

MINUTES
MORRIS COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (YSAC)
Morris County Human Services Building, 340 West Hanover Avenue, Ground Floor
Conference Room, Morristown, New Jersey
April 16, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chairperson Maria Augustowicz at 2:35 PM. Members present:

Rose Marie Kill	Carolee Marano
Claudia Salomon	Jim Saylor
Derek Pivko	Cindy Cuenca
Maria Augustowicz	Jessica Mondino
Ingrid Vaca-Bullaro	Sandra Gogerty
Lila Bernstein	Beth Jacobson
David Haggerty	Dave Johnson
Neville Newton	Kim Johnson
Eileen Defuria	Samantha Denegri

Guests: Jessica Revolorio, Stephanie Iacopelli, Leonard Pikaard, Lucien Duquette, Sue Montalbano

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of member Derek Pivko, seconded by member Jim Saylor, the committee approved the minutes of the March 19, 2015 regular meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

Leonard Pikaard and Lucien Duquette from New Pathways presented about their program

- Outpatient, PHP substance abuse program
- Located in Pinebrook
- Holistic approach to treatment
- Adolescent and adult program
- Clinical psychologist/supervision
- Transportation available on weekdays
- Program starts at 5pm
- Urine screen – temperature controlled cups, also screens for alcohol use
- Yoga Studio – Qigong - breathing, meditation, energies, connecting mind and body
- Group psychotherapy
- Must attend AA or NA meetings and bring back pamphlets
- Education
- 9-11 teens currently enrolled
- Individual counseling
- Mandatory weekly parent group
- DBT therapy with parents
- Exercise, basketball, hikes, gym, ect
- DBT – skills group – be mindful, focus, reality testing, stress management, emotional regulation, interpersonal relationships and conflict resolution
- 12 week program
- Nutritionist, personal trainers

- Gym is connected to new pathways
- Any client who graduates gets a free life time membership
- Can also go to gym on days off from treatment
- Referrals can come from anyone but most are probation and schools
- Recognized by most insurance companies
- Don't take Medicaid, but Medicaid will cover urine screens
- \$50 per session, sliding scale, offer scholarships and payment plans
- Take ages 13-18, 18 and still in HS
- Starting in the summer they will offer a relapse prevention program which can be used by youth in recovery, it is a voluntary program that is 1-3 days a week with 1 hour of relapse prevention and 2 hours of activities.
- 12 step based integrated with DBT
- Youtube video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h1hTmLGckZI>

ACTION ITEMS

2016 GIA-Youth Services and JJC Funding Priorities

Jessica Mondino presented the 2016 GIA-Youth Services and JJC Funding Priorities. After brief discussion, Maria Augustowicz called for a vote for the GIA Funding Priority to be approved; all in favor, none opposed, and none abstained Maria Augustowicz then called for a second vote for the JJC Funding Priority to be approved, all in favor, none opposed, and 1 abstention.

STATE AND COUNTY REPORTS

Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC)

Two youth were sentenced to the JJC since the March meeting, one to fields and one to Jamesburg.

Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P)

No report

Department of Children and Families (DCF)

No report

Youth Services Coordinator Report

Jessica Mondino discussed the 2016 Plan and Application and the status of the 2015 award letter.

Aging In/Out Task Force

The next meeting is TBD

Juvenile Detention Center/Youth Shelter

The JDC currently has 10 residents 9 male 1 female. 5 are from Morris, 2 are from Sussex, and 2 from Warren.

The Shelter currently has 7 residents, 4 males, 3 females. 6 Morris and 1 Warren

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning

The subcommittee met on April 13, 2015

The committee reviewed and revised the GIA and JJC Priority Summaries

Next Meeting: Monday May 11, 2015 at 10 a.m. at the Morris County Department of Human Services, Morristown.

Systems Review

March 23, 2015

Caring Partners Conference Room, Mt. Arlington NJ

The February report was reviewed and approved.

Care Management Organization – They ended the month of January with 578 youth, 399 (69%) from Morris and 179 (31%) from Sussex. During February, they received a total of 47 youth, 30 from Morris and 17 from Sussex. 47 youth were transitioned, 33 from Morris and 14 from Sussex. CMO ended the month with 578 youth, 396 (68.5%) from Morris and 182 (31.5%) from Sussex.

During February, they received a total of 4 14-day plans, 4 from Morris and 0 from Sussex.

CCIS – In December, CCIS had 74 total admissions and 6 readmissions from all counties. Of these, there were 32 from Morris with 3 readmissions, and 6 from Sussex with 0 readmissions. There were 62 discharges.

