

**HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
340 West Hanover Avenue, Morristown
September 26, 2017 Minutes**

Call to Order: The meeting opened at 5:05 p.m. by Mr. Ken Oexle.

Members Present:

Robert Armstrong, HIV/AIDS Advisory Liaison
Linda Csengeto, OTA Liaison
Xiomara Guevara, MC Organization for Hispanic Affairs
David Hollowell, Workforce Development Board Liaison
Joanne McEniry, HIV/AIDS Advisory Liaison
Mary Jane Melo, 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
David Johnston, NJ Division of Youth & Family Services, DCP&P
Kristen Carew, DAWN

Staff in Attendance:

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

Welcome and Introductions

All were welcomed and introductions made.

Approval of June 27, 2017 Minutes

The motion to approve the June 27 minutes was made by Mr. Tom Pepe and seconded by Ms. Joanne McEniry. 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 was 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. Things are moving forward and they hope to achieve the Nov. 1 transition date.

Question asked about the residential housing at Greystone. Residents are still living in the houses and the county is receiving rent for them.

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

There is a lot of turnover in staff and change in administration. They are continuing the shift to fee for service, which has been a problem for some.

DMHAS has transferred to the Dept. of Health (from the Dept. of Human Services). They moved officially as of Oct. 1. The Division is physically moving to Hamilton. Ms. Valerie Mielke will remain as Assistant Commissioner. There will be some changes. Ms. Becker stated she is concerned about the liaison piece and delivery to the boards. Mr. Tamayo stated there is a lot involved and many details to work out. In addition, once we get a new Governor there will be more changes. Ms. Carpinteri requested the MHASAB be kept informed of changes and communication be kept open.

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. DDD is continuing its shift from a contract-based system of service reimbursement to a Medicaid-based, fee-for-service reimbursement system.

New / Proposed Development in Morris County:

1. CPNJ is looking at a vacant lot on Rt. 202 in Morristown / Harding Twp. as a possible site for two 4-bedroom medical group homes. The Township is being consulted on whether or not they would allow two homes.
2. DPD (Department for Persons with Disabilities) is relocating an existing home to Ridge Road in Succasunna. The Group Home currently serves eight people, but there are plans to reduce the program to five. They secured the funding and closed on the property in 5/17. Construction was to start in 8/17.
3. Special Homes (Old Turnpike Road, Washington Twp.) Projected to serve four people. Vacant lot on 3 acres. Closing on the home was 5/17 and construction began 7/17 and is still at the beginning stages.
4. Special Homes (Espanong Road, Jefferson / Lake Hopatcong) Projected to serve four. This is a vacant lot on 1.5 acres. In 8/17, they were waiting to close with HMFA.
5. Special Homes (Minnehaha Blvd. in Lake Hiawatha) Projected to serve four. Vacant lot needing demo and new construction. As of 8/17, they were waiting to close with HMFA.
6. Special Homes (Glenwood Road, Parsippany) Projected to serve four people. Closing occurred and demo started in 8/17. Agency plans to backfill this GH with individuals from an existing GH, and then fill that home.

Updates:

- Liz Shea is leaving DDD to practice law. As of October 1, 2017, Jonathan Seifried will serve as Acting Assistant Commissioner. Assistant Division Director Christine James left state service for work in the private sector on August 18, 2017.
- Some confusion unexpectedly accompanied the transition to the new department-wide Fiscal Intermediary, Public Partnerships. In an effort to remedy problems, beginning on August 1, every Self-Directed Employee (SDE) Option participant who had not yet transitioned was or will be outreached by Public Partnerships directly to ensure successful Individual/Employer and SDE enrollment. Division staff are in regular contact

with Public Partnerships operations to troubleshoot and resolve issues so that SDEs and Qualified Providers can be appropriately paid for services rendered.

- DDD Website: <http://www.nj.gov/humanservices/ddd/home/>
- Division Announcements: Email DDD.Communications@dhs.state.nj.us and write "Division Update Subscribe" in the subject line.

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

August 2017

Morris East LO

CWS – 25

CPS – 50

Total - 75

Morris West LO

CWS – 26

CPS - 65

Total - 91

It seems numbers have dropped. This is a good thing but wondering what this is about. Are kids getting better services, which is helping to avoid placements? Family Connection has been hired to do a lot of supervisory work. The agency is paid a fee for the number of cases handled. This may be the reason the numbers have dropped.

