

MINUTES
MORRIS COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (YSAC)
Morris County Human Services Building, 340 West Hanover Avenue, Ground Floor
Conference Room, Morristown, New Jersey
June 18, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Juli Harpell-Elam at 2:33pm. Members present:

Rose Marie Kill	Cindy Cuenca
Claudia Salomon	Jill Cerullo
Derek Pivko	Jessica Mondino
Maria Augustowicz	Sandra Gogerty
Ingrid Vaca-Bullaro	Beth Jacobson
Lila Bernstein	Dave Johnson
Juli Harpell-Elam	Kim Johnson
David Haggerty	Dave Johnston
Neville Newton	Kathy Leonard
Nancy Oszustowicz	Jenn Carpinteri
Matt Krauze	Laura Siemonsma-Bertelli
Carolee Marano	Samantha Denegri

Guests: Jessica Revolorio, Julie Paterson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of member Dave Johnson, seconded by member Jennifer Carpinteri, the committee approved the minutes of the June 18, 2015 regular meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

Sarah Scalzitti a former youth involved with the system came to speak about her experience and how she is doing now. She told us her history, she lived with her mom until she was 5 but was mistreated by her. Her grandmother then received custody of her. Sarah ended up in a residential facility because of her behavior at home, however she was treated baby there and was sent back home to her grandmothers. She then went to an out of district school in West Milford and did really well there. She receive straight As and was able to return to public school in 9th grade. She started in CART and was involved with both CMO and FIS, she also had in and out of home counselors. Junior year of high school she fell in with a bad crowd and then had her first knee surgery and was in bed for 8 months. She turned it around and graduated high school in 2012 and enrolled in college. She graduated with her associates degree in 2015 and will be starting at Centenary in August of 2015.

ACTION ITEMS

No action items.

STATE AND COUNTY REPORTS

Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC)

No report

Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P)

Dave Johnston reported that Morris DCP&P had a total of 250 referrals: Morris East 103; 79 Child Protective Services (CPS), 24 Child Welfare Services (CWS).

Morris West 147; 100 CPS, 47 CWS.

The difference between a Child Welfare Assessment and Child Protective Services is that the welfare assessment is voluntary while CPS is not.

The next step in the QR process is to develop a performance improvement plan (PIP)

Department of Children and Families (DCF)

Dave Johnston reported that a new class just graduated from the DCP&P fellow program. Staff of the program is appointed by the commissioner, they look at issues such as frequently seen families and early intervention.

Youth Services Coordinator Report

Jessica Mondino discussed the current RFA, funding priorities, funding review and funding recommendations meeting which will be held in July.

Aging In/Out Task Force

The next meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2015.

Juvenile Detention Center/Youth Shelter

The JDC currently has 7 residents: 6 male and 1 female. 6 are from Morris and 1 from Warren.

The Shelter currently has 8 residents: 5 males, 3 female. 4 are from Morris, 1 is from Sussex and 3 from Warren.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning

The subcommittee met on June 8, 2015

The committee tallied the Priorities Surveys that were received.

Next Meeting: Monday July 13, 2015 at 10 a.m. at the Morris County Department of Human Services, Morristown.

Systems Review

May 26, 2015

The April 2015 minutes were reviewed and approved.

Care Management Organization – They ended the month of March with 587 youth, 404 from Morris and 183 from Sussex. During April, they transitioned a total of 51 youth, 40 from Morris and 11 from Sussex. CMO ended the month with 579 youth, 398 from Morris and 101 from Sussex.

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

CCIS – St Clares Counseling Services received 15 new clients, they served 770 and 135 counseling services.

Mobile Response & Stabilization Services – Mobile Response received 67 calls which resulted in 54 dispatches. Of those dispatches, 27 were in Morris and 27 were in Sussex. MRSS closed 52 and had 229 families in stabilization at the end of the month. There were 7 school referrals, 4 of which were from Morris, 3 of which were from Sussex. Referring schools were Morris: Morris Hills HS, Kinnelon, Randolph Middle School and Lake View Middle School. Sussex: Hamburg Middle School and Hunterdon Prep.

