

HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
340 West Hanover Avenue, Morristown
April 24, 2018 Minutes

Call to Order: The meeting opened at 5:17 p.m. by Mr. Ken Oexle.

Members Present:

Robert Armstrong, HIV/AIDS Advisory Liaison
Jeff Bashe, COC EC Liaison
Linda Csengeto, OTA Liaison
David Hollowell, Citizen Representative
Joanne McEniry, NJAS
Kenneth Oexle, Chair, Citizen Representative
Joseph Pawelczyk, Citizen Representative
Michelle Roers, United Way of Northern New Jersey
Rebecca Sherrod, Child & Family Resources

Also Attending:

Betty Sayner, NJDHS, DDD
Freeholder Heather Darling
Sheriff James Gannon

Staff in Attendance:

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

Welcome and Introductions

All were welcomed and introductions made.

Approval of March 27 Minutes –

Motion to approve the March 27 minutes made by Mrs. Linda Csengeto and seconded by Mr. Jeff Bashe. All were in favor with no opposition and no abstentions. Motion carried.

I. Presentation Hope 1 Update – Sheriff Gannon

Sheriff Gannon stated there were 72 overdoses in 2016 and 85 overdoses in 2017. The opioid epidemic affects everyone and is a real issue. In 2018, there have been 19 fatalities – 2 this past Sunday in Hanover. This is down from last year 39% year to date. They have not been able to figure out what days/months are worse. The Sheriff's office felt they needed a solution and wanted to help. They are working on better education, enforcement, treatment, and drug court.

Drug court has been very successful in helping keep folks out of jail and getting them the help they need. Drug court programs combine intensive supervision, mandatory drug testing,

treatment and incentives to help offenders with substance abuse problems break the cycle of addiction and crime.

In Morris County, there are approximately 398 homeless. The Sheriff's office wanted a way to bring services to this at risk population. They converted an old swat team van, created the Sheriff's mobile outreach van, and called it Hope One.

Sheriff Gannon talked about the three components of the Hope One program:

- Hope One Mobile Outreach – This program involves a van that started going out into the community in April 2017. The van goes to locations throughout the county such as the soup kitchen, strip malls, community events, etc. They work with treatment providers to get services to the people regardless of whether or not they have insurance. The Sheriff's Office removed the police logos and government plates from the van to make the van appear more friendly and approachable. The van is staffed by a Sheriff's Officer, a Certified Peer Recovery Specialist (from CARES) and a representative from the Mental Health Association of Essex and Morris. With the help of this team, they have connected with about 3,250 people. Every 11 minutes they have a new contact. The van enables potential clients, family and friends an opportunity to have a cup of coffee, talk and get connected with services. They have given 899 Narcan trainings and distributed Narcan kits.
- Hope Wing – A New Direction. There are currently 3,100 inmates in the Morris County Correctional Facility. Approximately 25% have an addiction. The staff believes that number is closer to 50%. Human Services is working with the Sheriff's Office on this program in order to help those with addictions. This program is housed in a wing in the jail, where inmates participate in recovery services along with employment, education and community resources. There are classes on anger management, coping skills, trust, etc. They have NA/AA meetings/support groups. The program has a large faith based component. The thought is that if we do not take care of these people and try to help them they will go back to robbery and crime. They are trying to do the right thing for the people and to help crime reduction. They are seeing some nice success stories with this program.
- Identification Program – Those between the ages of 18 – 55 are no longer able to get a County ID through the County Clerk's office. The county is only giving IDs to youth, veterans or individuals over 55. ID's are especially essential for those looking to get treatment or services. The Sheriff's office began providing this service in June 2017 to fill this gap. They have provided about 126 IDs since the start of the program.