There is an RFP for Keeping Families Together Programs with funding of up to \$5,493,250 and up to 215 KFT Rental Assistance Program Vouchers available. Bidder's conference on Oct. 2 at 10:00 a.m. at DCF Professional Center, 30 VanDyke Ave., New Brunswick, NJ. Bids are due on Nov. 15 at 12:00 p.m.

There are some administrative changes. Ms. Susan Jones is Acting Area Director and Ms. Maria Ohada is the Acting Local Office Manager.

See the website for further information on DCF at <http://www.nj.gov/dcf/>

Staff Report – Ms. Laurie Becker

Staff is conducting 2018 funding review and recommendation sessions. In October, the MHASAB funding subcommittee will make recommendations to the full board and ask for their approval. There were more changes than usual this year due to fee-for-service. They are looking at funding carefully to maximize services to the community.

There will be a Stigma Free event entitled "Removing Stigma from Mental Health and Addictions and Building Healthy Communities" on Nov. 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Atlantic Health. Provider tables are available. There will be speakers and recognition of stigma free communities. In Morris County 23 out of 39 communities are stigma free as well as many agencies, educational institutes, etc. For further information, please see <https://morriscountynj.gov/hs/stigma-free/>

The Sheriff has a vehicle that they are using to go out into the community to serve at risk individuals. It is called Hope 1. Plain-clothed police officers, MC CARES and MHA staff the outreach van. Other treatment providers are also in the referral network. Hope 1 is going out into the community to do mobile outreach and help link folks to services. So far, they have had 1700 unduplicated contacts. They have also done 463 Narcan trainings and gone out to about 59 locations. The bad news is that there have been 66 heroin overdoses this year.

They have done a lot of good work. The team is getting out there and reaching the people. Some of the MHASAB money has been able to help support this work.

Staff Report – Ms. Shelia Carter

The Point-in-Time count is the annual statewide count of the homeless on one night taken in January. There has been discussion about doing this more than once a year to get a more true count of the homeless.

Ms. Becker stated that it is believed that this count is only about 25% of the truly homeless since it is not possible to get a count of all. Ms. Carpinteri stated that although it looks like our count went down, it really did not. Ms. Carter stated that although this is about getting a count it is also about trying to engage and connect the homeless with services and programs.

Project Homeless Connect will be on November 16 with opening ceremony at 9:00 a.m. Doors will open at 10:00 a.m. It will be at St. Peter's Episcopal Church at 70 Maple Ave. in Morristown. To make a donation or volunteer your time call Ms. Danielle Pera at 973 334-3496 x334 or email her at DPera@mhasssexmorris.org. They are looking for agencies to participate and bring materials. Agencies must call or email to sign up. Agencies should arrive by 8:00 a.m.

Subcommittee Reports

Planning Childcare – Ms. Rebecca Sherrod

- There is no waiting list for childcare subsidies.
- We currently do not have any openings at any dedicated voucher centers.
- The following centers are centers that have Dedicated Voucher Spots throughout Morris County:

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.

**Program Review –
Closed Session**

Funding – Closed Session – 2018 CAP and SSH Funding Recommendations

There was a motion made by Mr. Tom Pepe to close the meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Tom Pappas with no opposition and no abstention. Motion carried.

The board closed the open portion of the meeting pursuant to P.L. 1975 Ch. 231, the Open Public Meetings Act and per the board's resolution language and the closed session began at 5:40 p.m. All those in conflict with CAP and SSH funding streams were asked to leave the meeting. Ms. Linda Csengeto and Ms. Kristen Carew left the room.

After the CAP and SSH Funding Recommendations were reviewed and decisions reached, any board member not in conflict with GIA were invited back into the room. Ms. Csengeto returned to the meeting.

Those in conflict with GIA were asked to leave the room. Mr. Bob Armstrong, Mr. Tom Pepe, Ms. Rebecca Sherrod, Ms. Xiomara Guevara and Ms. Joanne McEniry left the room. After the GIA funding recommendations were reviewed and decisions were reached, board members in conflict and public were invited to return to the meeting.

