

HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
340 West Hanover Avenue, Morristown
July 26, 2016
MINUTES

Call to Order: The meeting opened at 5:03 p.m. by Mr. Kenneth Oexle. Chair.

Members Present:

Kenneth Oexle, Chair, Citizen Representative
Thomas Pepe, Vice Chair, Citizen Representative
Linda Csengeto, OTA Liaison
Joann McEniry, Morris, Sussex Warren HIV Advisory Liaison
Mary Jane Melo, Citizen Representative
Michelle Roers, United Way of Northern New Jersey
Rebecca Sherrod, Child & Family Resources

Also Attending:

Wendy Zoccola, NJDHS, Division of Developmental Disabilities
Kristin Carew, DAWN

Staff in Attendance:

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

Welcome and Introductions

All were welcomed and introductions were made.

Approval of June 28, 2016 Minutes

The motion to approve the minutes was made by Linda Csengeto and seconded by Tom Pepe. All were in favor with no opposition and no abstentions.

County of Morris Department of Human Services – No Report

New Jersey Department of Human Services – No Report

Division of Developmental Disabilities – Ms. Wendy Zoccola (written report submitted)

DDD Communication From:

Liz Shea, Assistant Commissioner, NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Developmental Disabilities

From July 5, 2016 Last Friday, the New Jersey Department of Human Services (DHS) released for public comment its draft Addendum to the Statewide Transition Plan (STP). There is a pre-recorded webinar available that provides a brief overview of the key issues addressed in the Addendum that are of particular interest to the stakeholder

community of people with Intellectual or developmental disabilities. The Department will host three STP Addendum Listening Sessions for people interested in presenting instructive and constructive in-person comments and suggestions. Written comments can be submitted through August 31, 2016, as follows: By email: mahs.hcbs@dhs.state.nj.us

Division Update 07.05.16

- [Listening Sessions Announced for Addendum to the Statewide Transition Plan](#)
- [Updated for 2016: Medicaid Eligibility and the Supports Program Fact Sheet](#)
- [Proposed Readoption with Amendments for N.J.A.C. 10:46D](#)

Listening Sessions Announced for Addendum to the Statewide Transition Plan

The Department of Human Services has scheduled the following three Listening Sessions, where public input regarding the recently released Addendum to the Statewide Transition Plan will be accepted.

<u>Wednesday, August 3, 2016</u>	<u>Wednesday, August 10, 2016</u>	<u>Thursday, August 11, 2016</u>
1:00 PM – 3:30 PM	6:00 PM – 8:30 PM	9:30 AM – Noon
Seton Hall University School of Law 1109 Raymond Blvd. Room 273 Newark, NJ 07102	DDD Central Office 195 Gateway Center 5 Commerce Way, Suite 100 Hamilton, NJ 08691	Rowan College at Gloucester County (formerly Gloucester County College) Nursing & Allied Health Building 1400 Tanyard Rd. Sewell, NJ 08080
<i>Parking at One Newark Center - adjacent to Seton Hall Law.</i>	<i>(Due to space constraints, pre-registration is required – details available early August)</i>	<i>There will be signage indicating “DHS Hearing”.</i>

Updated for 2016: Medicaid Eligibility and the Supports Program Fact Sheet

The Medicaid Eligibility for the Supports Program fact sheet, developed by the Division in collaboration with state officials of the Social Security Administration (SSA), has been updated to reflect SSA changes for 2016. The fact sheet is available on the Medicaid Eligibility and DDD page of the Division’s web

From [July 18, 2016](#) We have received many inquiries regarding the recently published Office of Legislative Services’ audit of the Division of Developmental Disabilities’ Olmstead placements from North Jersey and Woodbridge Developmental Centers. I hope you will take time to read the Division’s response below.

Division Update: 07.18.16

DDD Responds to OLS Audit Report and Related Press Coverage

On July 6, 2016 the Office of Legislative Services' released its audit of the Division of Developmental Disabilities' Olmstead placements from North Jersey and Woodbridge Developmental Centers. There were areas raised in the report for which the Auditor had recommendations. Those sections centered on timeliness of visits and unresolved recurring client issues, many of which already have been addressed or resolved. However, the report's conclusion stated that "*DDD completed the required procedures for relocating residents...and monitored these clients in accordance with its policies*". This aspect, unfortunately, was not made the focus of the media coverage.

