

MINUTES
MORRIS COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (YSAC)
Morris County Human Services Building, 340 West Hanover Avenue, Ground Floor
Conference Room, Morristown, New Jersey
September 15, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Chair person Linda Seeley at 2:30 PM. Members present:

Theresa Belske	Linda Seeley
Claudia Salomon	Linda Wolk
Elizabeth Manley	Tina Bibbo
Ingrid Vaca-Bullaro	Sandra Gogerty
Diana Cirillo	Elizabeth Jacobson
Juli Harpell-Elam	David Johnson
Steven Neblett	Kathleen Leonard
Susan O'Donnell	Frank Pinto
Tammy Rosenthal	

Also in attendance:

Christine Pelka-Rivera, Morris County DYFS, Resource Development Specialist
John Maher, Mental Health Association of Morris County, ICMS
Alicia Stevenson, Family Support Organization HSW, representing Morris/Sussex

Staff in attendance:

Rachelle Farese

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of member Terri Belske, seconded by member Tammy Rosenthal, the committee approved the minutes of August 18, 2011 regular meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

ACTION ITEMS

Morristown Memorial Hospital Subgrant Modification Request

Rachelle Farese reviewed the subgrant modification request. Morristown Memorial Hospital's Visitation Impact Program did not receive any referrals to hold the last session for 2011. Therefore, the program is returning the remaining \$1,600 to Morris County for reallocation. The Planning Subcommittee discussed the subgrant modification and reallocation of funds. The subcommittee recommended to the YSAC that the funds be reallocated to the client specific funds used by the Juvenile Review Committee (JRC).

After discussion, on motion by member Elizabeth Manley, seconded by member Juli Harpell-Elam, the committee approved the Morristown Memorial Hospital subgrant modification request.

Rachelle Farese read the Morris County Conflict of Interest Policy. This policy is applicable to all funding recommendation reviews conducted at the meeting. Ms. Farese also advised the committee that the planning subcommittee funding review meeting was held on August 17, 2011 from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM.

2012 Grant in Aid Funding Recommendations

All members that were in conflict left the meeting room in accordance with the Morris County Conflict of Interest Policy. The 2012 Grant in Aid Funding recommendations were distributed to the remaining committee members. Rachelle Farese explained that there were agencies in the Grant in Aid funding stream that did not apply for the same amount of funding in their 2012 renewal applications that they received in 2011. Therefore, upon approval by the planning subcommittee, the additional funding was reallocated to the agencies that requested additional funding in their renewal applications.

After discussion, on motion by member Terri Belske, seconded by member Steven Neblett, the committee approved the 2012 Grant in Aid Funding Recommendations. A vote was taken, fourteen (14) members approved, zero (0) members opposed and three (3) members abstained. The recommendations will be made to the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders for final approval.

2012 Juvenile Justice Funding Recommendations

Family Court Services

All members that were in conflict left the meeting room in accordance with the Morris County Conflict of Interest Policy. The 2012 Family Court Services recommendations were distributed to the remaining committee members. The committee members reviewed the recommendations.

After discussion, on motion by member Elizabeth Manley, seconded by Steven Neblett, the committee approved the 2012 Family Court Services funding recommendations. A vote was taken, fourteen (14) members approved, zero (0) members opposed and three (3) members abstained. The recommendations will be made to the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders for final approval.

Juvenile Accountability Block Grant

All members that were in conflict left the meeting room in accordance with the Morris County Conflict of Interest Policy. The 2012 Juvenile Accountability Block Grant recommendations were distributed to the remaining committee members. Rachelle Farese informed the committee that the 2012 Federal allocation was decreased by \$6,289. The committee members reviewed the recommendations.

After discussion, on motion by member Elizabeth Manley, seconded by Steven Neblett, the committee approved the 2012 Juvenile Accountability Block Grant funding recommendations. A vote was taken, fourteen (14) members approved, zero (0) members opposed and three (3) members abstained. The recommendations will be made to the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders for final approval.