Ms. McEniry asked about having HIV testing done at the jail. There are many efforts going on to get HIV testing done. If folks that test positive are treated, the virus can be undetectable. If the virus is undetectable, it will not spread. The Sheriff said this is something they will think about going forward. They are always looking for suggestions and ways to improve. Mr. Hollowell mentioned the Genesis Project. He suggested the Calvary Church could work with the

Sheriff on this. They have a link to employers. The Sheriff said he has talked to someone at the church about this. Mr. Hollowell also suggested the jail work with Workforce training. Ms. Carpinteri and Ms. Buchanan are working together on this. It is a collaborative process and we will tailor it as we go. Ms. Carpinteri stated there is another new initiative at the jail. It is the jail reentry program; she will explain this further in her report.

The Sheriff said we have to try to help these folks and never want to give up on them. We want to do what we can to give them another chance. Ms. Carpinteri said the hope is to have coordinated services from short term to long term.

County of Morris Department of Human Services – Ms. Carpinteri

The jail reentry program is coming together. They are building it. Human Services will be sending staff from the Office of Temporary Assistance into the jail. The staff will have the ability to connect and link the inmates to services. The hope is to connect the inmates with healthcare, education, nonprofits, housing, etc. All are excited about this new program. There is new software that will help track the outcomes. These folks will be tracked for one year (if they agree). About 57 percent of the inmates are Morris County residents and that will make it easier to track.

There will soon be a second outreach vehicle called “Navigating Hope”. This vehicle will also bring services to the people. There will be internal Human Services staff (Aging, Veterans, etc.) as well as nonprofit staff in the van. The county will fund the nonprofit staff. They are sending out an RFP to identify the nonprofit provider. This van will be a mobile extension of Human Services. Either there will be live people on the van to assist the clients or they can skype in the van. They are designing a comfortable place and bringing help to the people. They can process food stamp applications and get many things done on the van. All will learn as we go. Many people cannot get to the Human Services offices. This van will enable Human Services staff to get to the people.

Ms. Becker said the RFP for this is in the pipeline. It was posted on May 3 and is due May 31. They are looking for an agency that will provide case management services. Ms. Becker said that the HSAC will review any applications received and make recommendations. Recommendations will be brought to the Freeholders. The board needs to empower the Program Review Committee to act on their behalf and ask Ms. Carter to put out a date for this review meeting. Anyone interested is welcome.

Need to empower this subcommittee separately from GIA \$110,000 for the first year for this project. This will be funding awarded on an annual basis. The Freeholders approved this money to get Navigating Hope off the ground. This will be wrap around service money. Ms. Becker will send this information out to all. This will involve one full time staff person or two part time employees. Motion made by Ms. Joanne McEniry to empower the Program Review Subcommittee to make this decision and give their recommendation to the Freeholders. Mr. Bashe seconded the motion. All were in favor with no abstentions and no opposition. Motion was carried.

Ms. Carpinteri said they are hoping this van will go out two days a week with Hope One and one or two more days on their own. Dates will be posted on a calendar. The county is purchasing the van and it will be similar to Hope One. They hope to start going out with this vehicle in Sept.

New Jersey Department of Human Services – Mr. Tamayo (att. written report submitted)

New Jersey Department of Human Services – Division of Developmental Disabilities – Ms. Sayner (written report submitted)

There is a revised timeline for full fee-for-service. Since they ran into some problems, the full fee-for-service implementation will be extended to June 2018.

There is some summer camp funding available for those that live in their own homes. For further information on the Family Support Camp Funding Assistance, see www.nj.gov/humanservices/ddd.

Overview:

DDD is a large division that serves more than 25,000 people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. DDD is shifting from a contract-based system of service reimbursement to a Medicaid-based, Fee-for-Service system. Individuals are being assigned to support coordination agencies to help them manage an individual budget. Individual budgets are based on a tier level that is determined by a comprehensive assessment. The Fee-for-Service model allows for increased flexibility, increased choice and an expansion of services. The Division's transition to a Fee-for-Service system is expected to be fully implemented by June 2019.

DDD Updates:

Individuals participating in both the Personal Preference Program (PPP, Administered by the Division of Disability Services) and the DDD Self-Directed Employee (SDE) Option were having a problem enrolling with the new Fiscal Intermediary, Public Partnerships due to a problem with the Employer Identification Number (EIN).