Regarding the timeliness of visits, the department explained that every effort is made to see residents in the predetermined timeliness. Residents' planned or unexpected doctor visits, day program or group home activities sometimes required DDD staff to reschedule visits. When a need to reschedule arose, case managers instead spoke with agency staff, day program staff, family and others to ensure residents' health and well-being until the next visit could be secured.

On the matter related to unresolved, recurring client issues, the auditor makes clear that it 'did not evaluate if a client was achieving their living goals'. The department advised that it already has worked with its provider agencies to remedy any new or remaining client concerns in a timely manner. The media reports included the case of a consumer awaiting a wheelchair. Case management notes document, and the auditor acknowledges, consistent repeated work by DDD with the individual's HMO and Medicare to obtain a specialized wheelchair. While that was in process, a needed repair was made and paid for on the wheelchair being used, until the specialized wheelchair was obtained. At no time was the consumer without a wheelchair.

I know from communicating with some of you directly, that the way the audit report was portrayed in the press was disappointing. I agree. I also know that over the course of three years, 600 people were moved successfully into the community through Olmstead, and they're thriving in their new homes. We did that together.

I remain incredibly impressed with the never ending commitment shown by the hundreds of community-based providers in New Jersey and the thousands of direct support professionals that provide high quality care to residents with I/DD on a daily basis. I also stand by the integrity and commitment of the hundreds of hard-working Division staff who worked tirelessly to see these community transitions through. The strength of our partnership relies on us learning, growing and exceeding even our own expectations.

New Jersey Department of Children and Families – Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P) – No Report

Staff Reports – Ms. Becker – No Report

Ms. Carter – No Report

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

There is no waiting list for child care subsidies. All eligible applicants are being served and they receive approximately 30 new applications a week. The number of applications received weekly does increase in the summer. (May – August)

There are currently not 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 Leaner 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

Collinsville Child Care Center in Morristown, NJ closed with their last day of business being June 30. All families at this center that were using dedicated vouchers are being moved to another Dedicated Voucher Center of their choice. All families are being served and no one is left without child care.

These centers hold 350 dedicated voucher spots cumulatively.

Advisory Committee Reports –

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

Career Connections

Career Connections is a new user focused interactive portal provided by the NJ Department of Labor and Workforce Development to bring relevant workforce information from diverse sources together on a single anchor site. The site is designed to serve both job seekers and the employers. Interactive features include audience paths to OnRamp Job Board, NJTOPPS Eligible Training Providers List, Jersey Job Club, and the NJ Department of Labor and Workforce Development job fair calendar. It replaces the former Jobs 4 Jersey website. www.careerconnections.nj.gov

Morris-Sussex-Warren Workforce Development Board State Certification

The NJ State Employment and Training Commission (SETC) has approved Morris, Sussex, Warren Workforce Development Board (WDB) for certification for Program Years 2016 (7/16-6/17) and 2017 (7/17-6/18). Certification criteria include board composition, program performance, fiscal integrity, budget oversight, website administration and annual reporting. Certification allows the WDB to receive and distribute employment and training funds and to insure and oversee their effective use in the tri-county area.

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

The Morris, Sussex, Warren HIV/Advisory Committee met last on Tuesday, July 19, 2016.

Allison Delcalzo-Berens read a statement from the Ryan White Grantee Office in Newark asking that providers submit all complaints regarding Logisticare to the local Medicaid offices, not just the Logisticare complaint line. Medicaid offices are making an effort to track and log such complaints.

Members continued discussion on the Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan for the Planning Council, the planning body for Ryan White funding in our region.

The committee will hold a lunch and learn on July 29 at 435 South Street Morristown, NJ. It will focus on the topic of nutrition for people living with HIV/AIDS.

The meeting location rotates between New Jersey AIDS Services, Zufall Health and Hope House.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, August 16 at New Jersey AIDS Services in Morris Plains, NJ.

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

- The “Stigma Free Communities Initiative” was kicked off at the Consumer & Family Forum in June. The first Stigma Free committee meeting was held on July 20. If you are interested in participating in the committee or finding out further information, please call Laurie Becker, Morris County Mental Health Administrator, at 973-285-6852. Please check out the Stigma Free materials on the county website at <http://morriscountynj.gov/hs/stigma-free/>
- Ms. Carpinteri, Human Services Director, spoke about Morris View Health Care Center. Over the past ten years Morris View has had various independent studies done. Each time recommendations were made and some changes were made. Recently a survey was done by Consultant Perselay Associates. The survey projects the tax supported subsidy to run Morris View will rise from \$6.8 million occurred in 2015 to \$15.5 million by 2020.