State/Community Partnership Grant

All members that were in conflict left the meeting room in accordance with the Morris County Conflict of Interest Policy. The 2012 State/Community Partnership Grant recommendations were distributed to the remaining committee members. The committee members reviewed the recommendations.

After discussion, on motion by member Elizabeth Manley, seconded by Terri Belske, the committee approved the 2012 State/Community Partnership Grant funding recommendations. A vote was taken, fourteen (14) members approved, zero (0) members opposed and three (3) members abstained. The recommendations will be made to the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders for final approval.

2012-2014 County Comprehensive Youth Services Plan

Rachelle Farese described the planning process. The planning subcommittee met two (2) times per month from June through August to complete each section of the County Comprehensive Youth Services Plan. The committee reviewed the 2012-2014 County Comprehensive Youth Services Plan. After discussion, on motion by member Susan O'Donnell, seconded by Dave Johnson, the committee approved the 2012-2014 County Comprehensive Youth Services Plan. A vote was taken, fourteen (14) members approved, zero (0) members opposed and two (2) members abstained. The 2012-2014 County Comprehensive Youth Services Plan will be put before the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders for final approval.

2012 Juvenile Justice Commission Funding Application

Rachelle Farese gave a brief overview of what was included in the funding application. The committee reviewed the 2012 Juvenile Justice Commission Funding Application.

After discussion, on motion by member Susan O'Donnell, seconded by Dave Johnson, the committee approved the 2012 Juvenile Justice Commission Funding Application. A vote was taken, fourteen (14) members approved, zero (0) members opposed and two (2) members abstained. The 2012 Juvenile Justice Commission Funding Application will be put before the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders for final approval.

STATE REPORTS

Juvenile Justice Commission

Rachelle Farese informed the committee that Jim Saylor was unable to make it to the September meeting; however, he reported via e-mail that in the past month two (2) juveniles have been placed in the custody of the Juvenile Justice Commission.

Division of Youth and Family Services

There was no report at this time.

Department of Children and Families

Christine Pelka-Rivera reported that Jean Marimon is stepping down from the DYFS Director position to become Area Director for Bergen/Hudson. Valerie Kelly, the former Bergen/Hudson Director, is becoming DYFS Deputy Director of Adoption, Resource Families, and Licensing. Kara Wood, Chief of Staff, is acting DYFS Director until a permanent director is assigned. Susan Jones is Morris East Local Office Manager effective 9/12/11. She is the former DYFS Deputy Director of Operations.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning Subcommittee

Tammy Rosenthal stated that the planning subcommittee met on Monday, September 12, 2011 and discussed and approved all of the previously voted on action items above. Ms. Rosenthal also informed the group that this would be her last YSAC meeting. She is retiring after forty two (42) years of service. The next meeting of the planning subcommittee will take place on Monday, October 3, 2011 at 10:00 AM at 30 Schuyler Place, 3rd Floor, Morristown.

System Review Committee

Rachelle Farese informed the committee that System Review did not meet in August; however, statistics were provided via e-mail. These statistics are as follows:

Care Management Organization-Census: 188; Currently fully staffed.

Youth Case Management-Continuing Cases: 184; New Referrals: 18 (CCIS-1, CMO-SD-4, DYFS-2, CMRSS-1, 14-Day-1, PerformCare-2, NA/IIC-6, Community-1), CNA: 8; Terminated Cases: 16; End of Month: 183.

CCIS-No report

Mobile Response-Calls received: 30; Dispatches: 27 (17 in Morris); Terminations: 55; In Stabilization: 92; Reported Gaps: limited transportation due to legal status of family, more support and resources for families of domestic violence, outpatient bi-lingual services in Budd Lake, legal aid services, volunteer opportunities for youth.

Family Support Organization-Peer Support Group Hours: 6.5; New CMO referrals to FSO: 6; Face to Face: 6; Families Actively Receiving Peer Support: 70; Hours of Peer Support to CMO Families: 189.75; Warm Line Contacts: 19

DYFS-Morris East: 80 (65-CPS & 15-CWS); Morris West: 109 (89-CPS & 20-CWS).

