP and OP are paid for through other means. Daytop does provide transportation for both programs.

Public Comment

- No public comment at this time.

Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:00 pm.