Various options were recommended for consideration. For further information and to view this report go to:

<http://morriscountynj.gov/2016/06/freeholders-receive-independent-report-on-morris-view/>

- The next Opiate Task Force meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 16 at the Offices of Temporary Assistance, Ground Floor Conference Room, at 5:00 p.m.
- All 2017 funding applications have been received. A summary report of all applications is being prepared. There are a number of new applications and there will be lots of tough decisions to be made by the advisory boards.

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

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

- Assembly, No. 986 – Makes annual compensation paid to surviving spouses of certain blind or disabled veterans' payable from date of veterans' death.
- Assembly, No. 1345- Provides enhanced penalties for certain crimes when victim is 65 years of age or older, or disabled.
- Senate, No. 1083 – Increases income limitation to receive senior and disabled citizens' property deduction to \$15,000.
- Senate, No. 1525- Establishes \$250 qualified caregiver rebate program.

Youth Services Advisory Committee – Ms. Jessica Mondino (written report submitted)

A Special meeting was called to approve the following items.

- 2017 Grant in Aid Funding Recommendations
- 2017 Juvenile Justice Funding Recommendations
 - *Family Court*
 - *State/Community Partnership*
- 2017 Comprehensive County Youth Service Plan Update
- 2017 Juvenile Justice Commission Funding Application

All were unanimously approved.

Youth Homelessness – No Report

Partnership Announcements – CoC – Ms. Carter

The Performance Review Committee met earlier this week and reviewed CoC funding applications. Most applications were based around housing people, transitional housing and voucher arrangements for scattered site housing. The committee ranked the applications. Their recommendations will be reviewed and voted on at the Executive Committee meeting this Thursday. After that applicants will be notified. There was one application rejected by the committee.

Some discussion ensued about street outreach and the Safe Haven Program. Through the Safe Haven Program, an individual can stay for up to 18 months. Safe Haven is a long term emergency shelter and support program for people with persistent mental illness. Shelter is provided through Homeless Solutions and MHA who provides case management. Projects are directed at those with HIV/AIDS as well.

Ms. Becker stated that the Housing First Consortium is a wonderful collaboration of five homeless providers that submitted a collaborative proposal for 50 Housing First rental vouchers. MHA is the lead facilitator in this partnership. The agencies sharing the vouchers are NJAS, MHAMC, Community Hope, Family Promise and Homeless Solutions. The housing vouchers are taken to the landlord. There will be strict criteria for the program. This is a great opportunity to get more housing vouchers in our county. Believe the rate of the housing voucher is about \$1,100. The rate is the fair market value of the county. This differs in each county. This Consortium will strengthen Morris County's points. Safe Haven shelters 20 adults at Homeless Solutions.

Old Business –

Ms. Roers said there is no significant update but they are moving forward with partnerships for Dover Child Care, El Primer Paso and Head Start child care agencies. Head Start has until August 30 to complete an application that could expand their services with an additional 100 child care slots. There is currently a wait list for Head Start and Early Head Start. If they get the award it would expand their infant and toddler slots. El Primer Paso is open and working on a management agreement partnering with the YMCA of Morristown.

Ms. Carter stated that she still has open slots for anyone interesting in attending agency monitorings. She is looking for members to attend monitorings at Housing Partnership on Aug. 3 at 2:00 p.m., Monarch on Aug. 8 at 2:00 p.m., NORWESCAP on Aug. 10 at 10:00 a.m. and Mt. Olive Child Care on Aug. 12 at 10:00 a.m.

New Business –

Ms. Carter stated the Program Review committee will meet on Sept. 14 at 10:00 a.m. This meeting should take most of the day. There are 27 applications to review. If review of applications is not complete the first day, the committee will reconvene on Sept. 15. Parking passes and lunch will be provided. The meeting will be held at 30 Schuyler Place in Morristown.

Board member asked who can be on the Program Review committee. Ms. Carter stated that several board members are on the Program Review but there are also some that are in conflict. Those that are in conflict are members that belong to an agency funded by the county. Members able to participate are Ken Oexle, Mary Jane Melo, Marie Brink and David Hollowell.

Public Comment –

Ms. Carew said DAWN is sponsoring a Family Fun Day on Sunday, July 31, from noon to 4:00 p.m. at Central Park of Morris County in Morris Plans. This event is in celebration of the 26th anniversary of the ADA. There will be a wheelchair softball game, a resource fair and other fun events! She passed out fliers. All are welcome.

Adjournment –

Motion made by Tom Pepe at 5:44 p.m. to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia MocarSKI
Program Development Aide