

HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
340 West Hanover Avenue, Morristown
June 27, 2017 Minutes

Call to Order: The meeting opened at 5:01 p.m. by Mr. Ken Oexle.

Members Present:

Robert Armstrong, HIV/AIDS Advisory Liaison
Linda Csengeto, OTA Liaison
David Hollowell, Workforce Development Board Liaison
Joanne McEniry, HIV/AIDS Advisory Liaison
Mary Jane Melo, Citizen Representative
Debi Merz, Citizen Representative
Kenneth Oexle, Chair, Citizen Representative
Tom Pappas, Aging, Disabilities & Veterans Liaison
Tom Pepe, Citizen Representative
Rebecca Sherrod, Child & Family Resources

Also Attending:

Betty Sayner, NJDHS, Division of Developmental Disabilities
Luis Tamayo, New Jersey Department of Human Services

Staff in Attendance:

Jennifer Carpinteri, MCDHS
Shelia Carter, MCDHS
Pat Mocarski, MCDHS
Maria Rosario, MCDHS

Welcome and Introductions

All were welcomed and introductions made.

Approval of May 23, 2017 Minutes

The motion to approve the May 23 minutes was made by Mr. Tom Pepe and seconded by Mr. David Hollowell. All were in favor with no opposition and two abstentions. Motion carried.

Public Comment – None

County of Morris Department of Human Services – Jennifer Carpinteri

Allaire Healthcare Group has been awarded the management contract on behalf of the county to oversee all at Morris View Healthcare Center. This is a 15-year lease with a 4-year potential renewal. The hope is that the actual transition will be in October or November of this year. The county will still own the facility (leasing the operation of long-term care) and still have some offices at Morris View. The MAPS office and Ms. Carpinteri's office will remain at Morris View. The Veteran's Clinic will also be moving to the Morris View in the next few months as well as the Veteran's Service Officers.

Department of Human Service – Mr. Tamayo (written report submitted)

Considering a potential government shutdown the state has a plan. I am optimistic that all will be resolved.

There was a lot of discussion about possible changes in Medicaid, but it is too early to know.

Ms. Carpinteri asked about any further advocacy or changes concerning fee-for-service. Mr. Tamayo stated there have been some changes in rates and such. He has heard mostly positive feedback from agencies that have already gone to fee-for-service. It was mostly larger agencies that switched at the earlier time.

Ms. Becker stated she had a site review with Community Hope. They started fee-for-service on January 1. Their business model has to change. They had to reconfigure the residential service component. They are being conservative in what they will continue to offer. If this system stays in place, there are some services they will not be able to offer. Especially things on the mental health side will change.

New Jersey Division of Developmental Disabilities – Ms. Betty Sayner Overview:

DDD is a large division that serves more than 25,000 people with developmental disabilities including the following conditions: intellectual disabilities, cerebral palsy, autism, epilepsy, spina bifida, traumatic brain injuries and certain neurological impairments. Another 1,500 consumers live in five state-run Developmental Centers (DCs).

DDD's **Supports Program** funds services and supports for adults who live in a non-licensed setting.

DDD's **Community Care Waiver (CCW)** funds services and supports that adults need in order to live in the community. The government allowed states to create waivers, including the CCW, as a way to help individuals with specific needs avoid institutionalization and return to or remain in the community.

Updates:

DDD is continuing its shift from a contract-based system of service reimbursement to a Medicaid-based, fee-for-service reimbursement system. The NJ CAT (NJ Comprehensive Assessment Tool) is the mandatory needs-based assessment used by DDD as part of the process of determining an individual's eligibility. In fee-for-service, results of the NJ CAT establish a tier, which is associated with a corresponding individualized budget. The tier also determines the reimbursement rate that a provider will receive for that individual for certain services. In fee-for-service, all individuals who wish to access services must either select or be assigned to a Support Coordination Agency (SCA). The SCA assigns a Support Coordinator to work with the individual and his/her family and begins with the completion of the Person-Centered Planning Tool (PCPT) and the development of the Individualized Service Plan (ISP).

Morris County Development:

GH2175 - Advancing Opportunities (McKinley Street, Lincoln Park)
Licensed for four people on 3/7/17

GH2412 – Special Homes (Old Turnpike Road, Washington Twp.)
Projected to serve four people. Closing on the home was planned for 5/17.