For individuals enrolled in both PPP and the DDD SDE Option, DDD extended the deadline to register with Public Partnerships, to allow time for the Department and Division to research the EIN issue. That research is ongoing. DDD has extended its contract with Easterseals NJ (ESNJ) through June 30, 2018 and individuals participating in both PPP and the DDD SDE Option are continuing to submit SDE timesheets to ESNJ until a final determination is made or until additional guidance is provided regarding dual enrollees and the EIN issue.

The "Stephen Komninos Law" was signed in October 2017. The law, named after a young man who choked and died while under group home supervision, is designed to make group homes more accountable to the state. It doubles annual unannounced inspections, requires employees to undergo drug tests, and mandates that group homes more quickly disclose information to families after a loved one is hurt. The increased monitoring goes into effect in May.

New / Proposed Development in Morris County:

1. *Advancing Opportunities* McKinley St., Lincoln Park – GH is open, but the agency has not fully completed their Molina/Medicaid application and qualification process for individual supports. No move in dates have been set.
2. *CPNJ* is looking at a vacant lot on Rt. 202 in Morristown / Harding Twp. as a possible site for two 4-bedroom medical group homes. The Township is being consulted on if two homes would be allowed.
3. *DPD (Department for Persons with Disabilities)* is relocated an existing home to Ridge Road in Succasunna. The Group Home had served 8 people, but was reduced to 5. All individuals moved in on 2/22/18.
4. *Avidd Community Services* has several projects planned including:
 - Old Turnpike Road, Washington Twp. - Projected to serve 4 people; 2 are confirmed. The inside of the home is complete; exterior work is almost complete.
 - Espanong Road, Jefferson / Lake Hopatcong - Projected to serve 4. This is a vacant lot on 1.5 acres. Project closed with HMFA 12/20/17. Projected licensing in 7/18. Trees have been cleared and the developer will install the septic system before starting on the house.
 - Minnehaha Blvd. in Lake Hiawatha - Projected to serve 4. Closed with HMFA 11/15/17. Construction is in the early stages. Projected opening date is 9/1/18.
 - Glenwood Road, Parsippany - Projected to serve 4 people. Projected opening 7/18. Construction is underway.
 - Mooney Road, Roxbury – Projected to serve 4 people. Project began 1/29/18. Vacant lot.
5. *Bellwether* is developing two new 6-person group homes in Morris County (Pine Brook & Morris Plains). Certificate of Occupancy was expected in March for both homes and tours are being set up with families. They are also proposing a 6 person group home in Lincoln Park (construction is needed).

New Jersey Department of Children and Families (DCF) – Division of Child Protection and Permanency – Mr. Johnston

DCF – Since January, there is a new Commissioner Designate. Her name is Christine Norbut-Beyer. She was previously with DCF and has been with the Annie E. Casey Foundation for the last 5 years.

DCP&P –

As of April 2, 2018, we have a new Assistant Commissioner, Carmen Diaz-Petti. She was most recently the Area Director for DCP&P's Mercer/Hunterdon/Warren/Somerset. Prior to that, she was the Local Office Manager for the Somerset Local Office. She was previously with administration at Catholic Charities.

Our outgoing Assistant Commissioner, Lisa von Pier who had this position for the last 4 years will be focusing on the Department's work with Adverse Childhood Experiences or ACES and Trauma Informed Care

DCP&P –

In May, The Division will be participating in the Permanency Roundtable Process – a case review process from Case Family Programs. It is our third year participating in this case consultation model. There are seven youth selected from Morris and Sussex Counties this year.

Youth, for whom achieving permanency is difficult, are selected and a team chosen to assist in developing a permanency plan is impaneled and will follow up after the initial brainstorming sessions to check on the status of the plan. (See attached document of the phases).

Youth Homelessness - (Bridging the Gap Committee) – Next meeting is 5/22/18. Committee is re-focusing a bit and adding service gaps around not only housing but services available to youth between 17 and 24 in Morris County. Working toward incorporating more of the youth voice and members have been reaching out to youth (18+) either currently involved with the system or recently involved that can provide that perspective to the planning process.

