

**HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
340 West Hanover Avenue, Morristown
October 24, 2017 Minutes**

Call to Order: The meeting opened at 5:08 p.m. by Mr. Ken Oexle.

Members Present:

Robert Armstrong, HIV/AIDS Advisory Liaison (by phone)
Linda Csengeto, OTA Liaison
David Hollowell, Workforce Development Board Liaison
Mary Jane Melo, Citizen Representative
Kenneth Oexle, Chair, Citizen Representative
Tom Pepe, Citizen Representative
Rebecca Sherrod, Child & Family Resources

Also Attending:

Betty Sayner, NJDHS, Division of Developmental Disabilities
Carmela Slivinski, DAWN

Staff in Attendance:

Shelia Carter, MCDHS
Pat MocarSKI, MCDHS

Welcome and Introductions

All were welcomed and introductions made.

Approval of Sept. 26, 2017 Minutes

The motion to approve the Sept. 26 minutes was made by Mr. Tom Pepe and seconded by Ms. Mary Jane Melo. All were in favor with no opposition and two abstentions. Motion carried.

Public Comment – None

County of Morris Department of Human Services – No Report

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

New Jersey Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) – 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. Bergen United Way is the Project Developer on a Tax Credit project being planned in Florham Park. A provider agency has not yet been identified. DDD will support a total of 24 beds, consisting of one 4 bedroom group home and 17 apartment units. This program is expected to be licensed in 2019.

2. 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.
3. 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. Construction has started. Projected opening is December.
4. Special Homes changed their name to Avidd Community Services. They have several projects planned including:
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - 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:

- Husam “Sam” Abdallah, will be leaving his position as Acting Assistant Division Director on November 1 and moving on to the private sector. Sam currently oversees the Division’s five Developmental Centers and the Olmstead Unit. Effective November 1, matters previously reported to Sam Abdallah will be handled by Doris Windle, Special Assistant to the Commissioner.
- Effective November 1, 2017, the Division’s 1915(c) Community Care Waiver (CCW) will be incorporated into New Jersey’s larger and more wide-ranging 1115(a) demonstration waiver, known as the Comprehensive Medicaid Waiver. As required by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the Division will mail letters to all individuals currently enrolled on the CCW to make them aware of the change. **There is nothing that individuals, families, support coordinators or service providers need to do.** This is an administrative adjustment only and will not impact services.
- DDD Website: <http://www.nj.gov/humanservices/ddd/home/>

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

Morris East – 96 referrals
Morris West – 120 referrals

For further information, see the DCF website at <http://www.nj.gov/dcf>

Staff Report – Ms. Carter

Our Division is moving on Nov. 3 to 1 Medical Drive in Parsippany (GPS address use 1 Medical Drive, Morris Plains 07950).

Staff is preparing 2018 award and declination letters.

November 28 will be the next board meeting. This is the same date as the annual Prevention Forum at the Meadow Wood Manor. Nominations for the slate of 2018 officers will be made at the November meeting. The vote for officers will be at the January meeting.

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-

Funding - Closed Session – Office of Temporary Assistance (OTA) Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG)

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

The board closed the open portion of the pursuant to P.L. 1975 Ch.231, the Open Public Meetings Act and per the board’s resolution language. The closed session began at 5:25 p.m. All those in conflict were asked to leave the meeting. Ms. Slivinski left the room. Mr. Robert Armstrong called in on the phone to participate in the closed session portion of the meeting.

RETURN TO THE MEETING

Motion made by Ms. Mary Jane Melo and seconded by Mr. Tom Pepe to reopen the meeting at 5:40 p.m. Ms. Slivinski reentered the room.

OTA Emergency Shelter Grant

Mr. Pepe stated that in closed session they discussed and reviewed OTA’s request for the ESG subgrant modification. They recommend the HSAC approve the subgrant modification. Ms. Mary Jane Melo made a motion to approve OTA’s request for the ESG subgrant modification pending Freeholder approval. Mr. Pepe seconded the motion. All were in favor with no opposition and no abstentions. Motion carried.

Youth Homelessness – No Report

Advisory Committee Reports –

Workforce Development Board (WDB) – Mr. David Hollowell

WIOA Section 121 (h) requires the sharing of One-Stop Career Center (American Job Center) infrastructure costs with required One-Stop partners located at One-Stops. This requirement is a component of One-Stop Certification required by WIOA and a component of the Local WDB MOU. The WDB Director will work with the One Stop Operator and the Department of Labor and Workforce Development in the development of the funding plan. The agreement must be in place by January 1, 2018.

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

On Tuesday, October 17, the Morris-Sussex-Warren HIV Advisory Committee (Tri-County) met concurrently with the Early Intervention and Retention Collaborative (EIRC) at Zufall Health Center in Dover. EIRC is an initiative of the Newark Eligible Metropolitan Area HIV Health Services Planning Council (NEMA Planning Council).

The committee focused on the 2018 Work Plan and meeting schedule, Consumer Lunch and Learn Projects, creating an EIRC Webpage, and establishing a Needs Assessment Subcommittee. New Tri-county committee members were voted in.

A Gay Men's Awareness day program was held on September 28 at Rutgers University in New Brunswick hosted by the New Jersey HIV/AIDS Planning Group.

