

MINUTES
MORRIS COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (YSAC)
Morris County Human Services Building, 340 West Hanover Avenue, Ground Floor
Conference Room, Morristown, New Jersey
November 17, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Chair person Linda Seeley at 2:35 PM. Members present:

Terri Belske	Susan O'Donnell
Claudia Salomon	Linda Seeley
Patty Tomaszewski	Linda Wolk
Elizabeth Manley	Jim Saylor
Ingrid Vaca-Bullaro	Tina Bibbo
Diana Cirillo	Chris Burkhart
John Dixon	David Johnson
Juli Harpell-Elam	David Johnston
Neville Newton	Lila Bernstein

Also in attendance:

Sylvia Lippe, Family Service of Morris County of Morris
Sacchi Patel, Jersey Battered Women's Service, Inc.
Laura Siemonsma-Bertelli, Morris County Sheriff's Office
Lisa Villano, St. Clare's Counseling Services
Dahiana Grisales, Family Intervention Services, Inc.

Staff in attendance:

Rachelle Farese

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of member David Johnson, seconded by member Linda Wolk, the committee approved the minutes of October 20, 2011 regular meeting with one (1) abstention.

PRESENTATIONS

Family Intervention Services, Inc. Outpatient Program

Ms. Dahiana Grisales presented the Family Intervention Services Outpatient Program. The program provides services to individuals that are under eighteen (18) years of age with a psychiatric diagnosis, have been screened by an emergency psychiatric service and are in need of long-term counseling (a minimum of six [6] months). The program accepts Medicaid and NJ Family care, but does not accept private insurance. Currently there is only an LCSW on staff; however, the LCSW will refer out to a psychiatrist depending on the needs of the individual client. Referrals can be made by parents, psychiatrists and community providers. Services provided include assessment and evaluation, individual, group and family therapy, psycho-education, referrals to psychiatric services and linkage to services and follow-up. For more information on the program, call Family Intervention Services at 973-586-5243.

ACTION ITEMS

Collinsville Child Care Subgrant Modification Request

Rachelle Farese reviewed the subgrant modification request. Collinsville Child Care will not be continuing the Teen/Tot Program through the end of the year. They are asking to return the remaining \$199 of the 2011 allocation to the County for reallocation. The Planning Subcommittee recommended that the money be reallocated into the JRC funds to be spent down.

After discussion, on motion by member Patty Tomaszewski, seconded by member Terri Belske, the committee approved the Collinsville Child Care subgrant modification request. (13-Aye; 0-Nay; 4-Abstain)

STATE REPORTS

Juvenile Justice Commission

Jim Saylor reported that Morris County has eight (8) juveniles in the custody of the JJC. This is the highest the number has been in the past five (5) to six (6) years.

Division of Youth and Family Services

David Johnston reported that Morris County received a total of 226 calls. Morris East received ninety two (92) calls (16-CWS & 76-CPS). The top three (3) municipality reports were Morristown (22), Parsippany (14) and Boonton Twp and Montville (both had (9). Morris West received 134 calls (22-CWS & 112-CPS). The top three (3) municipality reports were Mt. Olive (31), Dover (20) and Roxbury (16).

Department of Children and Families

Dave Johnston reported the time line for the \$1.4 million RFP for Evaluation, Treatment, Medication and Psychiatric Services.

- Proposal Due: November 30, 2011
- Recommendations to Trenton: December 15, 2011
- Award: January 1, 2012
- Contract Start: March 1, 2012

The Division is currently in the process of transitioning approximately 150 to 175 currently participating in services. Also, the Division held its Aging Out Don't Miss Out program. There were approximately fifteen (15) youth from the Morris/Sussex area. Of the youth that attended, approximately one third had asked to re-open their cases after closing them upon their eighteenth birthday.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning Subcommittee

