

MINUTES
MORRIS COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (YSAC)
Morris County Human Services Building, 340 West Hanover Avenue, Ground Floor
Conference Room, Morristown, New Jersey
October 15, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chairperson Maria Augustowicz at 2:34pm. Members present:

Terri Belske	Jill Cerullo
Claudia Salomon	Jessica Mondino
Maria Augustowicz	Sandra Gogerty
Ingrid Vaca-Bullaro	Beth Jacobson
Lila Bernstein	Kim Johnson
David Haggerty	Dave Johnston
Neville Newton	Laura Siemonsma-Bertelli
Jim Saylor	Samantha Denegri

Guests: Debi Roelke, Jennifer Amaya, Michelle Wolek, Valencia Coleman, Ted Peterson, Stephanie Iacopelli, Jacqueline Eletto, Tara Legates, Christine Farber, Jane Cannon

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of member Terri Belske, seconded by member Claudia Solomon, the committee approved the minutes of the October 15, 2015 meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

Debi Roelke from A Home Within presented about their program

- Nonprofit agency
- They formed because of concerns with disrupted services
- Offer on going therapy for youth in foster homes
- Free- therapists volunteer their time
- Morris, Essex and Union County
- There is no age limit, any legal status, and any living situation is accepted
- Anyone can refer
- Anyone of any age with a history of foster care can be referred
- Don't work with parents or on reunification
- They currently have 15 volunteers in Morris County
- Each volunteer takes on one pro-bono case.
- Clients can come from any county
- Short or long term
- Meet weekly
- Sessions are usually done in office
- National level will help with transportation issues
- Therapists communicate with case workers and family

Jennifer Boyer from Volunteers of America Presented about their Parent Education Program

- Contracts with DCF, DCP&P, and CSOC
- Must be connected with DCP&P

- Any child in NJ at risk of homelessness
- Shelter ages 11-17
- 2 male group homes ages 10-18 – CMO and Medicaid
- 2 male treatment homes in Passaic – attend school, in home assessments and counseling through Medicaid and CSOC.
- 4 independent living programs 17-21 Coed
- Supportive housing in Orange 19-21 in foster care or at risk of homelessness
- Parenting skills program 16 weeks Morris County, DCP&P involvement, foster parents or child in foster care

Amy Sheppard from New Bridge presented about the two program funded through the YSAC

- Jobs Plus
 - Out of school youth ages 16-24 who have left traditional high school get academic support for task exam
 - Life skills, employment, college support
 - 6 weeks to 6 months in program avg. 10-15 weeks
 - Free transportation in the boundaries of Morris County
- Summer Youth Employment
 - 14-18 years old
 - Morris County youth
 - Delinquency prevention
 - Job readiness training
 - Employment or volunteer placement
 - 35 youth in the program
 - Anyone can refer
 - Parent information meetings
 - Meet with youth to explain program
 - Employment skill training program
 - Resumes, interviews ect
 - Transportation to and from interviews and for paperwork to secure job
 - Assist in job search
 - Supervised volunteer program
 - Anger management, problem solving on the job
 - No cost
 - New site, in Parsippany, provides computers when needed
 - Can serve youth with developmental disabilities, mental health and behavioral issues.

ACTION ITEMS

No action items.

STATE AND COUNTY REPORTS

Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC)

Currently 5 juveniles are in the custody of the JJC: 4 committed, 1 in a fields program, 1 awoled from a field program in July and is still missing and 2 are on parole.

Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P)

Dave Johnston reported that Morris DCP&P had a total of 250 referrals: Morris East 114: 86 Child Protective Services (CPS), 28 Child Welfare Services (CWS).

Morris West 136; 99 CPS, 37 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)

There are numerous RFPs on the DCF website. <http://www.state.nj.us/dcf/providers/notices/#2>

Youth Services Coordinator Report

Jessica Mondino reported on the status of the 2016 plan and application

Aging In/Out Task Force

The next meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2015.

Juvenile Detention Center/Youth Shelter

The JDC currently has 4 residents: 3 male and 1 female. 2 are from Morris and 1 from Sussex.

The Shelter currently has 0 residents. For the month they had 7 residents, 5 Morris 1 Warren and 1 Burlington

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning

The subcommittee did not meet in October due to the holiday

Next Meeting: Monday November 9, 2015 at 10 a.m. at the Morris County Department of Human Services, Morristown.

Systems Review

Will meet on October 26, 2016

This has been changed to a quarterly meeting

Legislative and DMC

The subcommittee met on October 7, 2015

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

Juvenile Firesetter Prevention Program

The subcommittee did not meet in October

There are currently 0 youth in the program.

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

Education Partnership

The next training will be held on October 21, 2015 at Greystone Auditorium, the topic is “Local System of Care Overview”

Next Meeting: October 29, 2015 at 1:30pm at Morris County Department of Human Services, Morristown.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Stephanie Iacopelli from Center for Evaluation and Counseling reported that their Comprehensive Adolescent Program (CAP) is at full capacity with pending intake. They have been doing a lot of outreach.

Kim Johnson from Workforce wanted to remind everyone about the Federal Grant program through her office that helps youth receive vocational job training. She also let the committee know that she has moved to the Randolph office and Lee Carter is the contact person in the Morristown office

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Kristy Farber from Family Partners (FSO) handed out flyers for distribution with resources for families navigating the Juvenile Justice System.

Ingrid Vaca-Bullaro from Family Intervention Services (FIS) announced their next session of Mending Arts, it will be focused on families and will be utilizing a drama artist and therapist. They are currently accepting referrals.

Ted Peterson from the Future Project introduced himself to the committee, they work with families and have a contract with CMO

Jackie Eletto from Summit Oaks announced that they would have a free CEU event on self-care on October 28th.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at the time.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 19, 2015 at 2:30 PM at 340 West Hanover Avenue.

ADJOURNMENT

At approximately 3:22pm, Member Jill Cerullo 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.