RETURN TO MEETING

Motion was made by Ms. Mary Jane Melo and seconded by Mr. Tom Pappas to reopen the meeting at 6:02 p.m. Mr. Bob Armstrong, Ms. Rebecca Sherrod, Ms. Xiomara Guevara, Ms. Joanne McEniry, Mr. Tom Pepe and Ms. Kristen Carew reentered the room.

ACTIONS RESULTING FROM THE CLOSED SESSION

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION (CAP) AND SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE HOMELESS (SSH)

Mr. Oexle stated that the funding subcommittee met, reviewed and discussed all Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) and Social Services for the Homeless (SSH) funding applications. The subcommittee recommends the HSAC approve all 2018 CAP and SSH funding recommendations as discussed in closed session.

On motion of Mr. Tom Pappas and seconded by Mr. Tom Pepe, the 2018 CAP and SSH funding recommendations are approved. Those members in conflict abstained from voting. There was one abstention and no opposition. Motion carried.

GRANT-IN-AID (GIA)

Mr. Oexle stated that the funding subcommittee met, reviewed and discussed all Grant-in-Aid funding applications. The subcommittee recommends the HSAC approve all 2018 GIA funding recommendations as discussed in closed session.

On motion of Ms. Linda Csengeto and seconded by Mr. Tom Pappas, the 2018 GIA funding recommendations are approved. All members in conflict abstained from voting. There were five abstentions and no opposition. Motion carried.

Youth Homelessness –

Ms. Becker stated that Oct. 17 at 10:00 a.m. is the next Bridging the Gap meeting. There was discussion on the need to clarify the definition of homelessness and who the homeless liaisons are. There is a need to work in this area to help our youth and strengthen the CoC application.

The more points Morris gets on the CoC application the more money into the CoC system. Training is a good place to start. This is one of the goals for next year.

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

North Jersey Partners (NJP) is an eight (8) county regional workforce development partnership including the counties of Morris, Sussex, Warren, Passaic, Bergen, Hudson, Essex and Union. NJP has supported and committed the resources of the region's public workforce system as a partner in the awarded \$15M USDOL-Trade Adjustment Act "Community College Career Training-4". The purpose of the partnership is to create a sustainable collaborative network between the colleges, the workforce system and employers. NJP is assisting the consortium with the recruiting and hiring of training completers to achieve the grant's overall employment goals. The Morris/Sussex/Warren Workforce Development Board is working with the County College of Morris to assist the college in meeting grant requirements.

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

On Tuesday, September 19, the Morris-Sussex-Warren HIV Advisory Committee (Tri-County) met concurrently with the Early Intervention and Retention Collaborative (EIRC) at 435 South St., Third Floor Conference Room, Morristown. EIRC is an initiative of the Newark Eligible Metropolitan Area HIV Health Services Planning Council (NEMA Planning Council).

There was a presentation by Robert Salkowski of Planned Parenthood, on Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) and Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP). A two-medication regimen for 28 days as Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) with full adherence is 99% effective.

Ms. Jennifer McGee-Avila, Program Manager, Northeast/Caribbean AIDS Education and Training Center (AETC), gave a presentation on Needs Assessment, Overview, Preparation and Implementation. A Needs Assessment is compiled annually by the NEMA Planning Council, which includes the Morris, Sussex and Warren region.

There will be an HIV+ Consumer Advisory Board (CAB) meeting on Tuesday, September 26 at the Human Services Building ground floor Conference Room in Morris Plains at 11:00 a.m. There will be a presentation on Insurance Issues.

On Nov.14, there will be is a joint meeting of the CAB and Tri-county HIV Advisory Committee.

Dr. Ken O'Bryant, director of NEMA Planning Council, was present to invite HIV+ consumers to attend *Community Involvement Activities & Community Conversations* on September 27, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Community Access, 80 W. Grand St., Second Floor, Elizabeth. Transportation will be provided. He also invited consumers to be on NEMA's Consumer Advisory committee.

