

ADVISORY COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER

FIRST QUARTER 2017, JANUARY 17, 2017

MORRIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

- 2017 Grant-In-Aid subgrants are scheduled to go out toward the end of January.
- The Morris County Advisory Leadership Group is working with the Department Director to draft the RFP that would make it possible for the County to lease the homes on Ruth Davis Drive to human service provider/s for supportive residential care. The process is continuing into 2017.
- Morris County Stigma Free efforts are going very well. The Morris County Stigma Free Communities Initiative is a county-wide program which aims to eradicate the stigma associated with mental illness and substance abuse disorders. The committee is dedicated to raising awareness of these illnesses by creating an environment where affected individuals are supported in their efforts to achieve wellness and recovery. To date there are 9 towns that have joined this effort. The next meeting will be on January 17, 1:30 p.m., at 30 Schuyler Place, 3rd Floor in Morristown. Please contact Laurie Becker at (973) 285-6859 if you are interested in joining the team or obtaining further information.
- The second annual Disaster Planning Day was held on November 30. There were approximately twenty Morris County Disaster Response Crisis Counselors (DRCC), Office of Emergency Management (OEM), Fire and Police staff in attendance. Disaster Response Crisis Counselors (DRCC) are trained, certified crisis responders who provide emotional support and community information in the aftermath of an overwhelming disaster. There are 54 credentialed Morris DRCC's in Morris County.

FAMILY HEALTH CENTER

PROGRAM UPDATE

- The Family Health Center is hiring a full time Medical Case Manager. For more information, call Nycole Gordon at
- The Family Health Center is hiring a full time PrEP Counselor. For more information, call Roger Franklin at 973-889-6810.
- The PrEP program is now accepting patients. For more information, call Roger Franklin or Allison Delcalzo-Berens at 973-889-6810.

STAFFING

- Medical Case Managers Alicia Weisbrot and Elise Oliver will be leaving at the end of January. Stephanie Heasman will be the interim Medical Case Manager until the position is filled.

NEW ISSUES/TRENDS

- There are a lack of evening transportation options for patients who have evening medical appointments or groups.

HOPE HOUSE

EVENTS

- CFCS-Hope House will be hosting the MSW Lunch & Learn on March 21 immediately following the Advisory Committee meeting.

PROGRAM UPDATE

- Hope House provides the following groups:
 - Men's Support Group: 1st Thursday of the month @2pm
 - Women's Support Group: 2nd Thursday of the month @2pm
 - General Support Group: 3rd Thursday of the month at 2pm
 - There are also 2 coping skills groups per month. Please contact 973-361-5555 x3038 to receive a calendar.

STAFFING

- Elizabeth Dufresne, MBA started in mid-December as a new case manager.

NEW JERSEY AIDS SERVICES

EVENTS

- The NJ Devils will host a charity night for NJ AIDS Services on March 14th. Proceeds from tickets purchased through the following link will benefit NJ AIDS Services: <https://groupmatics.events/event/njaidservices>

PROGRAM UPDATE

- NJ AIDS Services continues to host the following support groups:
 - Gay Men's Support: Thursdays at 11:00am
 - HIV Support: Wednesdays at 12:30pm

NEW ISSUES/TRENDS

- Access to oral health services for Medicare client's in private health care settings continues to be a major issue. This barrier to care may impact health outcomes in our region. We request this issue be added as an agenda item to be discussed at a future MSW HIV/AIDS Advisory meeting.

ZUFALL HEALTH CENTER

PROGRAM UPDATE

- PrEP is being offered at Zufall
- Expanded testing to include 13+ in age from 18
- New testing site in Newton
- Resurrecting Consumer Advisory Board – looking for partner agency
 - First meeting to have Ed Barron speak about Stigma Project
 - Next: Effective medical visits – developing and managing your partnerships/relationships with your provider
- Putting together training sessions with AETC for staff: Motivational Interviewing, Cultural Competency, Patient Engagement and Stress/Burnout