

**HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**1 Executive Drive, Morris Plains**  
**February 25, 2020 Minutes**

**I. Call to Order:** The meeting opened at 5:15 p.m. by Ms. Rebekka Zydel.

**Members Present:**

Rebekka Zydel, Child & Family Resources, Inc. - Chair  
Robert Armstrong, HIV/AIDS Advisory Liaison – Vice Chair  
Jeff Bashe, Citizen Representative  
Terry Connolly, Nourish. NJ, CoC Liaison  
Linda Csengeto, Citizen Representative  
Maria Fodali, OTA  
David Johnston, Deirdre’s House  
Kenneth Oexle, Citizen Representative  
Laura O’Reilly-Stanzilis, Borough of Mount Arlington, No. Jersey Health Collaborative  
Michelle Roers, United Way of Northern New Jersey - Morristown  
David Saltzman, Legal Services of Northwest Jersey  
Jane Shivas, Project Self Sufficiency

**Also Attending:**

Kathy DeFillippo, Freeholder Liaison  
Joann Bjornson, Family Promise of Morris County  
Maria Lopez, Zufall Health Centers

**MC Staff in Attendance:**

Amy Archer, MCDHS  
Jane Armstrong, MC Workforce Development  
Shawna Bailey, MCDHS, Aging  
Shelia Carter, MCDHS  
Anna Marie Hess, MCDHS  
Amanda Jensen, MCDHS, OTA

**State Staff in Attendance:**

Nelson Troche, New Jersey Dept. of Human Services  
Mary Giorlando, NJ Department of Human Services, DDD

**II. Welcome and Introductions**

All were welcomed and introductions made.  
Ms. Zydel asked members who had not signed-up for Subcommittee to do so.

**III. Approval of January 28, 2020 Minutes**

Motion to approve the Jan. 28 meeting minutes made by Mr. Ken Oexle and seconded by Ms. Linda Csengeto. All were in favor with no opposition and three abstentions. Motion carried.

**IV. County of Morris Department of Human Services – Ms. Amy Archer**

Ms. Sharon Yoo held a meeting of the Leadership Committee that consisted of the Chairs and Vice Chairs of the Advisory Committees of Morris County. They discussed starting the 2021 Grant-In-Aid Funding timeline earlier this year. Ms. Archer advised Ms. Shivas that in light of this possible change, a timeline for next year’s funding would be determined in a few months.

Morris County Human Services created an online request form to make resources available for not-for-profit or municipalities to promote census events. Once the completed form is received, staff will reach out and confirm the request. <https://morriscountynj.seamlessdocs.com/f/censusrequest>

These resources include:

1. Loaner laptops to complete the census online
2. Snacks and refreshments
3. Copies of the census materials (brochures, posters, flyers)
4. Translation services

Visit our web page for more information about the census:

<https://morriscountynj.gov/2020census/>

**V. Action Item: Program Review – Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Recommendations Closed Session – 2019 Funding Recommendations**

Ms. Rebekka Zydell read the Conflict of Interest Policy and asked those in conflict to leave the room. Ms. Mary Giorlando, Ms. Maria Fodali, Ms. Amanda Jensen, Ms. Maria Lopez, Mr. David Saltzman, Ms. Joanne Bjornson, and Freeholder Kathy DeFillippo left the room. Mr. Kenneth Oexle made a motion to close the session. Mr. Jeff Bashe seconded the motion. The motion carried with no objection and no abstentions. Closed session began.

**Open Session – 2019 Funding Recommendations**

Mr. Jeff Bashe made a motion to reopen the meeting at 5:30 p.m. Ms. Linda Csengeto seconded the motion. Ms. Mary Giorlando, Ms. Maria Fodali, Ms. Amanda Jensen, Ms. Maria Lopez, Mr. David Saltzman, Ms. Joanne Bjornson, and Freeholder Kathy DeFillippo came back into the room.

**VI. New Jersey Department of Human Services – Mr. Nelson Troche**

Governor Murphy has allocated \$2 million for Code Blue. The Governor is looking into allocating money for LGBTQ Homelessness.

Reminder that the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is available and underutilized. Ms. Roes added The United Way along with NORWESCAP helping with the volunteer tax preparation or myfreetax.com for households earning \$50,000 or less.

**Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) – Ms. Mary Giorlando – No Report**

**VII. New Jersey Department of Child Protection & Permanency (DCP&P) – Ms. Maria Ojeda**

**MORRIS EAST JANUARY 2020 STATS:**

TOTAL OF 114 INTAKES

32 CHILD WELFARE ASSESSMENTS

82 CHILD ABUSE INVESTIGATIONS

PHYSICAL ABUSE: 18

SEXUAL ABUSE: 2

EMOTIONAL ABUSE: 0

HOMELESSNESS: **6 HIGHER FROM PREVIOUS MONTHS**

NEGLECT: 47

OUT OF NEGLECT CASES CATEGORIES:

SUBSTANCE/ALCOHOL ABUSE: 18

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: 29

**MORRIS WEST JANUARY 2020 STATS:**

TOTAL OF 123 INTAKES

31 CHILD WELFARE ASSESSMENTS

98 CHILD ABUSE INVESTIGATIONS

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: 20

SUBSTANCE/ALCOHOL ABUSE: 19

HOMELESSNESS: 1

**In 2019 Morris East had a total of 137**

**And Morris West had a total of 133**

Our intakes were less in comparison from 2109. This is good news due to all of the good work the county and state level are doing with prevention services within the community.

**VIII. Staff Reports – Ms. Amy Archer and Ms. Shelia Carter**

Late Friday afternoon Morris County data specific to the Needs Assessment was received. Over the next two weeks the information will be reviewed to assist in determining best practices for the Planning Subcommittee to get started.

Friday, February 28 will be the first MHASAB Public Forum planning meeting at 2:30 pm at 1 Executive Dr. room 81.

Wednesday, March 4 will be the next Cross System Review meeting at 2:30 pm at 1 Executive Dr. room 81.

**IX. Subcommittee Reports - Planning – Child Care (Voucher System Update) – Submitted by Rebekka Zydel**

There is **no waiting list for childcare subsidies**. We are serving all eligible applicants. In January, we received 71 childcare assistance applications

- Dedicated Voucher Inventory
  - Starting Total: 350
  - February: 330
- 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 Bears Child Care Center**-41 E Blackwell St, Dover, NJ 07801973-366-2707

**Little Bears Child Care Center**- 22 Evans Pl, Pompton Plains, NJ 07444 973-616-0306

**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** –21 Bowling Green Pkwy, Lake Hopatcong, NJ 07849  
973-663-6210

**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

- Child Care Subsidy Rate increase effective January 5, 2020:
  - New Monthly Base Rates:
    - Infants: \$994.42
    - Toddlers: \$829.99
    - Preschool: \$690.11
    - School Age: \$634.27
- Co-payment Reduction
  - Applicant co-payments are now calculated as 3% of the household income instead of 7%. Resulting in at least a 50% reduction for applicants.
- Providers with active childcare subsidy agreements:
  - Licensed: 136
  - Registered Family Child Care: 15
- CCDBG (Child Care Development Block Grant) Implementation
  - Implementation of required background checks for Registered Family Child Care Providers. By January 2021 ALL provider types will have background checks.
- Grow NJ Kids
  - 25 Rated Programs

- 4 Star (8)
  - 3 Star (17)
- Grooming to Grow
  - 2 Programs (Program Administration Scale (PAS)- GIA Funded)
 Serves as a recruitment program for GrowNJ Kids

**X. Youth Homelessness – No Report**

**XI. Advisory Committee Reports –  
Workforce Development Board (WDB) – Jane Armstrong**

In January 2020, the MSWWDB held a Board officer election. The WDB Nomination Committee for the 2020 Election consisted of Susan Zukoski of Abilities of Northwest Jersey as Chair, and Committee members Ann Marie Flake of Saint Clare’s Health System and Robert Baczyk of ADP. David Hollowell of D&D Associates was re-elected as Chair and Tammy Case of Fulton Bank, was elected as Vice-Chair. Tammy Case replaces Steve Sitek of Novartis Pharmaceuticals who previously served as Vice-Chair for eight years.

The New Jersey Department of Education requires grantees to complete a comprehensive need assessment related to career and technical education prior to the release of allocations. The WDB is working with the local community colleges, vocational schools and school districts to complete the assessment. One of the objectives of the assessment is to align CTE programs with the local labor market.