There will be a Morris-Sussex-Warren HIV+ Consumer Advisory Board (CAB) meeting on Tuesday, October 24 at the Morris County Human Services Building, Lower Level Conference Room in Morris Plains at 11:00 a.m. There will be a *Health Insurance and Me* Workshop. The presentation will be by Shade Cronan, Director of Government Programs, Zufall Health Center.

NEMA HIV Planning Council will host *Community Involvement Activities & Community Conversations* on October 25, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., at Willing Heart Center, 555 MLK Blvd, Agape Hall in Newark.

The Morris-Sussex-Warren HIV Advisory Committee and the Early Intervention and Retention Collaborative (EIRC) will have a joint meeting with the Morris-Sussex-Warren HIV+ Consumer Advisory Board (CAB) on Tuesday, November 21 at 11 AM at Fairleigh Dickinson University, School of Pharmacy, in Madison followed by a presentation.

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

- “Removing Stigma from Mental Health and Addictions and Building Healthy Communities” community event will be on Nov. 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Atlantic Health. Providers will be present with materials and information. There will be speakers and recognition of stigma free communities. In Morris County 24 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/>
- Morris County Prevention is Key (MCPIK) was recommended and then approved by the County Freeholders as the new Intoxicated Driver Resource Center. The long time provider, Cornerstone, is currently transitioning all program activities to MCPIK. Current IDRC staff will be hired by MCPIK so there will be continuity of care. MCPIK will begin offering the program in Rockaway on January 1.

- Ms. Becker gave an update on the negative reports and articles on Greystone Psychiatric Hospital. The census is currently at 531. Ms. Mielke, the Assistant Commissioner of DMHAS, has assured the MHASAB that the State is addressing all of the problems related to inadequate staffing, safety and morale. They have had success in staff recruitment and have hired a new Deputy CEO and additional staff, nursing, and psychiatrists. A member of the public that has a family member in Greystone shared with the board the many problems she has experienced at the hospital. There was discussion over the ongoing problems. Ms. Becker explained that the MHASAB is a board that advocates for Morris County folks. We can voice our concern on issues regarding the residents. The board will continue to monitor the situation as well as get monthly reports from Ms. Mielke on the progress.
- A board member wants all to be aware that those people under the Affordable Care Act can only sign up and make changes from Nov. 1 to Dec. 15. Most of the advertising budget was cut. The Federal government is not doing a good job of informing folks that the period for sign up/changes has been shortened. The Navigator program has also been cut. People need to be sure to enroll during this period. Please spread the word and use the Federal Market place to sign up.

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

The Legislative Review Committee met on August 10, 2017.

The members reviewed the following bills and recommend the endorsement of the ACADV:

Assembly No. 1541- Provides employers with various tax incentives for hiring persons with disabilities.

The following below were recommended, but had concerns.

Assembly No. 3201- “Homestead School Property Tax Reimbursement Act”, provides State reimbursement for 50% of school property taxes paid by seniors, 65 years of age and older. Yes, with recommendation that the household income cap be \$50,000.

Senate No. 2767- Provide that service of members of the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps during World War II constituted military services.

Yes, one party expressed concern of cost estimates.

Youth Services Advisory Committee (YSAC)

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations

STATE AND COUNTY REPORTS

Jeena Williams reported

- Open RFP for keeping Family together supportive house model
- More information on the DCF website
- Liz Manley will be leaving CSOC as of December 8th

Nacie Arnold reported that she has held 23 Nurtured Heart Training events, training 462 community members.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Daytop Mendham has open beds for up to age 20.99
- Christie Farber from FSO announced that they are holding 2 workshops with Autism NJ
- Parsippany Municipal Alliance will be hold free support groups open to all Morris County residents
- Visions and Pathways will also be holding support groups open to all ages.
- FIS has openings for their current mending arts family program
- The County Wide Prevention Forum will be held on November 28

Partnership Announcements

Continuum of Care - Ms. Carter

Things are moving forward with the Coordinated Assessment. They are piloting a test run of the Coordinated Assessment/one door entry. NJ 211 has the contract to do the assessment. The idea is to put people in permanent housing and house the most challenged first.

The 2017 CoC application was submitted and they are waiting to hear results. The annual homeless assessment report is being prepared based solely on this year's Point-In-Time and Homeless Management Information Systems data for the period October 2016 to September 2017.

Old Business – None

New Business –

Mr. Oexle suggested the nominating committee bring proposed the slate of officers to the next meeting. Ms. Mary Jane Melo is on the nominating committee. She will bring back names for the 2018 slate of officers to the Nov. meeting.

Ms. Carter stated that Project Homeless Connect will be held on November 16 at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 70 North Maple Ave., in Morristown. The opening ceremony begins at 9:00 a.m. and the doors are open from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Fliers were distributed. For further information, call Danielle Pera at 973-334-3496 x334.

Public Comment –

Ms. Slivinski will be coming to board meetings on a regular basis. She is interested in seeing if she can be appointed to the board. Ms. Carter explained that the Freeholders approve those on the board. Ms. Carter stated this board needs less providers and more citizens. If Ms. Slivinski is interested, she can fill out a profile form.

Adjournment –

There was a motion by Mr. Tom Pepe and seconded by Mr. David Hollowell to close the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia MocarSKI
Program Development Aide