

HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
July 22, 2014
340 West Hanover Avenue, Morris Twp.

The July 22, 2014 meeting of the Human Services Advisory Council was called to order by Ms. Marcia Brands, Co Chair at 5:35 p.m.

Members Present:

Robert Armstrong, Citizen Rep., Liaison MSW HIV/AIDS Advisory
Jeff Bashe, Citizen Rep. Liaison United Way N.N.J., Success by Six
Marcia Brands, Citizen Rep., Liaison Legislative Subcommittee
David Hollowell, Liaison Workforce Investment Board
Mary Jane Melo, Citizen Rep.
Tom Pappas, Citizen Rep., Liaison Council on Aging, Disabilities & Veterans
Tom Pepe, Citizen Rep.

Also Attending:

Kathy DeFillipo, Freeholder
Mary Giorlando, NJ Division of Developmental Disabilities
David Johnston, New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency
Kelly O'Neill-McGuire, MSW Employment & Training Services

Staff in Attendance:

Shelia Carter, MCDHS
Pat MocarSKI, MCDHS
Frank Pinto, MCDHS

Welcome and Introductions – Ms. Brands, Chair

All were welcomed and introductions were made.

Approval of June Minutes

The motion to approve the June minutes was made by Ms. Mary Jane Melo and seconded by Mr. Tom Pappas. All were in favor with no opposition and two abstentions. The motion carried.

County of Morris Department of Human Services – Frank Pinto

There will be a CoC Executive Committee meeting Thursday. The hope is that through this coordination additional resources will be brought into the community for services. The committee is working on how to rank HUD applications. Getting the partners around the table is helpful in putting forth the best application.

Some of the issues the CoC is grappling with are hard to explain to HUD. In Morris County there is little housing available. In other counties there is more housing. The Community Block Grant funds have been a big help. Ms. DeFillipo said there has been a lot coming down from HUD and housing initiatives that have been in the news. There is a need to look at all services and figure out how to be more creative.

As of the end of August Mr. Pinto announced he will be leaving the County. Mr. Pinto is partnering in a consulting company that will work on land conservation and open space.

New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) – Mary Giorlando

Update of Residential placement of individuals from Developmental Centers of RHNJ (return home NJ)

- June 30, 2014 North Jersey Developmental Center closed. All consumers have moved to other locations. 2,000 employees affected by closure.
- Woodbridge Developmental Center (WDC) anticipated closure is January 9, 2015.
- 120 consumers will be transferred to new homes.
- 3,300 – 3,500 employees will be affected by the closure (795 employees retired or got laid off).

Residential Development in Morris County

- Lincoln Park – 4 consumers – 3 Olmstead, 1 RHNJ waiting for HMFA
- Parsippany-Troy Hills Twp. – 6 consumers from Matheny – early stages of development
- Mt. Olive – 4 consumers – 2 North Jersey Developmental Center, 1 Vineland Developmental Center, 1 Matheny – opening this summer
- Parsippany, 4 consumers, 3 WDC, 1 New Lisbon Developmental Center – early stages of development

July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014 residential placement with Morris County of non-Olmstead or RHNJ individuals

Total placements in Morris County 23

- Placements from the wait list 2
- Placements as a result of emergencies 18
- Placements as a result or request for transfer to Morris County 3

Total placements of individuals who lived in their own homes and moved into a home located in Morris County – 12

- Total Own Home Placements in Morris County as a result of Emergency - 10
- Total Own Home Placements in Morris County from wait list - 2

New Jersey Department of Children and Families – Dave Johnston

Ms. Elizabeth McGovern is retiring after more than 44 years. She will leave on Sept. 1. The new Assistant Area Director is Michelle Quinn.

DCP&P Data for June

Morris East Local Office

Child Protective Services Investigations – 63

Child Welfare Assessments – 28

Total – 91

Morris West Local Office

Child Protective Services Investigations – 91

Child Welfare Assessments – 34

Total 91

County Totals – 216

Top Three Municipalities –

Morristown – 18

Mount Olive – 17

Dover/Roxbury – 15

Department of Children and Families (DCF)

The New Jersey Department of Children and Families (DCF) seeks information from the housing community including the Public Housing Authorities (PHA), Continuums of Care, affordable housing developers, as well as social service and community based agencies, and other public/private agencies regarding the availability of housing subsidies that might be leveraged to provide housing interventions for child welfare involved families.

The Request for Information (RFI) is asking interested organizations for information about the availability and type of housing subsidies they have access to in order to assist DCF with program planning. Only organizations with access to housing subsidies or a plan for accessing subsidies should consider responding.