Rachelle Farese informed the subcommittee that the CIACC Conveners were meeting on Friday and she will be able to provide an update at the next planning meeting. Ms. Farese reviewed the System Review information which can be found below. Ms. Farese informed the subcommittee that the 2012-2014 County Comprehensive Youth Services Plan and 2012 Juvenile Justice Funding Application were sent to Trenton on Monday, October 17, 2011. The Plan and Application are scheduled for review on Monday, November 14, 2011. After the review, the necessary revisions will be forwarded to Rachelle Farese to be completed and returned to the Juvenile Justice Commission. At this point, the Juvenile Justice Commission will forward the award letter to County to be signed and returned for the Attorney General's signature. The subcommittee discussed the Collinsville Child Care Center subgrant modification request. Collinsville Child Care Center will no longer be providing the Teen/Tot Program

and is giving \$199 back to Morris County. The planning subcommittee would like to propose the money be put into the JRC account to be spent down by the end of the year. The next meeting of the Planning Subcommittee is on Monday, December 12, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at the Morris County Department of Human Services, Morristown.

System Review Committee

Care Management Organization – Liz Manley reported that the CMO census is currently at 193 and they are fully staffed. The CMO received ten (10) referrals last week. They are also asking for feedback on ResourceNet.

Youth Case Management –Stephannie Villota reported that YCM began the month with 168 youth; they received thirteen (13) new referrals (1-CCIS, 1-DYFS, 1-14 Day Plan, 1-Community, 1-CMO Step Down, 1-Mobile Response, 2-Needs Assessment, 2-PerformCare). Four (4) families did not accept services and twenty eight (28) families were transitioned out. YCM ended the month with 175 families.

CCIS – Ginny Conlin reported that the CCIS census is fourteen (14). CCIS has fifty nine (59) admissions and fifty one (51) discharges for the month. Of the discharges, forty four (44) were discharged home.

Mobile Response & Stabilization Services – Jennifer Oatley reported that Mobile Response received forty three (43) calls which resulted in forty one (41) dispatches. Of those dispatches, twenty five (25) were for Morris. MRSS transitioned thirty (30) families and had ninety three (93) in stabilization at the end of the month. MRSS received one (1) school referral in Morris County (Wharton Elementary).

Family Support Organization – Madeline Lozowski reported that there were now seven (7) youth participating in the Youth Partnership Bowling Nights. The youth act as peer support for each other. There were twenty (20) parents at the support group and the Warm Line received sixteen (16) calls. The Morris/Sussex FSO should be separate from Hunterdon/Somerset/Warren FSO by July 1, 2012. The Board will start as an advisory board.

Division of Youth and Family Services – David Johnston reported that Morris East received eighty (80) referrals and Morris West received 134 referrals.

Division of Developmental Disability – Wendy Zoccola reported that DDD has a new director of Intensive Adolescent Services and Special Initiatives. Her name is Darlene Yanetta.

Division of Child Behavioral Health Services – Rachelle Farese reported that CIACC did not meet in October. Melissa Latronica reported that during the Education Partnership meeting, it was mentioned that the state contacts would be reaching out to school personnel in the counties. Melissa Latronica and Rachelle Farese expressed concern that this may confuse the school systems in Morris and Sussex Counties, where there are established Education Partnerships. Ms. Latronica sent an e-mail to Clarence Whitaker expressing her concern. She will keep the committee updated on any feedback she receives.

CSA – Elizabeth Manley reported that the CSA is gearing up to implement the new Medicaid Waiver and changes in July 2012. Madeline Lozowski reported that the CSA is currently working out the logistics on how to implement the CMO Default Pilot statewide.

Youth Shelter – Nacie Arnold reported that there were currently eight (8) youth in the Shelter (5-males, 3-females) Through the month, the Shelter provided services to thirteen (13) youth (8-Morris, 1-Sussex, 3-Hunterdon and 1-Warren).

Morris Juvenile Detention Center – There are currently seven (7) youth in the Detention Center (6-males, 1-female; 4-Morris, 1-Sussex, 1-Warren, 1-Hunterdon). Through the month the Detention Center provided services for twenty two (22) youth. Discharge plans included home (10), Jamesburg (3), residential (1), in patient (1) and youth shelter (2). Seventeen (17) youth were on probations, three (3) were CMO involved, one (1) was YCM involved and three (3) were DYFS involved. The average length of stay was eleven (11) days and twelve (12) of the youth were in the Detention Center more than once.

