

HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
January 26, 2016, 340 West Hanover Avenue, Morris Township

Call to Order: January 26, 2016 meeting of the Human Services Advisory Council was called to order by Ms. Linda Csengeto at 5:10 p.m.

Members Present:

Kevin Collins, Liaison Child Care Resource and Referral
Linda Csengeto, Liaison OTA
Cynthia Degazon, Citizen Rep.
David Hollowell, Workforce Investment Board (WIB)
Joann McEniry, NJAS
Ken Oexle, Citizen Rep.
Tom Pepe, Citizen Rep.
Michelle Roers, United Way of N.N.J.

Also Attending:

Mary Giorlando, NJDHS, Division of Developmental Disabilities

Staff in Attendance:

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

Welcome and Introductions – Ms. Csengeto

All were welcomed and introductions were made.

The slate of officers was presented as Mr. Ken Oexle for Chair and Mr. Tom Pepe for Vice Chair 2016. There were no nominations from the floor. Mr. David Hollowell made a motion to accept the slate of nominees. The motion was seconded by Ms. Michelle Roers. All were in favor with no opposition and no abstentions. The motion was carried.

Mr. Oexle thanked the board for their support, encouragement and participation. He is looking forward to working with everyone this year.

Mr. Oexle sent around the subcommittee sign in sheet. He asked that all board members sign up for at least two subcommittees.

Approval of Minutes

The motion to approve the November 18 minutes was made by Ms. Linda Csengeto and seconded by Mr. David Hollowell. All were in favor with no opposition and two abstentions.

County of Morris Department of Human Services – Ms. Jennifer Carpinteri

The Department is trying to keep on top of changes in the State with regard to Medicaid. There is a Director's meeting next week and after the meeting more information should be available.

Morris County Office of Temporary Assistance (MCOTA) has a six month pilot program with Xerox, the State Benefits Coordination. The State contracted with Xerox to assist since there was such a backlog of applications and counties can't keep up with the demands. MCOTA is the only county piloting this program.

All NJ Family Care (for parents and children), Pregnant Women (PW) and Federal Health Care Law (FHCL) Medicaid applications have been forwarded to Xerox effective November 1, 2015. The MCOTA will no longer process any new applications for these programs. This includes Medicaid applications for TANF/GA/SNAP applicant/recipients.

The State has 70 people processing Medicaid applications. Medicaid applications are to be completed within 30 days of the application by Xerox.

The programs staying at MCOTA are 1) ABD Jersey Care Medicaid; 2) Medically Needy; 3) Medical Emergencies (e.g. undocumented births) and LTC and Hospice Medicaid.

Clients can still apply at MCOTA or online with staff assistance, however, the cases are processed by Xerox. Kiosks have been set up at MCOTA in order that the public can come in and fill out their applications on line.

MCOTA has hit the halfway mark with this program and they are trying to get the Xerox contract extended. Xerox has been very helpful.

They are moving into the second stage and want to partner with the community and deliver services into the community. The two potential sites for outstations around the county are Dover and Parsippany.

New Jersey Department of Human Services – Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) – Ms. Mary Giorlando

There will be a webinar on February 25, 2016 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for family members and students to help figure out DDD eligibility and services available to students after graduation. There will be a question and answer period at the end of the webinar. Although young adults can apply at the age of 18 they can't be provided services until they are 21. DDD is going to a fee for service system. Applicants must be Medicaid eligible and it must be determined whether they are functionally eligible to meet having a Developmental Disability. There are further complications with Medicaid and the five year look back. Clients often have difficulty getting statements from banks that far back. Further discussion ensued about this. Details will be emailed to the board about the webinar and how to register.

**New Jersey Department of Children and Families – Division of Protection and Permanency
– Mr. David Johnston – No Report**

**Staff Reports –
Ms. Becker – No Report**

Ms. Carter –

Tonight and tomorrow will be the annual Point-In-Time Count of Morris County's sheltered and unsheltered homeless individuals and families. This is a statewide event driven by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD). A host of professionals and volunteers across the county are working to determine – where people plan to spend the night. The results of this survey will continue to guide Morris County in implementing a best practices effort to end homelessness within the county's 39 municipalities. It is vital to obtaining Federal aid for homeless programs important to this population.

Orientation packets were in board member's folders. Materials in the packet were reviewed. Members were asked to return biographical profiles to Ms. Carter's attention.