The New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development requires the local WDBs to develop a MOU with the local area workforce partners. The partners include: WIOA Title II Adult Education and Family Literacy; WIOA Title I Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth; WIOA Title II Perkins; Senior Community Service Program; Trade Adjustment Program; Unemployment Compensation Programs; Programs authorized under the Wagner-Peyser Act for Workforce NJ offices in Morris Plains, Newton, Phillipsburg and Randolph; Local Veterans Employment Representative and Disabled Veterans’ Outreach Program; Veterans’ Workforce Programs; Title IV Vocational Rehabilitation Program; Morris-Sussex-Warren Workforce Development Board. In addition, Housing and Urban Development is a required partner. The Morris County Housing Authority has been asked to become a WDB partner.

**Morris, Sussex, Warren HIV Advisory – Mr. Robert Armstrong**

Next meeting will be Tuesday, March 17 at 11:00 am.

**Mental Health Substance Abuse Advisory Board – Ms. Jane Shivas**

Greystone Hospital issues continue and the board is keeping an eye on these issues. Due to the pending lawsuits, Greystone Hospital is not answering questions.

Sheriff Gannon gave a presentation on Hope One reaching 10,800 contacts with 400 trips made in the county. Also discussed was the STAR Program and Hope Wing at the jail. With the new bail reform in place, there are fewer people in the jail. There will be a

Hope One Symposium on April 2, 2020 at the College of Saint Elizabeth, Dolan Hall, 2 Convent Rd., Morristown from 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. The event will include law enforcement officers and community partners from throughout the state to share practices, ideas and information about community programs that combat the opioid epidemic. For more information, contact Corporal Valvano at 973.590.0300.

Education Partnership is hosting a Teen Suicide Prevention Training on Wednesday, April 29, 2020 at the Morris County Police and Fire Academy.

**Council on Aging, Disabilities & Veterans – Shawna Bailey**

The Social Security Administration has launched a dedicated line for reporting fraudulent phone calls: <https://www.oig.ssa.gov>.

We have two initiatives for the upcoming Census. We are developing flyers for the following: Two staff members will visit Nutrition sites to assist individuals with their forms and care managers will make home visits with their laptops and their cell phones to assist homebound clients.

Long-term Care Ombudsman volunteer advocate program is in need of volunteers in Morris County, that currently has 21 nursing homes and only nine volunteers. If interested please call 877.582.6995.

MAPS software system, Ecolane, transition been successful in the short time it has been operating, since Dec. 19, 2019. Ridership is up at least 20 clients per day. We are including serving more rural riders. In addition to our main priorities medical, non-competitive employment, adult day care, we are looking to add grocery-shopping trips in the spring 2020.

**Youth Services Advisory Committee – David Johnston**

On March 16, Daytop will attend a hearing in Trenton regarding youth beds not being utilized. There is a petition you can sign to help Daytop. If interested, the email can be forwarded to you from Ms. Barb Kaufman at [BKauffman@mcpik.org](mailto:BKauffman@mcpik.org).

“Breaking Stigma” event will be June 20.

Prevention is Key will be holding a SBIRT training for schools on March 11<sup>th</sup> and there are still some openings.

JBWS will be holding a conference on April 24, “Building Inclusive Domestic Violence Practices: Safety, Support, and Solutions for LGBTQ+ Survivors”.

**XII. Partnership Announcements –  
Continuum of Care – Ms. Connolly – No report**

**XIII. Old Business –  
Homeless Trust Fund – no report**

Discussion: Reports of people impersonating Census takers. This should not be happening. The beginning March is the beginning of 2020 Census. A Census time line was distributed. .

**XIV. New Business – None**

**XV. Public Comment –**

Ms. Bjornson reported that Operation Helping Hand showed up at the Family Promise Drop in Center and arrested someone outside of the center. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Roers announced Mr. John Franklin is retiring. As of yesterday, United Way has a new CEO as of March 1. At this time, a Retirement Party is not being planned but a Celebration Gala will be held sometime in September.

**XVI. Adjournment –**

Mr. Rebekka Zydel adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Anna Marie Hess  
Clerk II**