

**HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
340 West Hanover Avenue, Morristown
October 25, 2016 - MINUTES**

Call to Order: The meeting opened at 5:04 p.m. by Mr. Kenneth Oexle, Chair.

Members Present:

Kenneth Oexle, Chair, Citizen Representative
Linda Csengeto, OTA Liaison
David Hollowell, Workforce Development Board Liaison
Joanne McEniry, HIV/Aids Advisory Liaison
Mary Jane Melo, Citizen Representative

Staff in Attendance:

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

Welcome and Introductions

All were welcomed and introductions were made.

Approval of September 27, 2016 Minutes

The motion to approve the minutes was made by Ms. Linda Csengeto and seconded by Mr. David Hollowell. All were in favor with no opposition and one abstention.

County of Morris Department of Human Services – Ms. Carpinteri

Six valid responses were received in regard to the Request for Qualification (RFQ) that was sent out pursuing an interested party to lease Morris View. Seven committee members will be reviewing the proposals. The committee will select a pool of qualified respondents. Once that process is complete they will send those selected the Request for Funding Proposal (RFP).

The RFP should go out the second week in November. Responses are due at the end of November/early December. Anticipated negotiations will occur with one or two interested parties with hope of identifying the new operator by the end of the year. The transition should occur the first quarter of next year.

Ms. Melo mentioned the Villa at St. Elizabeth's. This was a home for retired nuns. It has been sold and is now is a nursing home open to the public. They will still take care of the nuns that are presently living there. Ms. Carpinteri stated there are a lot of long term care facilities in the area.

Ms. Becker asked what the county's role will be related to Morris View. Ms. Carpinteri stated there will be quality metrics, quarterly reports, and oversight from the landlord perspective. There will also be walk throughs by the county, the family group, family council and stakeholders. Within the contract structure there are a lot of safeguards and if there should be a need the county can terminate the lease.

New Jersey Department of Human Services – Division of Protection and Permanency (DCP&P) – Mr. David Johnston

Morris East

CPS- 76
CWS - 22
Total - 98

Morris West

CPS- 92
CWS - 36
Total - 128

For RFP info see http://www.nj.gov/dcf/providers/notices/RFP_Child.Adv.Center-Existing.pdf

Staff Reports – Ms. Becker

The 2017 funding preparation is under way. Coordinators are preparing award and declination letters. They are tentatively scheduled to go out November 14. Ms. Carpinteri is hoping to report this information to the Freeholders at their Nov. 9 meeting. The letters will go out before the formal resolution is done. Then there is an appeal process after the resolution goes through.

Project Homeless Connect will be held on Dec. 1 at St. Peter's Episcopal Church at 70 Maple Ave. in Morristown. The opening ceremony starts at 9:00 a.m. The doors are open from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The county is assisting with this event. Project Homeless Connect is an annual one stop event. There are many resources available for the homeless and for those at risk of being homeless. Presently there are 25 providers committed to attend with resource materials. There will also be veteran's services there. For more information or to volunteer, call the Mental Health Association of M.C. (MHAMC), Rose Brown, at (973) 334-3496 x202.

Ms. Carter –

The Office of Community Development funding process is underway. They serve 39 municipalities in Morris County and administer:

- Community Development Block Grant – Grants available to non-profits and participating municipalities applying for grants to fund activities within the realms of infrastructure and improvements, services, facilities and creation of affordable housing.
- Home Investment Partnership Program – Grants are similarly available and target activities involving the creation of affordable housing; the Office also funds a Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program.
- Emergency Solutions Grant – Grants geared toward providers dealing with homelessness.

Applications can be found on line at <http://morriscountynj.gov/hs/community/applications/>
Responses are due by Dec. 16.

The HSAC Program Review Committee will meet in March to review Emergency Solutions Grant applications and hear agency presentations. At the full HSAC March board meeting,

subcommittee's recommendations will be voted on. Recommendations will go the Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee. They will take the board's recommendations into consideration. After they have reviewed and approved their final recommendations will go to the Freeholders for approval in May.

Planning – Child Care Report – Ms. Rebecca Sherrod (written report submitted)

- There is no waiting list for child care subsidies. They are serving all eligible applicants and receive approximately 30 new applications a week.
- They 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

Kindercare Learning Center – 181 Howard Blvd Suite N, Mt. Arlington, NJ 973-601-9440

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.

Youth Homelessness – No Report

Advisory Committee Reports –

Workforce Development Board (WDB) – Mr. David Hollowell (written report submitted)

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) requires each local Workforce Development Board to develop and submit a comprehensive four-year plan which supports the goals of the Combined State Plan for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. The local plan will be will be effective July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2020 and is due to the State Employment and Training Commission (SETC) no later than December 15, 2016.

Morris, Sussex, Warren HIV Advisory – Ms. Joanne McEniry (written report submitted)

- Continued discussion regarding the development of a community wide Memorandum of Agreement. The committee agreed that the agreement will be among the primary HIV/AIDS providers in the region. A separate collaborative resource guide will be developed for agencies that wish to participate that are not a primary HIV/AIDS service provider.