STATS

MORRIS WEST

CWS 44
CPS 108
TOTAL 152

MORRIS EAST

CWS 31
CPS 72
TOTAL 103

Staff Reports –

Ms. Becker

The 24th Consumer and Family Forum will be held on June 21 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Haggerty Center, Frelinghuysen Arboretum, Morristown. The title of the Forum is “Many Faces of Recovery”. The Forum is a unique opportunity to get countywide perspective from the individuals we serve regarding the local system of care. The committee is looking for nominations for the Terri Belske Mental Health Advocate of the Year. The awardee is a role model in New Jersey and represents the Morris County community in advocating for the rights of all people with mental illness. Please contact Ms. Becker by May 25 with any nominees.

All are welcome – Forum fliers distributed.

Ms. Carter –

Priority summaries were distributed and reviewed. A vote is needed to approve the 2019 priority summaries. Ms. Rebekka Zydel made a motion to approve the 2019 priority summaries. Ms. Linda Csengeto seconded the motion. All were in favor with no opposition and no abstentions. Motion carried.

There will be a Bidder’s conference on Friday, June 8 at the Public Safety & Training Academy for all agencies interested in submitted applications for 2019 funding. Attendance is not mandatory but recommended. The focus of the conference is on funding and the RFA process.

Mr. Jim Jorgenson, Morris County's Purchasing Agent, will be available to answer questions. This is a good opportunity to help agencies get more educated.

Ms. Carpinteri said they want to discuss the unified funding approach at this conference. After educating the community, the county wants to put something in the summaries about collaboration. It is a good opportunity for all see how things fit together and learn to be more creative.

Planning Child Care – Ms. Rebecca Sherrod (written report submitted)

- There is no waiting list for childcare subsidies. They are serving all eligible applicants and receive approximately 30 new applications a week.
- We currently do not have 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

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 – 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

These centers hold 350 dedicated voucher spots cumulatively.

There was also a rate increase for the reimbursement rate.

Advisory Committee Reports – Workforce Investment Board – Mr. Hollowell

The last meeting was on Thursday. The new Commissioner gave a presentation. There is a great collaboration with the state. Part of the discussion was on the labor market. Distributed information on the Labor Insight and various jobs and skill levels needed for jobs in the Morris County area. They discussed the annual report. All made their major targets. Ms. Buchanan has shown much insight into developing new programs.

Morris, Sussex, Warren HIV Advisory – Mr. Armstrong

On Tuesday, April 17, the MSW HIV Advisory Committee met concurrently with the Early Intervention and Retention Collaborative (EIRC) at Hope House in Dover. EIRC is an initiative of the Newark Eligible Metropolitan Area HIV Health Services Planning Council (NEMA Planning Council). A Lunch and Learn followed with a presentation by Scott H. Dranoff from Legal Services of Northwest Jersey.

Christina Baluja from St. Clare's Services gave a presentation on the HIV Housing Collaborative. She reported that people with HIV who are homeless can call the state HIV hotline to complete an intake with a housing coordinator. Most individuals will be linked to shelters within two hours and then be linked to housing, case managers, PATH providers, community health workers, housing ambassadors and other resources. According to Ms. Baluja the goal of the program is to retain or link individuals into care and treatment and to link them with housing case managers who will help find long term housing solutions.

Aliya Onque reported that HRSA has issued a letter stating that Parts A, B and C of the Ryan White program are expected to see slight increases in funding, Parts C and D will receive level funding, and Part D will be absorbed by Part C. There are plans to defund the AIDS Education Training Centers (AETC), which the committee agreed would be a great loss.

The Needs Assessment Subcommittee will be split into three work groups in May to: 1) create a provider survey; 2) create a consumer survey; and 3) plan a focus group.

A draft of questions about HIV issues prepared by committee members to be given to candidates running for the local district (11) for the US House of Representatives was distributed for review. This is a consumer-initiated project. Interaction is being planned.