GH2454 – Special Homes (Glenwood Road, Parsippany)
Projected to serve four people. Closing being planned. Agency plans to backfill this GH with individuals from an existing GH, and then fill that home.

GH049 – DPD (Department for Persons with Disabilities) is relocating an existing home to Ridge Road in Succasunna. The Group Home currently serves 8 people, but there are plans to reduce the program to 5. They secured the funding and closed on the property in 5/17. Renovations are to start in 7/17, with a projected completion date in 10/17.

Bergen United Way is the Developer on a project planned to open in 2019 in Florham Park. The project will include 24 beds, consisting of 1 four bedroom Group Home and 17 apartment units. In 4/17, DDD signed a letter in support of the project and in 5/17 the HMFA (Housing Mortgage Finances Agency) application was submitted (awards will be announce in 7/17).

New Jersey Department of Children and Families (DCF) – Division of Child Protection and Permanency – Mr. Dave Johnson

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CPS – 103

Staff Report – Ms. Laurie Becker

The deadline for the Request for 2018 Funding Applications is Friday at 2:00 p.m. This year will be challenging due to changes in the process. We expect the Leadership group will be meeting at some point to look at the applications that hit multiple areas. They will try to find a good date for all. This should maximize opportunities for all.

The Consumer and Family Forum held on June 12 had its biggest turnout ever. In August, the summary report will be on the county website. The highlight of the evening was the advocacy awards. Mr. Lou Schwarz received the Community Leadership Award, Ms. Valerie Fox received the Teri Belske Award and Ms. P. Garanger received the Family Advocacy Award.

Staff Report – Ms. Shelia Carter

Agency Monitoring's are scheduled throughout the summer. Membership participation is highly valued. The current monitoring schedule will be emailed. Please respond to Pat Mocarski as soon as possible with your availability.

The 2017 Point-in-Time Summary was released today. Copies to be distributed at the next meeting.

Mr. Tamayo said that the State Human Services meeting was changed to August 18. They are working on ideas for discussion since a representative from the Children's System of Care will be there. This will be a good opportunity to talk with them.

Ms. Carter stated there is a subgrant modification request presented by Mr. Tom Pepe.

Mr. Tom Pepe stated that the Program Review Committee met today. Hope House is asking for a subgrant modification. They are asking that money be shifted from one bucket to another.

This will not affect the total amount of money the program receives. They are asking to raise the HIV prevention money and decrease the number of support groups.

Support groups is currently at \$8,478. They want to decrease it to \$6,123. HIV prevention groups is at \$18,840. They want to increase it to \$21,195. The Program Review Committee recommends the board approve this request. Mr. Pepe asked if anyone was in conflict. No one was in conflict.

Ms. Debi Merz made a motion that this money be shifted around per the Program Review Committee's recommendation. Support groups will be decreased to \$6,123 and HIV prevention groups will be increased to \$21,195. Ms. Linda Csengeto seconded the motion. All were in favor with one abstention and no opposition. Motion carried.

Subcommittee Reports

Planning – Childcare Report – Ms. Rebecca Sherrod

- There is no waiting list for childcare subsidies. All eligible applicants are being served and receiving approximately 30 new applications a week.
- There are not any openings currently at any dedicated voucher centers.
- The following centers that have Dedicated Vouchers Spots throughout Morris:

Dover Child Care – 50 North Morris Street, Dover NJ 973-366-0277

Early Years – 52 Cooper Road, Denville NJ 973-328-4011

El Primer Paso – 29 Segur Street, Dover NJ 973-361-0880

Flanders Valley Country Day – 6 Bartley Chester Rd, Flanders NJ 973-252-9696

F.M. Kirby Center – 54 East Street, Madison NJ 973-377-4945

Jefferson Child Care – Nolan's Point Road, Lake Hopatcong NJ 973-663-2704

Little Learner Academy – 30 Old Budd Lake Road, Budd Lake NJ 973-691-9430

Little Learner Academy – 89 Route 46 East, Denville, NJ 973-625-2800

Little Learner Academy – 25 Green Pond Road, Suite 2, Rockaway NJ 973-983-0600

Mt. Olive Child Care – 150 Wolfe Road, Budd Lake NJ 973-426-1525

Neighborhood House – 12 Flagler Street, Morristown NJ 973-538-1229

Parsippany Child Day Care – 300 Baldwin Road, Parsippany NJ 973-334-7286

Roxbury Day Care – 25 Righter Road, Succasunna NJ 973-584-3030

Salvation Army – 95 Spring Street, Morristown NJ 973-539-0543

The Magic Garden – 113 Fern Avenue, Wharton NJ 973-361-4167

These centers hold 350 dedicated voucher spots cumulatively.