Sussex Home Detention – There were four (4) males in the program. The average daily census was 3.7 youth. Two (2) of the youth were sent to substance abuse placements and one youth is refusing placement.

Probation – Mark Ripatrazzone reported that there are currently 266 youth on formal probation. 53% are deferred and 47% are on regular probation.

JJC – Jim Saylor reported that there were eight (8) Morris youth in the custody of the Juvenile Justice Commission.

System Struggles – DDD currently has a youth that is in Carrier Clinic and the main question at this point is who is going to pay for the services after discharge? If the services are Medicaid reimbursable, the youth may be eligible for DCBHS services. In order to be eligible, the youth must meet clinical criteria and have achievable treatment goals.

System Successes – DDD reported that they worked with DYFS and the CMO to successfully transition a youth into needed services.

Aging Out/Aging In Task Force – It was proposed that the Aging In/Out Task Force begin to meet quarterly after the System Review Committee, to discuss emerging issues, explore resources and continue collaborative efforts.

New Business and Announcements – No report.

The next meeting of the Systems Review Subcommittee is on Monday, November 28, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. at Caring Partners CMO in Mt. Arlington.

Legislative Subcommittee

Subcommittee did not meet in November. The next meeting of the Legislative Subcommittee is on Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at the Morris County Department of Human Services, Morristown.

Juvenile Firesetter Prevention Program Subcommittee

Subcommittee did not meet in November. The next meeting of the Juvenile Firesetter Prevention Program subcommittee will be held on Thursday, December 8, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at 30 Schuyler Place, 3rd Floor, Morristown.

Disproportionate Minority Contact Subcommittee

Subcommittee did not meet in November. The next meeting of the DMC Subcommittee will be held on Wednesday, January 3, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. at the Morris County Department of Human Services, Morristown.

Education Partnership Subcommittee

Subcommittee met on October 27, 2011. The subcommittee discussed the following:

Next Cross Training- Psychotropic Medications for Youth-December 15, 2011.

- Reviewed a copy of a PowerPoint presentation by Dr. Beirne, which she presented at the DCBHS annual conference. Committee agreed that most of the information on the PowerPoint was pertinent to the Partnership. I will email Dr. Beirne with the committee's feedback and some other points we would like her to touch upon:
 - Ways to improve medication compliance
 - Communicating with parents about medications
 - Medications that have been found effective for children's behaviors who are on the spectrum (ie Autism, Asperger's)
- Invitations will be sent out to the School Nurses Association, Aging In- Aging Out Committee, & YSAC
- Registration to this training will be capped at 150. We anticipate that event will be popular.
- Maria Augustowicz will keep everyone informed about the status of the training via email since we will not be meeting in November.

February Cross Training – A training on Bullying and Anti-Bullying legislation had been tentatively scheduled. However, there was concern among committee members that there is still a lot of confusion

regarding this subject and that school personnel are currently getting inundated with information/trainings/workshops about it. It was decided to postpone this training for next October. After discussing training needs two topics seemed to be equally popular: Suicide Prevention & Substance Abuse. It was decided to send out a survey via Survey Monkey to the Partnership to get feedback regarding these topics. Committee also reviewed a PowerPoint presentation for Special Education Advocacy for Children with Disabilities in Foster Care, which Dave Johnston had seen. Committee would like to have Dave discuss the presentation at the next planning meeting.

The next meeting of the Education Partnership Planning Subcommittee is on Thursday, January 5, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. at the Morris County Department of Human Services, Morristown.

Family Advisory Committee

No report at this time. The next family advisory committee meeting date and time is to be determined.

COMMUNITY REPORTS

There are no community 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

Juli Harpell-Elam introduced Sacchi Patel. Mr. Patel is the new Abuse Prevention Manager at Jersey Battered Women's Service. He will be conducting the middle school, high school and college abuse prevention program.

John Dixon announced that he has resigned from Community Hope and this meeting is his last meeting. He has taken a position with the Bergen CMO. Jaime Simon will be taking his position on the YSAC in 2012.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 19, 2012 at 2:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3:15 PM Chair Linda Seeley 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.