DDD-No report.

DCBHS-No report.

CSA-No report.

Youth Shelter-No report.

Juvenile Detention Center-Total Juveniles Served: 43; Discharge: Home-16, Residential-1, Inpatient-4, Shelter-4, County Jail-2; Involved with: Formal Probation: 39, CMO-2, YCM:4, DYFS:1; Average Stay: 14 Days; More than One time in JDC: 28.

Probation-On Probation Supervision: 287; Formal Probation: 55%; Deferred: 45%

Intake-Added: 136; Disposed: 164; Pending: 101. For the 2010-2011 Court Year: Added: 1615

JJC-No report.

The next meeting of the system review committee will take place on Monday, September 26, 2011 at 9:30 AM at 200 Valley Road, Suite 406, Mt. Arlington.

Legislative Subcommittee

No report at this time. The next legislative subcommittee meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 11, 2011 at 10:00 AM at 30 Schuyler Place, 3rd Floor, Morristown.

Juvenile Firesetter Prevention Program Subcommittee

Rachelle Farese reported that the subcommittee met on Thursday, September 8, 2011 and discussed the current program statistics. There are two (2) juveniles pending evaluations and seven (7) juveniles pending education. There have been ten (10) referrals in 2011. The Program is currently discussing and planning the remainder of the education sessions for 2011. Rachelle Farese distributed the brochure for the 2011 Annual NJ Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Conference. The brochure can be found at www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/dfs. In 2012 the program subcommittee will be meeting on a quarterly basis in March, June, September and December. The next meeting of the Juvenile Firesetter Prevention Program subcommittee will be held on Thursday, November 10, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at 30 Schuyler Place, 3rd Floor, Morristown.

Disproportionate Minority Contact Subcommittee

No report at this time. The next disproportionate minority contact subcommittee meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 5, 2011 at 12:00 PM at the Morris County Public Safety Training Academy, 500 West Hanover Avenue, Parsippany.

Education Partnership Subcommittee

Sandy Gogerty announced that the next cross training will be held on October 19, 2011 at the Morris County Public Safety Training Academy from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM. The training will include an overview of the children's system of care as well as a resource fair. The next Education Partnership subcommittee meeting will take place on Thursday, September 22, 2011 at 1:00 PM at 30 Schuyler Place, 3rd Floor, 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

Steven Neblett announced that Morristown Neighborhood House is applying for the Family Success Center Grant through the Department of Children and Families. He may be reaching out to committee members for statistics and further information for their grant application.

Alicia Stevenson announced that the Family Support Organization will be holding a six week social skills group for males and females in sixth through eighth grades. Also, the FSO has a Youth Bowling League for youth ages thirteen (13) through eighteen (18). The league bowls on Saturdays at 9:30 AM. Ms. Stevenson will forward the fliers via e-mail to Rachelle Farese to distribute to the committee.

Juli Harpell-Elam announced that Jersey Battered Women's Service will be hosting an event with the author of *Split*, a novel of domestic violence and its aftermath. The event will be held at the Morris Museum on October 4, 2011 at 6:00 PM. Ms. Harpell-Elam also announced that JBWS in conjunction with the Islamic Center of Boonton, the Methodist Church of Boonton and Watha House of Boonton will be hosting a Domestic Violence Forum and Vigil in memory of the young mother that was killed in Boonton earlier this year and also in recognition of Domestic Violence Prevention Month. The Forum/Vigil will be held on October 16, 2011.

Tammy Rosenthal announced that Dierdre's House, in conjunction with the Morris County Child Abuse Prevention Collaboration will be holding an all day symposium on Child/Youth Trafficking in New Jersey. The symposium will be held at the College of St. Elizabeth on October 28, 2011 at 8:30 AM. CEU's will be provided for this training.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 20, 2011 at 2:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3:10 PM, member Steven Neblett moved to adjourn the meeting. Member Elizabeth Manley seconded and all approved by voice vote.

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.