KinderCare is closing as of June 30. All parents were able to move their children to other centers. This smaller center closed, however, KinderCare still has other centers open.

The state now has an automated credit card machine. This involves a lot of extra administrative work for the providers. The parents must check in and out. If they do not, they will not get reimbursement for their children on that date. The centers charge \$1200 to \$2000 a month and the state only pays \$660 (they lose half their profit.)

**Advisory Committee Reports –
Workforce Development Board (WDB) – Mr. David Hollowell**

Cassandra Reyes, a WIOA funding recipient is the WDB nomination for the Garden State Employment and Training Association STAR Award. The award acknowledges youth in the state who have overcome significant challenges to reach their goal. Cassandra, who had become a mother just months earlier, learned she did not have enough credits to graduate high school. As a teen parent without a high school diploma, Ms. Reyes was challenged with balancing studies, parenting and finding employment to support her child. In July 2016, Ms. Reyes enrolled in WIOA-funded New Bridge Jobs Plus program in Parsippany, NJ. New Bridge Jobs Plus is the longest-running alternative education program in Morris County and has helped well over 1,000 young adults earn their high school diplomas and prepare for college, trade schools and careers since 1983. She earned her NJ High School Diploma in June of 2017 and is using her newly acquired work readiness skills as a receptionist with a pediatrics practice. In the fall, Ms. Reyes will be attending Montclair State University to pursue Nursing, specializing in neonatal intensive care.

The WDB Executive Director, Mr. Jack Patten, is retiring. Ms. Jane Armstrong will be his successor.

There are a few task forces looking at job training priorities. There has been discussion about problems with those graduating from college and the trouble they are having getting jobs. Mr. Hollowell thinks there may be opportunities for the WDB to help them.

Morris, Sussex, Warren HIV/AIDS Advisory Committee Report – Mr. Armstrong

Some current HIV/AIDS information:

1. > 1.1 million people in the US are living with HIV/AIDS
2. Of those nearly 60% are unable to access life-saving medications to treat HIV
3. More than 40 per cent of people with HIV in the U.S. receive care through Medicaid
4. A lack of access to care that can keep HIV under control is likely to:
 - A. lead to the epidemic spreading
 - B. put low-income people especially at risk of illness and death, as well as 'people of color,' LGBT people and other minorities
5. Currently no one has been appointed to lead The Office of National AIDS Policy.
6. The stigma of AIDS suppresses discussion of HIV by those who are infected with it, which diminishes awareness and advocacy for this illness. What we don't talk about can easily be ignored.

The Morris-Sussex-Warren HIV/AIDS Advisory Committee did not meet since the last meeting of the Human Services Advisory Council of Morris County. The next official meeting is scheduled for September.

During the summer, a work group will meet to create a webpage presence under the aegis of the Early Intervention and Retention Collaborative (EIRC), which meets concurrently with the Morris,Sussex,Warren HIV/AIDS Advisory Committee. The work group will next meet Tuesday, June 27 at 10:00 a.m. in the Humans Services Building Ground Floor Conference Room.

Mental Health Addictions Services Advisory Board - No Report

Council on Aging, Disabilities & Veterans – Ms. Maria Rosario

- June 15 is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. The day aims to focus global attention on the problem of physical, emotional, and financial abuse of elders.

Last week, Rep. Peter King (R-NY) and Rep. Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR) announced the establishment of a bipartisan Elder Justice Caucus in the U.S. House of Representatives. The Caucus intends to “help to unify a voice in Congress by bringing together members with a shared interest in preventing elder abuse.”

They also introduced The Elder Justice Act reauthorization (H.R. 2639) to extend the 2009 Act through 2021 the Elder Justice Act of 2009 that authorized the establishment and coordination of federal resources to protect seniors from elder abuse, through the Elder Justice Coordinating Council Advisory Board on Elder Abuse and Exploitation, and grant funding streams to state and local entities.

