

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 17, 2015

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

Rose Marie Kill	Jessica Mondino
Claudia Salomon	Beth Jacobson
Maria Augustowicz	Dave Johnson
Ingrid Vaca-Bullaro	Dave Johnston
Lila Bernstein	Kathy Leonard
Juli Harpell-Elam	Laura Siemonsma-Bertelli
Neville Newton	Samantha Denegri
Laurie Becker	Hon. Catherine Enright

Guests: Stephanie Iacopelli, Jessica Revolorio, Dot Evans, Kathy Pross, Jacqueline Eletto, Tara Legates, Stephanie Osinski, Monica Jennings, Julie Dellatorre, Karen Laveallen, Danielle Wysocki, Ed Lopez, Jessica Raczyk, Paula Davidoff

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of member Tara Legates, seconded by member Lila Bernstein, the committee approved the minutes of the June 18 and July 23, 2015 meetings.

PRESENTATIONS

There were presentations by 13 out of the 20 funded programs. Both State Community Partnership (SCP) and Grant In Aid (GIA) funded programs presented. State Community Partnership are state funds that come from the Juvenile Justice Commission, Grant In Aid are county funds.

- Morris Arts – Girls Surviving Program
 - Funded by State Community Partnership (SCP)
 - High School girls
 - The girls write and make up plays based on individual as well as common experiences that teen girls face.
 - Has been operating for 10 years
 - The girls performed one of their skits

- Family Intervention Services – Family Outreach Program, Mending Arts and FCIU
 - Family Outreach Program
 - Grant In Aid funded (GIA)
 - In home program
 - Up to 18 years old
 - Provides psycho education, skill building, stress management and case management
 - Bilingual
 - 3-6 months
 - Group component – two groups a year held at the Family Success Center
 - Mending Arts
 - GIA funded

- 5 groups per year
 - Supplement to talk therapy, drama, music, anything creative
 - Have held 2 groups so far this year, one with High Focus based around music and another with younger aged children on social skills.
 - Have two more groups scheduled, one at the shelter and one at the Family Success Center
 - FCIU
 - Family Court funded, which is part of State Community Partnership
 - Ages 11-17
 - Not on probation or involved with DCP&P – Permanency Phase
 - Crisis Intervention
 - 4-6 weeks in home or in office intensive therapy
 - Can extend to 12 weeks if needed
 - They are an arm of the court and can petition the court to mandate services if necessary
- Storytelling Arts – Storytelling at the JDC and Shelter
 - GIA funded
 - 5 storytellers, work in teams or individually
 - Tells story and gives youth new outlet for emotions
 - Every other week two days in a row
 - Try to tell stories based on old stories that touch on different aspects of youths lives
 - Have a discussion afterwards as well as activities that pertain to the story
 - Julie told us a story as an example of what they do with the youth.
- Big Brothers Big Sisters – Site Based Mentoring
 - SCP funded
 - Site based program at Marie Duffy Elementary School in Wharton
 - High school students from Morris Hills High School are mentors
 - Mentees range from 7 years old to 5th grade
 - 3pm-5pm after school
 - They work on homework, play games and do group activities.
 - Many littles become bigs when they enter high school
- Center for Evaluation and Counseling – Comprehensive Adolescent Program
 - SCP funded
 - Serves Juveniles male and female ages 12-18, who are involved or at risk of becoming involved with the juvenile system.
 - 90 days
 - Wrap around case management **If CMO is not already involved
 - Psycho educational groups, anger management ect.
 - Work with the families
 - Meet once a week with counselor
 - Report is given to referral source
 - CEC does a follow up 30 days after completion
- New Hope – Adolescent Residential Substance Abuse Treatment
 - SCP – JRC funded, per diem basis
 - Short term residential substance abuse treatment
 - 14-18

- School
- Contracted with 17 out of 21 counties
- DCF funding, county funding and insurance
- Focus on 12 step model as well as trauma informed model
- 3-6 month stay
- Go out for activities
- Family program twice a week
- Free transportation to train or bus for parents
- Have a psychiatrist on staff
- Youth are evaluated before beginning program
- Medication monitoring
- Nurse in building 24/7
- Substance abuse primary
- No cap on how many times a youth can go through the program

- The Educational Center – ESCUCHA! And Career Way Mentoring Program
 - ESCUCHA!
 - SCP funded
 - Mentorship program started in 1996
 - Work with young Latinas in Dover area
 - 7-12th grade
 - Professional mentors come in and do workshops
 - They also use college students for mentors
 - As well as high school students
 - Work with parents
 - Business, leadership, public speaking, budgeting ect.
 - Each group does a big project for the year, involving these skills
 - They break into 4 different departments, Marketing, finance, design and management to plan projects
 - Go on college visits
 - 70% of youth in the program go on to college
 - Career Way
 - SCP – JRC funded, per diem
 - One on one mentoring
 - Students who have gotten in trouble, but not too much trouble
 - Work on getting life on track
 - Applying to college, getting a job ect

- Parsippany-Troy Hills PAL – Juvenile Accountability Leadership Program
 - SCP funded
 - Summer camp program
 - At risk youth from Parsippany Hills and High School
 - 5 week program
 - 14-15 youth
 - Pick up and drop off
 - Provide breakfast and lunch
 - Psycho educational groups, community service, coping skills
 - Staff are all Parsippany teachers and counselors
 - 3 month and 1 year follow up
 - Work with other agencies for presentations such as JBWS, Treatment Dynamics, lawyers, as well as tours of the JDC and jail

- Jersey Battered Women’s Services – Choices Program
 - SCP funded
 - 2 components to the program, individual counseling and psycho education groups.
 - Individual Counseling
 - Males age 12-17 who are using abusive behavior towards a significant other or family members
 - More than just anger management
 - Spanish speaking counselors
 - \$50 initial meeting and \$30 per session, sliding scale, DCP&P or CMO can help with payment as well
 - Group Component
 - Groups are held at different facilities, groups have been held at the shelter, JDC, Plaid House, Daytop and Teen Pride.
 - 4-8 weeks
 - Free
 - Focus on healthy relationships and what abuse is.
 - Can also provide single session presentations to groups

ACTION ITEMS

No action items.

STATE AND COUNTY REPORTS

No state/county reports were given

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

No subcommittee reports were given

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.*

Jennifer from the Partnership for Maternal and Child Health handed out flyers about their free pregnancy testing and information about their Central Intake.

Ingrid Vaca-Bullaro from FIS handed out flyers about their upcoming parenting group which will be held at the family success center from 10/6-11/10 6pm-8pm. Ingrid also handed out information about their Morris Outpatient services.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at the time.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 15, 2015 at 2:30 PM at 340 West Hanover Avenue.

ADJOURNMENT

At approximately 3:45pm, 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.