The Planning Committee will work this year on updating the childcare systems Dedicated Voucher Roster. This roster ensures subsidized vouchers are used in areas of Morris County with the most need. Morris County has 1,500 active cases and all vouchers are assigned. Morris County still gets about 20 new applications a week.

Mr. Oexle asked Mr. Collins if he could make a timeline of tasks that need to be done in regard this process.

Question on how often the Legislative Committee meets. Ms. Carter said that the Legislative Committee meets on an as needed basis.

The Program Review Committee will meet prior to the next HSAC meeting at 2:00 p.m. to look at 2016 Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Applications. There are five applications for review and five presentations to be given. After the presentations the committee will rank and allocate project funds. Once allocations are approved by the HSAC general committee they go to the Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee. The group votes and forwards recommendations to the Freeholders.

Subcommittee Reports

Planning Child Care –Voucher System Update – Mr. Kevin Collins

There is no waiting list for child care subsidies. Child & Family Resources is serving all applicants and receive approximately 20 new applications a week.

Currently, one unutilized dedicated voucher exists at Jefferson Child Care and four at Roxbury Day Care. A 30 day clock is in effect before these vouchers are transferred to another agency.

**Advisory Committee Reports –
Workforce Development Boards (WDB) - previously known as Workforce Investment Board (WIB) – Mr. David Hollowell**

Youth Transition Plan

A plan detailing the transition from Workforce Investment Act Youth programs to Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) Youth programs was submitted to the State Employment and Training Commission on January 26, 2016. The plan addresses how MSW WDB / ETS will meet the WIOA requirement target 75% of expenditures to out-of-school youth and 20% of expenditures for work experience. The WDB has historically met both requirements and will readily meet them in Program Year 2015.

Regional Designation

On November 10, the State Employment and Training Commission approved regional designations for New Jersey Workforce Development Boards. MSW WDB is in the northern region with Passaic, Bergen, Hudson, Hudson, Essex, Union, Somerset and Hunterdon Counties. MSW WDB had asked the SETC to stay in the northern region to facilitate regional planning. WIOA requires regional plans from the designated regionals. The regional planning process will begin in March, 2016.

Morris, Sussex, Warren HIV Advisory – Ms. Joann McEniry

They hosted educational lunch and learns in November and January. They are moving into updating the resource guide. In the spring they work on allocation setting. The committee serves as an advisory committee to Ryan White funding and gives recommendations on allocating funds. The Ryan White Program is a Federal grant for people living with HIV/AIDS administered through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

Mental Health Addictions Services Advisory Board – Ms. Laurie Becker

- The 2016 subgrants for Chapter 51 and GIA are expected to go before the Freeholders for approval, be approved and sent out in early February.
- The next Opiate Task Force meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 19 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at the Morris County Office of Temporary Assistance. The MC Prosecutor's Office issued a press release in regard to 42 lives saved in Morris County in 2015 using Narcan/Naloxone kits (emergency treatment for suspected opioid overdose). There are 27 out of the 39 Morris County Police Departments trained and carrying the kits. The focus now is to assist these individuals in accessing appropriate treatment.
- The next quarterly Alliance meeting will be held on March 15. At that meeting Ms. Barbara Kauffman will present to the Alliances some of the initiatives the Community Coalition for a Safe and Healthy Morris is supporting and how the Alliances can work with the Coalition on a number of environmental initiatives such as the Countywide Parents Who Host Lose the Most and Sticker Shock campaigns.

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

- On November 9, 2015 Charles Jurgensen, Veterans Service Officer (VSO), was presented with “Unsung Hero Award” by the Morris County Freeholder’s for his tireless efforts in assisting veterans with their needs.
- There will be no cost of living increase for 2016 Social Security.

Youth Services Advisory Council – No Report

Partnership Announcements –

Ms. Becker stated that the CoC Executive Committee met this past Thursday. They are looking at priorities for 2016 and areas to focus on. There are four new members. They have a homeless plan but there are several documents they need to focus on. They are getting the CAS involved (the old CEAS committee). The CAS has a Data Collection subcommittee looking at data quality to enhance systems performance.

The CoC application for funding is a competitive application. In order to get funding the county must hit benchmarks and get a certain score. If the score isn’t met the county will not get any money. This money is used for permanent housing, transitional housing, and the safe haven program. It would be good to get someone from the CoC to come to these meetings to update the board. Ms. Becker will look into trying to get a community representative.

Old Business – None

New Business – None

Adjournment –

Mr. Tom Pepe made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned with no abstentions and no opposition.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Mocarski
Program Development Aide