- Our Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday June 21, 2017 at 11:00 am, at the Mt. Olive Nutrition Site, located at 204 Flanders-Drakestown Road, Budd Lake, NJ, to discuss the 2018 Area Plan Contract under the Older Americans Act. If any Council members want to attend please let Ophelia Cruse or Maria Rosario know.
- Morris County Office of Temporary Assistance opened a satellite office in Dover, at 375 McFarland St. Dover. It is doing well.
- Saturday July 29 at the Morristown Medical Center Health Pavilion in Rockaway a Caregiver Conference, titled “Alzheimer’s Disease Approaches to Care” will be held. In conjunction with United Way, Alzheimer’s Association and the Office on Aging. This year we will have two speakers: Dr. Matthew Barnas, geriatric psychiatrist and Deirdre Wheatley-Liss, certified elder attorney.

Youth Services Advisory Committee – Ms. Jessica Mondino PRESENTATIONS

- Juli Harpell- Elam from Jersey Battered Women’s Services presented about their Choices program
 - The program serves boys ages 12-17 who are starting to use violence in their relationships with significant others and/or family members.
 - The program works on addressing abusive (coercive) behaviors, which is different from an Anger Management program. It focuses on power and control behaviors.
 - JBWS takes referrals from anyone.
 - There is a \$50 intake fee and \$30 per session afterwards, however there is a sliding scale
 - The second component to the choices program is a Healthy Relationships education class, which can be either a single or multi session course for schools and other youth groups.

STATE AND COUNTY REPORTS

- Jeena Williams report that there are several open RFPs
 - Substance Use Navigator. Bidders conference June 15 Due Date July 14
 - Group home level of service for youth this intellectual and developmental disabilities

- More information on the DCF website
- Nacie Arnold reported on the Bridging the Gap Network
 - Will be updating the Youth Services Directory and putting it on the human services website when it is ready
 - The next meeting will be June 20 at 10am at 30 Schuyler Pl Morristown
- Nacie Arnold also reported on the Nurtured Heart Approach
 - Nacie has trained over 300 people in the community.
- Tara Prezioso from the Youth Facilities talked about the Youth Shelter's new behavior modification system.
 - They are moving towards a more Nurtured Heart approach towards discipline.
 - There are black and white rules and clear and consistent consequences and accountability
 - There is less
 - Tara reported that it is a challenging transition but it is going well so far.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- There were not general announcements.

Ms. Carpinteri gave kudos to Ms. Becker and her team for the various initiatives they have been working on, especially the Nurtured Heart Trainings. Ms. Becker suggested that she might get staff to come in and talk about some of these initiatives.

Ms. Carpinteri also stated that Morris is the twentieth county accepted as a Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative. The Youth Shelter is mirroring this program and they are trying to get all together to look at our system and the possible alternatives. There is a program with a bracelet for youth on probation and family intake. This might be something there is funding for down the road.

Partnership Announcements -

Concerning the Notices of Intent all are waiting until HUD releases the SuperNOFA so the process can get underway. Ms. Carter stated once the SuperNOFA is out there will be much work.

Community Development has a draft of the County of Morris Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 now available for public inspection at <https://hs.morriscountynj.gov/community/>.

It covers the Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships and Emergency Solutions Grant Program activities administered by the County.

This report contains information including:

1. Summary of the resources and accomplishments
2. Status of actions taken during the year to implement the goals outlined in the Consolidated Plan
3. Evaluation of the progress made during the year in addressing identified priority needs and objectives

Old Business – None

New Business –

Ms. Carpinteri stated the County Clerk's office continues to provide IDs for seniors and veterans but scaled back on the County Clerk's ID program. The Clerk's office offers IDs only for those over 55 and/or veterans. There is a charge for IDs at the Clerk's office.

Ms. Carpinteri stated that the Sheriff jumped on board to help others that needed an ID. The Sheriff is offering free ID service for those that are from 18 – 54 years old. Folks need an ID for many things, especially those that are low income and trying to get assistance. The Sheriff is offering this program at the Courthouse from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Ms. Carpinteri stated that the Hope 1 Vehicle has had over 700 people come in contact with the van. They gave out many Narcan kits and provided many Narcan trainings. This is a great partnership with our community partners together in action!

The meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia MocarSKI
Program Development Aide