Family Support Organization –
No Report

Division of Child Protection & Permanency (DCP&P) – Dave Johnston reported that Morris DCP&P had a total of 195 referrals, Morris 94; 75 Child Protective Services (CPS), 19 Child Welfare Services (CWS).
Morris West 101; 68 CPS, 33 CWS.

Children’s System of Care – There was a discussion around the CSOC community development funds

Morris County Youth Shelter –There are 9 youth in the Youth Shelter at the current time, 8 male and 1 female. There are 7 from Morris County, 2 from Sussex County, 0 from Warren County and 0 from Hunterdon County. The Shelter served 16 youth during the month of April: 13 from Morris, 1 from Sussex and 2 from Warren.

Probation –
Sussex – No report

Morris – No report

JJC –
Sussex – Currently 2 youth are in the custody of the JJC 1 on parole and one in Jamesburg

Morris – Currently 6 juveniles are in the custody of the JJC, 3 committed, 1 in a fields program, 2 in a more secure facility and 2 on parole

Morris Juvenile Detention Center –There are 11 youth in the Detention Center, 9 male 2 female. There are 7 from Morris, 3 from Sussex, 0 from Hunterdon and 1 from Warren.

Sussex County Detention Alternatives Program – There are currently 4 youth in Home Detention, 3 male, 1 female. There are 2 youth in the Home Supervision Program 1 male and 1 female.

Aging Out/Aging In Task Force – The next meeting is scheduled for September 15.

System Struggles –

- Tara Legates raised the issue of the need for Spanish speaking providers in many aspects of care.
- Mobile response raised the issue of a family in Montague- the youth is biracial, black and Hispanic, 11 years old and is experiencing bullying and racial slurs at school. The school did an investigation and determined that she was the bully. The family and mobile have not been getting a response from the school, they finally set up meetings and on two separate occasions the

principle did not show up for either meeting and the school personnel that did show up didn't have any information on the situation. They were told to take the issue up with the board of education. The family is getting a lawyer. Meanwhile the child is refusing to go to school because of the bullying and the school is threatening a truancy issue. Suggestions were made by the committee to contact Rutgers law clinic and Becky from the center for prevention for help.

- Gianine from CMO discussed some changes
 - o Any youth who goes into a CSOC substance abuse program will be enrolled in CMO.
 - o CSOC will now be in charge of doing JCR and TJCR before rejecting youth.
 - o CSOC is looking at the lengths of stay starting with campus programs, youth that have been there for more than 12 months.

System Successes –

- Dave Johnston from DCP&P, they had an 8 year old youth who was having a lot of challenges, they found a resource home for him and he has been there for 2 weeks and is doing well. There are 2 other kids his age in the home and he is interacting well with them.
- Ingrid – Had to petition a youth and co-managed with DCP&P, the DCP&P worker did a great job with the youth and the youth is now in the shelter.

Case Review – None.

Open Discussion – Barbara Miller talked about a Foreclosure Alternative work shop that would be held at the center on June 10th from 2-8

*Next Meeting is scheduled for Monday June 22, 2015 at Caring Partners in Mt Arlington at 9:30 am.

Legislative and DMC

The subcommittee did not meet in June.

The next meeting will be October 7, 2015 at 11:00am at the Morris County Department of Human Services, Morristown.

Juvenile Firesetter Prevention Program

The subcommittee met on June 11.

There are currently 8 youth who will be taking the education session on June 26.

Next Meeting: September 17 at 10am at the Morris County Department of Human Services, Morristown.

Education Partnership

The subcommittee met on June 18, 2015

Next Meeting: Currently planning for the fall trainings

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.*

Carolee from DAWN announced that they are collaboration with Morris Parks for a family fun day on June 28th.

Jackie Oletto from Summit Oaks passed out flyers about their adolescent programs.

Jennifer Amaya reminded the committee that Street Smart can provide translation services when needed.

Lila Bernstein spoke about a program of “Pro Bono” therapists called “A Home Within”

Ingrid Vaca-Bullaro – announced that the next session of Mending Arts will be for ages 7-11, Tuesdays 6-7:30pm open enrolment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at the time.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 23, 2015 at 2:30 PM at 340 West Hanover Avenue.

ADJOURNMENT

At approximately 3:10pm, 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.