All responses are due by 5:00 p.m. on or before Monday, Sept. 15, 2014. Responses shall be accepted on a rolling basis. Responses may provide a basis for DCF to develop Requests for Proposals (RFP) for supportive housing models or other housing interventions. The Department is seeing brief and concise answers to each of their questions. Applicants shall not contact the Department directly, in person, or by telephone concerning this RFI. Applicants may request information and/or assistance for DCFASKRFP@dcf.state.nj.us. For further information go to <http://www.nj.gov/dcf/providers/notices/>

Staff Report – Shelia Carter

Funding applications for 2015 were received. The Program Review Committee will meet Sept. 4 and 5 to review between 25 – 30 funding applications. Meeting notification with details related to the place and time along with the application being reviewed will be sent by regular mail. Recommendations developed during this meeting will be presented to the full board on September 23.

Monitoring teams will be going out in July and August to do agency onsite inspections of 2014 funded programs. By the end of August, agency onsite visits and monitoring reports will be complete.

**Subcommittee Reports –
Planning Child Care – Voucher System Update**

There is no waiting list for child care subsidies. All eligible applicants are being served. Approximately 30 new applications are being received a week.

There are currently six unutilized Dedicated Vouchers. One at Jefferson Child Care, three at Dover Child Care, one at Madison Day Care, and one at Ada Budrick. The 30 clock is still in effect for these centers.

Peer Place closed on 06/30/14. Child & Family Resources transferred their one dedicated voucher to Neighborhood House.

Youth Homelessness – Dave Johnston

The group made up of the Aging Out Task Force will meet next month. Individuals are working on coming up with numbers and pulling data from the system. They are looking at those in the 17-22 year old age range. They are trying to figure out what screen and what matrix to look at. They are also reaching out to the Care Management Organization as well to see if they have additional information. In looking at the Point-in-Time data there are 3-4 chronically homeless children in Morris County.

Advisory Committee Reports

Workforce Investment Board (WIB) – David Hollowell

WIB member Mr. Marty Telles, of the High Tide Group, will provide soft skills training to Employment and Training Services (ETS) clients. The curriculum will include:

- 1) Confidence
- 2) Initiative, Responsibility, Motivation
- 3) Work Ethic
- 4) Business Training

The audience will be Work Readiness clients, Community Work Experience Program clients and interested General Assistance /Food Stamps Orientation clients. The training will be held two days per month at the Morristown One-Stop Career Center at 30 Schuyler Place, Morristown. Mr. Telles has volunteered to offer this training at no cost to the WIB or ETS.

WIB Director Jack Patten was recently elected First Vice President of the Garden State Employment and Training Association (GSETA) and ETS Director Donna Buchanan was elected Secretary. Both will serve two year terms. Mr. Patten previously served as GSETA President from 2007 to 2008 and agreed to return as an officer to assist in meeting the challenges posed by retirements of many senior GSETA contributors.

The mission of the Association is “to provide leadership, and promote quality and excellence for the advancement of New Jersey’s workforce development system and its customers and professionals.”

Morris, Sussex, Warren (MSW) HIV Advisory – Robert Armstrong
HIV prevalence in the U.S. is 1.15 million.

Newly diagnosed with HIV:

- 50,000 new cases per year in the U.S.
- Highest age group: 20-24
- Also remaining high: 25-49
- Male-to-male sexual contact is the highest transmission category
- Black/African American is the highest number diagnosed by race/ethnicity category
- N.J. is the 9th highest state (N.Y. and P.A. are also in the top 10)

Persons living with AIDS in the US 500,000

Worldwide

- 2.5 million new cases of HIV in 2011
- 34 million living with HIV (24 million living in Sub-Saharan Africa)
- 50% are women
- 30 million people have died from AIDS since 1981.

Adult prevalence in Sub-Saharan Africa 5%

Out of the International AIDS Conference in Melbourne, Australia:

1. A cure for AIDS is still many years away. So far 1 person has been cured of AIDS.
2. The U.S. annual rate of HIV diagnoses fell by more than 30% over a 10 year period.
3. However, men, ages 13 through 24, who have sex with men saw the rate of diagnoses rise over the 10 year period, as did those 45 through 54 and those 55 and older. Overall, for men who have same sex with men, all age categories included, the rate is stable.

Current Challenges for Persons Living with HIV/Aids (PLWHA):

1. Some barriers to treatment with new HMOs: large co-pay charges; “prior authorization” requirements for medications patients have already been taking for years leading to gaps in medication adherence; denial of current medications due to tier system (i.e. patient can’t take a medication unless a tier system of less expensive similar medications fail), physician must submit increased paperwork to appeal.
2. AIDS Drug Distribution Program (ADDP) sign up time has gone from 2-3 days to 2-3 weeks.
3. Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (PREP) and Post-exposure Prophylaxis (EPE) now gaining wider support but who is going to pay for it? It is very expensive.

