

MINUTES
MORRIS COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (YSAC)
Morris County Human Services Building, 340 West Hanover Avenue, Ground Floor
Conference Room, Morristown, New Jersey
January 21, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Juli Harpell-Elam at 2:36pm. Members present:

Terry Belske	Cindy Cuenca
Claudia Salomon	Beth Jacobson
Maria Augustowicz	Jessica Mondino
Ingrid Vaca-Bullaro	Dave Johnson
Juli Harpell-Elam	Kim Johnson
Lila Bernstein	Dave Johnston
Juli Harpell-Elam	Laura Siemonsma-Bertelli
David Haggerty	Jeena Williams
Neville Newton	Samantha Denegri
Jim Saylor	

Guests: Jennifer Amaya, Diana Fonseca, Stephanie Iacopelli, Kara Mendoza, Jim Mahoney,
Adela Hernandez, Jennifer Schafer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of member Terry Belske, seconded by member Maria Augustowicz, the committee approved the minutes of the November 19, 2015 meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations

ACTION ITEMS

2016 Fact Sheet

Juli Harpell-Elam presented the 2016 YSAC Fact Sheet providing an overview of the purpose of the committee and roles and responsibilities of YSAC members

2016 YSAC Chair Vote

Nominated parties were asked to exit the room for voting and discussion. Member David Johnson presented the 2016 YSAC slate of officers. Maria Augustowicz was nominated to a 2016 term as Chair. After discussion, on motion by member David Johnson, the committee approved the 2016 YSAC Chair position. (17-Aye; 0-Nay; 0-Abstain). Kimberly Johnson was nominated to a 2016 term as Co-Chair. After discussion, on motion by member David Johnson, the committee approved the 2016 YSAC Co-Chair position. (17-Aye; 0-Nay; 0-Abstain)

2016 Subcommittee Sign Ups

Jessica Mondino briefly described each of the YSAC subcommittees and their meeting dates and time. The signup sheets were sent around through the committee.

STATE AND COUNTY REPORTS

Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC)

Currently there are six (6) juveniles in the custody of the JJC: Five (5) committed, one (1) in a fields program, and one (1) to be paroled soon.

Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P)

Dave Johnston reported that Morris DCP&P had a total of 209 referrals: Morris East 71: 47 Child Protective Services (CPS), 24 Child Welfare Services (CWS).
Morris West 138; 96 CPS, 42 CWS.

Dave also reported that DCP&P is having difficulty finding resource homes that are willing to take youth over 10 years old. Morris West received an average of 25 requests a day for homes. They are trying to recruit new families and asked that providers contact DCP&P with any potential recruits.

Department of Children and Families (DCF)

The manger of the Morris West office is leaving as of 2/5. So far the has been no word of a replacement. DCF is offering to provide letters of commitment to any eligible providers who are interested in applying for a SAMHSA grant that will pay up to \$400,000 to agencies that which provide trauma focused services.

More information can be found on the DCF website: <http://www.state.nj.us/dcf/providers/notices/#2>

Youth Services Coordinator Report

Jessica Mondino reported that the county is still waiting to get the fully executed 2016 award letter back from the attorney general's office.

Aging In/Out Task Force

Beth Jacobson reported that the task force met on January 19, Zoey Shalita from Morristown Medical Center spoke about their autism services and a tour of their facility will be scheduled. The task force also discussed suicide prevention resources and information. The next meeting is scheduled for March 15.

Juvenile Detention Center/Youth Shelter

The JDC currently has eight (8) residents: five (5) male and three (3) female. Two (2) are from Morris, Three (3) are from Sussex and three (3) are from Warren.

The Shelter had 16 residents for the month: nine (9) Morris, two (2) Sussex, two (2) Hunterdon and three (3) Warren. Currently they have nine (9) residents: seven (7) male, two (2) female, seven (7) are from Morris and two (2) from Warren.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning

The subcommittee did not meet in December or January.

Next Meeting: February 8 at 10 a.m. at the Morris County Department of Human Services, Morristown.

Systems Review

Did not meet in December or January

Next Meeting: January 25, 2016 at CMO in Mt. Arlington.

Legislative and DMC

The subcommittee met on January 6, 2016.

The subcommittee discussed the slate of officers from the 2016 YSAC.

The next meeting will be May 5, 2016 at 11:00am at the Morris County Department of Human Services, Morristown.

Juvenile Firesetter Prevention Program

The subcommittee met in December 2015.

There are currently no youth in the program.

Next Meeting: March 10 at 11:30am at the Morris County Department of Human Services, Morristown.

Education Partnership

The next training will be held on February 10, 2016 at 8:30am at the Public Safety Training Academy. The training is entitled Best Practices in Risk Assessment and Crisis Protocols, Part 2

Next Meeting: TBD

JRC

The Juvenile Review Committee met on January 7, 2016

There were 3 system struggles presented at the meeting

1. Cycle of youth refusing to enter programs and the fact that system partners cannot “force” them to enter.
2. Issue with a partial care program not accepting youth because of permanency issues and no family involvement; however it was talked out at the meeting and seems to have been resolved.
3. There was also the discussion of transportation issues as this is always a large barrier to providing services

In addition there was discussion surrounding some issues that youth at the shelter have brought up concerning Daytop. Beth Jacobson will follow up with Daytop after receiving the specifics. In addition, Daytop will be invited to present at a future YSAC meeting.

Next Meeting will be January 28 at 9:30am at the Morris County Department of Human Services, Morristown.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business at this time.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**All hand outs will be redistributed via e-mail.*

Stephanie Iacopelli – CAP now has a bilingual clinician in their Parsippany office. Stephanie also reported that the CAP program was able to fully meet their level of service for their first year operating the program with 30 youth. She also shared a poem written by one of the youth from the program.

Lila Bernstein handed out pamphlets about a program called Impact Finance, which is a micro lending program for women and children, offering loans up to \$10,000. A counselor within an agency has to make the referral and the loan is given through the agency.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at the time.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 18, 2016 at 2:30 PM at 340 West Hanover Avenue.

ADJOURNMENT

At approximately 3:05pm, Member Jim Saylor moved to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Mondino
Youth Services Coordinator

Original is signed and kept on file at the office of the Division of Community and Behavioral Health Services.