Mobile Response & Stabilization Services – Mobile Response received 77 calls which resulted in 61 dispatches. Of those dispatches, 41 were in Morris and 20 were in Sussex. MRSS had 194 families in stabilization at the end of the month. There were 11 school referrals, 6 of which were from Morris, 5 of which were from Sussex. Referring schools were Woodland School, Mt Olive High School, Edith Decker School, Frelinghausen Middle School, Roxbury High School, Sparta High School, Hopatcong High School and Andover Regional Elementary.

Family Support Organization –

FSO provided _____ hours of peer Support Groups, with 19 people attending. There were _____ youth in Youth Partnership activities. FSO received _____ referrals, saw _____ new CMO families face to face, and provided _____ support group hours to _____ active CMO families. There were 8 warmline contacts, and _____ support groups.

Division of Child Protection & Permanency (DCP&P) –

DCP&P had a total of 186 referrals, Morris East 85; 65 Child Protective Services (CPS), 20 Child Welfare Services (CWS). Morris West 101; 85 CPS, 16 CWS.

Sussex County had 86 referrals 65 CPS and 21 CWS.

There is an RPF for a Regional Diagnostic Center. DCP&P will be having their Qualitative review the first week of May

Children's System of Care – Peter Mancusi attended the Sussex Youth Services meeting in February. He stated that the regional IDD center in the south is now open, the central and northern center have not yet opened.

Morris County Youth Shelter –There are 6 youth in the Youth Shelter at the current time, 3 male and 3 female. There are 4 from Morris County, 0 from Sussex County, 1 from Warren County and 0 from Hunterdon County and 1 from Passaic County.

Probation –

Sussex – Total Cases: 60; 39 Formal Probation, 21 Deferred.

Morris – There 78 cases pending, 60 added and 68 disposed of.

JJC – No report from the JJC, but Kristen said Sussex has 1 pending, 1 in Jamesburg and 1 on parole..

Morris Juvenile Detention Center –There are 12 youth in the Detention Center, 12 male 0 female. There are 9 from Morris, 4 from Sussex, 0 from Hunterdon and 2 from Warren.

Sussex County Detention Alternatives Program – There are currently 3 youth in Home Detention, 3 male and 0 female. 2 awaiting disposition, 1 committed and 2 pre-adjudicated. There are no youth in the Home Supervision Program. Average daily census for the month for HDP was 1, and for HSP 1.

Aging Out/Aging In Task Force – The next meeting is on May 19, and will be held at 1 Medical Dr.

System Struggles –

CCIS - The Warren County youth who was discussed last month was discharged back to the JDC. HE has repeated the same behaviors and was brought to court, stating he would kill himself if returned to the JDC, he was sent to the ER at St Lukes and after being evaluated there is scheduled to be returned to the JDC.

CCIS is also holding a 6 year old pending placement. The courts are involved in this case as well.

A 15 year old male who was charged with sexual assault of a 4 year old victim who lived with him was released from the JDC after only one day to a house with young children next door to where the victim resides.

System Successes – A male that had been in the shelter for 30 days and was struggling with homelessness issues was discharged from the shelter to live with his mother at their pastor's house, with services in place.

A Sussex County female who was in the shelter for over 70 days was reunified with a family friend and discharged.

Case Review - None

Open Discussion -

Dave Johnston announced that on April 15 the Education Partnership will hold their last training of the year on "Self Injurious Behaviors"

Ingrid Vaca- Bullaro from FIS announced that they would be hold the second session of their Sexting and Cyber Bullying Education program on March 31 and April 6

Rachel Helt from FSO said that they were collecting bottle caps for an art project throughout April. There will also be a walk a thon for Mental Health Awareness Month in Newton and Morris County.

*Next Meeting is scheduled for April 27, 2015 at Caring Partners in Mount Arlington at 9:30 am.

Legislative and DMC

The subcommittee did not meet in April.

The next meeting will be May 6, 2015 at 11:00am at the Morris County Department of Human Services, Morristown.

Juvenile Firesetter Prevention Program

The subcommittee did not meet in April.

Next Meeting: June 11, 2015 11:30am at the Morris County Department of Human Services, Morristown.

Education Partnership

The subcommittee did not meet in April

The last training was held on April 15 at the Public Safety Academy, the topic was Self Injurious Behaviors.

Next Meeting: May 21, 2015 @ 1pm 340 West Hanover Ave 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.*

No announcements at this time

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at the time.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 21, 2015 at 2:30 PM at 340 West Hanover Avenue.

ADJOURNMENT

At approximately 2:57pm, Member Dave Johnson 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.