- A lunch and learn was hosted for providers and people living with HIV/AIDS. There were more than 30 attendees at the event with more than 80% being a person living with HIV/AIDS. The topic addressed issues related to HIV and aging.
- The committee continues to actively recruit consumers and members of the community to participate in monthly meetings. Members were encouraged to invite consumers to attend.
- The committee is planning the next lunch and learn event to take place in January at Zufall in Dover.

The next Morris, Sussex, Warren HIV/Advisory meeting will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 15 2016.

The committee is working a community-wide memo of agreement. They would like to get a layout of key providers in the area. They started to draft a resource guide. They would like to have a collaborative resource guide that identifies a person that could be called directly to assist in each agency. Ms. Mocarski stated that the MC Provider Group has recently updated a resource guide that might be similar to what the committee is working on. Ms. Mocarski will send Ms. McEniry the guide for her to review.

Mental Health Addictions Services Advisory Board (MHASAB) – Ms. Melo (written report submitted)

- The Department of Human Services is hosting a public budget listening session to accept input on the upcoming fiscal year budget from stakeholders and consumers. This Budget Listening Session is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 22, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Dept. of Human Services, Capital Place One, 222 S. Warren St., Trenton, NJ.

They welcome constructive ideas and suggestions that complement their shared mission of service to an estimated one in four New Jersey residents. Individuals interested in attending should bring or mail their testimony so the comments can be considered and relayed accurately as the proposed budget is being developed. Verbal testimony will be limited to three minutes per person and only one representative per agency or group is permitted. It will be first come first heard.

- In honor of Mental Health Awareness Week: Oct. 6 – 14, The Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services joined forces with the Governor’s Council on Mental Health Stigma and three State psychiatric hospitals to celebrate resiliency, strength and hope. There were open houses held at Ancora, Trenton and Greystone Psychiatric Hospitals throughout the week.
- November 2 will be the annual forum entitled “Chasing the Dragon: Confronting the Opiate Epidemic in our Communities.” It will be held at the Meadow Wood Manor, 461 State Route 10, in Randolph. The forum will be from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Registration and buffet dinner will be from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please join in as a panel of experts is brought together from the treatment and

prevention fields, medical professionals, law enforcement and community leaders to learn to scope of the problem, how lives are being affected, and what is being done to confront this epidemic. The event is free of charge but pre-registration is required. For more information or to register call (973) 285-6867.

Advisory Council on Aging, Disabilities & Veterans (ACADV) – Ms. Maria Rosario

The Legislative Review Committee met on August 11, 2016

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

- Senate, No. 3128 – Establishes “New Jersey Task Force on Abuse of Persons who are elderly or disabled”.
- Assembly, No. 3381- Establishes municipal volunteer programs for free snow removal from certain residential properties occupied by seniors or disabled persons.
- Assembly, No. 3630- Requires management of senior citizens housing to notify next-of-kin upon residents death.

Ms. Carpinteri stated that the Office on Aging hosted a free Legal Clinic for veterans on Oct. 6 at this location. The clinic was well attended. There were a lot of agencies present and representation from the Clerk’s office. Many veterans were looking for assistance in pursuing benefits. There was also help for them in regard to labor, employment, landlord/tenant issues, criminal matters, etc. The turnout was about forty veterans which was a much higher turnout than the first clinic held. The two Morris County Veteran’s officers were in attendance. The Veteran’s officers will also have a table at Project Homeless Connect on Dec. 1.

Youth Services Advisory Committee – Ms. Jessica Mondino (No Report)

Ms. Becker stated that Ms. Mondino will be out on maternity leave and Ms. Nacie Arnold will be covering for her during her absence.

Partnership Announcements – Ms. Becker

The next CoC Executive meeting will be held on November 17. The 2016 CoC application was submitted and the committee is hoping to hear the outcome by year end. The committee is working a lot of HUD requirements which should increase Morris’s score. Perhaps Mr. Jeff Bashe, Chair, of that committee can come and give an update to the board. Please feel free to join in for the next CoC Executive meeting on Nov.17 at 10:00 a.m. at 30 Schuyler Place, 3rd Floor, Morristown.

Old Business –

Ms. Carpinteri gave an update on Ruth Davis Drive. Four proposals were received and will be evaluated by the committee on Oct. 28. She will bring back the outcome of this meeting to the board. Ms. Carpinteri is not sure when the property will be available since this is only the first phase of the process.

New Business –

Mr. Oexle stated that he has a conflict with the Nov. 15 meeting. Some discussion incurred and all agreed to hold the next meeting Nov. 15 at 12:00 p.m. There will be a hot meal will be served. Pat MocarSKI will check on the meeting space. The hope is that the meeting will be held at 30 Schuyler Place, Morristown.

Mr. Hollowell updated the board on current status of Cornerstone Family's, Crisis Intervention/Social Work Service Program.

Mr. Oexle convened the Nominating Committee, Chaired by Ms. Melo, who will present the slate of officers at the January meeting.

Public Comment – None

Adjourn –

There was a motion made by Ms. Mary Jane Melo and seconded by Mr. David Hollowell at 6:15 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Patricia MocarSKI
Program Development Aide**