A Lunch and Learn for Consumers was held directly following the meeting. The topic was *Medical Update* presented by Cezar Dumago, Nurse Practitioner, Family Health Center, Morristown. Several statistics from the presentation: global prevalence by the end of 2015 is 36.7 million HIV+ people. 1 in 7 do not know they are infected. In the United States, between 2008 and 2014, the prevalence of HIV decreased by 18%! ☺ Currently there are 34 HIV anti-retroviral medications available.

Next meeting of the Morris-Sussex-Warren HIV Advisory Committee and the Early Intervention and Retention Collaborative will be on Tuesday, October 17 at 11:00 a.m. at Zufall Health Center in Dover.

Mental Health Addictions Services Advisory Board – Ms. Mary Jane Melo

- There was a presentation by Ms. Valerie Mielke, Assistant Commissioner, DMHAS, about the recent negative reports in the newspaper on Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital. Recent articles released stated there are unsafe conditions and overcrowding inside the state-run hospital. Ms. Mielke stated some facts about the hospital.
 - Current census is 544 today. The hospital is at capacity. She stated there is no overcrowding and there are never more than two patients in a room. At times if there is overflow, they place one person to sleep in each of the socialization rooms.
 - Recently there have been many staff changes and Ms. Mary Jo Kurtiak, CEO, is out on medical leave. Ms. Theresa McQuaide is the covering CEO. Many staff have retired/left and there are a lot of new staff and leadership coming aboard. Unfortunately, there is a national shortage of psychiatrists. DMHAS is trying to recruit more of them.
 - The safety of patients and staff is paramount. Staff are diligently trained and retrained. DMHAS is working on ways to reduce violence and training staff to intervene and problem solve. There are dedicated staff who are looking for opportunities to improve.

The Board expressed their concern over the recent high census and assault statistics. Ms. DeGraw explained that the board is a strong advocate for those with mental health and addictions diagnoses. There was much discussion and a question and answer period. The board asked to be informed of updates and progress. Ms. Mielke will provide the monthly updates.

- The Request for Funding Proposal for the Intoxicated Driver Resource Center (IDRC) is due tomorrow at 4:00 p.m. There was a mandatory technical assistance session on August 22 for those that submitted letters of interest. The review session will be Sept. 19 and the award and declination letters are scheduled to go out at the end of September.
- October 6 is the Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day. There will be a Knock Out Opioid Abuse concert of hope and love on Friday, October 6 at 4:00 p.m. at CARES, 25 W. Main St., Rockaway 07866. The annual Prevention Forum will be held on November 28 at the Meadow Wood Manor. Fliers will be distributed next meeting.

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

- They are currently working on their 2018 Area Plan grant and submission is due on Oct. 16, 2017.
- On Sept. 28, 2017, the State Department of Human Services is conducting an audit on the Division on Aging.
- Open enrollment for Medicare begins on Oct. 15 through Dec. 7, 2017.
- Interfaith Food Pantry and Literacy Volunteers of Morris County is having their 11th annual Morris Township Day 5K Turkey Trot on November 23, to fight hunger and promote literacy.

Youth Services Advisory Committee (YSAC)

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations

STATE AND COUNTY REPORTS

- Jeena Williams report that there are several open RFPs
 - Keeping Family together supportive house model
 - RFQ for individualized behavioral health for youth with I/DD
 - More information on the DCF website

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Daytop Mendham has open beds for up to age 20.99
- Christie Farber from FSO announced that they are holding a 6 week Nurtured Heart training in partnership with CMO.
- Ingrid Vaca-Bullaro from FIS handed out flyers with their fall/winter courses
- David Haggerty from Neighborhood House announced that their program “Operation Sisterhood” is looking for a clinician
 - Dave also announce that they were recognized in Washington as After School Ambassadors and will be holding an event on October 26. “Lights On After School”
- DAWN Center for Independent living will be holding a family fun day and resource fair on October 1

Partnership Announcements – No Comments

Old Business – None

New Business – None

Public Comment –

Ms. Carew, DAWN, distributed fliers on their Family Fun Day and Resource Fair will be on Oct. 1 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Central Park of Morris County, 1 Central Ave., Morris Plains, NJ. For more information call (973) 625-1940 or email info@dawncil.org.

Adjournment –

There was a motion made by Mr. Tom Pepe and seconded by Ms. Mary Jane Melo to close the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia MocarSKI
Program Development Aide