

ADVISORY COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER

SECOND QUARTER 2017, APRIL 18, 2017

CONSUMER ADVISORY BOARD

Attendance is extremely varied. Feedback has been that the solicitation for CAB by agencies have not been descriptive so consumers viewed it as a Zufall activity. Working to promote each meeting to all agencies starting with guest speaker this month.

PLANNING COUNCIL

The Planning Council support is in the process of transition to United Way of Union County. The next meeting of the NEMA Planning Council will be on Wednesday, 4/13/17 at 1:30pm. The meeting will be held at the Rutgers University, Medical Science Building.

The Comprehensive Planning Committee (CPC) of the Planning Council will meet next on Friday, 4/28/17 at 9:30am. The April meeting will be held at Union Central Jersey Legal Services Office located at 60 Prince Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07208. We are looking for consumer participation from the Morris/Sussex/Warren region to hold a member slot on this committee. Interested parties are encouraged to attend. For more information please contact Joann McEniry at 973-285-0006.

MORRIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

- The Mental Health Addictions Services Advisory Board (MHASAB) reported on the Advisory Leadership Group and the Unified Funding Plan. One of their goals is to keep all more attuned to information about programs and services, which would in turn assist in making determinations in the funding process. For instance, if there is a change in funding criteria in one funding stream, other advisories might be able to review the program for another funding stream. The Leadership Group consists of Chairs/Co-Chairs of all Advisory Boards. By having the Advisory Leadership Group work together, there will be a more formally coordinated cross systems approach. All will become more familiar with the various funding streams in the system. This should help reduce/eliminate fragmentation of services.
- The MHASAB reported that 23rd Consumer and Family Forum will be held on Monday, June 12, 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the Haggerty Center, Frelinghuysen Arboretum, Morristown. The title of the Forum is “Many Faces of Recovery: Celebrate you!” The Forum is a unique opportunity to get a countywide perspective from the individuals we serve regarding our local system of care. Please join us. Save the Date Fliers are available. Call Laurie Becker, Mental Health Administrator, (973) 285-6852 for further information.
- In April, HOPE 1, will begin its first outreach with the goal of engaging hard to reach individuals into recovery services. The person seeking treatment will not get charges if they have contraband. The thought is this van will help link clients to services. The Sheriff's office staffs the vehicle two days a week with plain-clothed police officers, a CARES person and MHA personnel. Other treatment providers are also at the table.
- The Morris County Freeholders passed a Resolution urging the state to put fiscal safeguards in place during the transition to fee for service, or delay the July 1, 2017 implementation date. They asked for the full assurance that agency doors will stay open and current services remain available to New Jersey's most vulnerable residents. They all called upon other counties to join in and insist on these safeguards for our communities.
- The Office on Aging reported that the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging are heavily advocating for replacement of the Affordable Care Act, to insure that older adults, caregivers and people with disabilities continue to receive care.

FAMILY HEALTH CENTER

PROGRAM UPDATE

- The PrEP program is now accepting patients. For more information, call Roger Franklin or Allison Delcalzo-Berens at 973-889-6810.

STAFFING

- The Family Health Center is hiring a full time Medical Case Manager. To apply, visit <http://jobs.atlantichealth.org/> and use keyword “Ryan White”.

HOPE HOUSE

EVENTS

- CFCS-Hope House will be participating in the 2017 New Jersey AIDS Walk on Sunday May 7 in Morristown.

PROGRAM UPDATE

- Hope House provides the following groups:
 - Men’s Support Group: 1st Thursday of the month at 2pm
 - Women’s Support Group: 2nd Thursday of the month at 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.

NEW JERSEY AIDS SERVICES

EVENTS

The New Jersey AIDS Walk will be held on Sunday, May 7th 2017! Registration is free and open to the public! Please join us in taking a step in the right direction!

Location: The Morristown Green 10 North park Place Morristown, NJ 07960

Event Time: Registration opens at 11:30am and the walk leaves the Green at 1:00pm

Morristown Event Page: <http://njaidswalkmorristown.kintera.org>

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

STAFFING CHANGES

New Jersey AIDS Services welcomes the following new staff members:

- Christina Romeo, MSW – Client Services Coordinator
- Jesenia Bracero, BSW – Case Manager
- Dustin Blanchard - Transportation

NEW ISSUES/TRENDS

Lack of emergency housing in the tri-county area continues to be a barrier to care

ZUFALL HEALTH CENTER

PROGRAM UPDATE

Zufall anticipates hiring a new linkage to care coordinator for Morris, Sussex and Warren.