FY 2013 Expenditures for serving Morris, Sussex, Warren counties:

\$812,355 was spent by 4 providers in Morris County. This is approximately 8% of \$10,896,931 spent Newark Eligible Metropolitan Area (NEMA) wide. NEMA wide 77% was spent on core services and 23% on support services.

Farmapack is a new program where medicines are prepackaged for the client and clients are given support. Outcome trends with the use of Farmapack include: increased viral load suppression; reduced hospitalization.

The Morris, Sussex Warren HIV Advisory Committee is currently creating priority setting and resource allocation recommendation for the tri-county region. The recommendations will be given to the NEMA Planning Council. Service utilization for FY 2013 shows a decrease for primary care.

The committee is currently creating an HIV resource guide for Morris, Sussex & Warren counties.

The MSW/HIV Advisory Committee will meet on September 16 at 11 a.m. location to be determined.

Mental Health Substance Abuse Advisory Board – Pat MocarSKI

Some of the MHSAAAB board members will be giving three minute testimonials at local hearings on July 22 and July 23 on the critical value of Saint Clare's Hospital to the community. There are no other agencies that provide these critical behavioral health services to the community. Prime Health Care has been in contact with the hospital and planning to take over Saint Clare's. Saint Clare's has been losing about \$8 million a year and if this takeover doesn't succeed the alternative would be to close. Prime has several other medical facilities and is a for profit organization. They hope to increase revenue and decrease expenses. This has been about 1 1/2 years in the works and has been quite challenging. The State Department of Health will be there at the testimonials. The testimonials and public hearings are part of the requirement by the State.

The Annual Public Forum for Consumers and Families was held on Tuesday, June 17 at the Frelinghuysen Arboretum, Haggerty Center, in Morristown. The theme was Many Faces of Recovery – Wellness in Action. There were about 140 in attendance. The priority needs are about the same as last year. It was a great opportunity for folks to speak. The Planning Committee is looking for topics for the next year's forum.

New fliers were distributed "Addiction Doesn't Discriminate" publicizing a new campaign. The kick off is in May and there will be a press conference in So. Jersey. Please see KnowAddiction.nj.gov for further information.

Next MHSAAAB meeting is August 14, 5:15 p.m., MCDHS, 30 Schuyler Place, 3rd Floor, Red Room.

Council on Aging, Disability & Veterans (ACADV) – No Report

Youth Services Advisory Council (Report submitted by Jessica Mondino)

Carmela Balacco from Family Link presented about their Early Intervention program.

- Family Link is under the NJ Department of Health
- Provide services to Birth-3 years old, children identified with Intellectual/developmental disabilities
- Anyone can refer
- Need parental consent
- Will gather information and then send out targeted evaluation team
 - Speech, psychical, occupation therapist and social worker
- Will not diagnose, but will suggest to see a professional if needed
- Some diagnosis' are automatically eligible
- Once deemed eligible a service coordinator discusses details with family
- Some services may have costs, sliding scale.
- Services available are
 - Speech Therapy
 - Occupational Therapy
 - Physical Therapy
 - Applied Behavioral Analysis
 - Special Education
 - Social Work
 - Family training
- After initial meeting a plan is created, an individual family service plan
- At age 2.5 a transition plan is created
- At age 3 family is connected to other community options

Carolee Marano from DAWN Center for Independent Living discussed two programs they currently have, a 72 hour curriculum based life skills program and a state wide school based program call "Its All About Work". For further information call 1-888-383-DAWN (3296) or go to their website at <http://dawncil.org/>.

Dawn Malfetone handed out fliers on the Family Partners of Morris and Sussex County, a Family Support Organization. The Family Support Organization is a private, family led, non-profit, organization funded by the New Jerseys Division Children's System of Care, that provides support, education and advocacy to families with children who have special mental, emotional, and behavioral health challenges, or developmental and intellectual disabilities. They offer a warm line telephone support to families and caregivers. For telephone support call (973) 940-3194. Further information may also be found at www.familypartnersms.org/.

Next Meeting Date: August 21, 2014 at 340 W. Hanover Avenue in Morristown.

Partnership Announcements: No Report

Old Business –

Draft Letter to DCF –

Ms. Merz has drafted a letter to DCF asking them about the goals and standards of the Family Success Center. In her absence review of the letter was tabled to the next meeting.

New Business – None

Public Comment – None

Adjournment –

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tom Pepe and seconded by Jeff Bashe at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Mocarski
Program Development Aide