The committee discussed how to better meet the needs of the people living with HIV who are in recovery.

Cindy Mimmo reported that there will be a presentation from the state at the meetings going forward. There will be a Prevention and Care Summit on June 20. There will be a Coordinator's meeting for counseling and testing sites on May 10.

The HIV Consumer Advisory Board (CAB) met this morning, at 11:00 a.m. the board is working out the logistics to do fundraising. The next meeting is scheduled for May 22 at the Zufall Wellness Center in Morristown.

The annual NJ AIDS Walk is taking place on Sunday, May 6 beginning at the Morristown Green.

The next Morris, Sussex, Warren HIV Advisory meeting is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on June 19 at MC Department of Human Services, 1 Medical Dr., Morris Plains. A Lunch and Learn Project will follow it. The topic is HIV Around the World.

Ms. Becker asked if he knew of anyone that might like to tell his or her story at the forum. Mr. Armstrong has someone in mind that had a fiancé that passed away. There were not enough services to help her. Ms. McEniry offered to try to get in touch with him to see if he is interested in speaking.

Mental Health Services Addictions Services Advisory Board – Ms. Mary Jane Melo (written report submitted)

- Ms. Brie A. Gallo gave a presentation on Morris View and Allaire and their recent application for Behavioral Health Beds. Allaire acquired Morris View in November. The Dept. of Health has opened up a certificate of need for adult care psychiatric beds. There is a big need for behavioral health beds. This requires a special license. Allaire has put in an application for these beds. They are training staff to accommodate more people with mental health issues.

If they get this award they will use Unit 2D. The unit will be for those over 60 that have a medical condition and a psychological diagnosis. All beds would be Medicaid since this is a Medicaid program. They are hoping that later they could also be able to take others with private pay.

Ms. Gallo stated that Greystone Hospital would benefit since it is a potential place for Greystone patients to go. Ms. Gallo said even if they do not get this award they plan to do this – just differently. She says the program has to be affordable for those with mental illness. Often these folks are struggling financially.

- The Advisory Leadership group met yesterday. They talked about Grant-in-Aid funding for 2019. The annual Request for Funding Application (RFA) announcement will go out on May 30. There will be a funding orientation to applicants. Applications are due by June 29.
- The Sussex Freeholder board passed a resolution concerning fee-for-service. They would like to advocate increasing the rates for reimbursement services. Ms. Carpinteri stated that our Freeholder Board passed a prior fee-for-service resolution. A letter and resolution went to all Freeholder boards asking that all send a fee-for-service resolution similar to the one sent by Sussex County. There is still time to make amendments to the state budget. The board agreed and Ms. McMann will work on a new resolution on behalf of the MHASAB. The resolution will go to the Freeholder board for their consideration.

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

- All Morris County Providers have been invited to attend a forum “2018 Agency Summit”, June 13 at the Vision Loss Alliance, 155 Morris Ave., Suite 2, Denville, NJ. All providers will display what they do, what they know and whom they service. RSVP by June 6.
- Area Plan Contract 2019-2021 is coming up.

The following Providers have these upcoming events in April:

- Dawn Cil Is holding it's annual "Family Fun Day" June 29, at Central Park, Morris Plains, from 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Cornerstone Family Programs is teaming up with Morristown Neighborhood House, Interfaith Food Pantry and New Jersey Communities Network at 12 Flagler St. in Morristown. The program, Eat Right and Get Fit, will be free, but registration is required. It will start April 24 for 12 weeks.
- Employment Horizons is hold "Spring Clothing Drive", April 18-20 from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Morris County Organization for Hispanic Affairs is hosting a "Food & Wine Reception", April 27.

Youth Services Advisory Committee (written report submitted)

ACTION ITEMS

- The 2019 Juvenile Justice and Grant In Aid Youth Services priority summaries were approved by the committee

STATE AND COUNTY REPORTS

- Dave Johnston reported that there was a new DCP&P Assistant Commissioner – Carmen Petty-Diaz
- Jeena Williams reported:
 - There is a new temporary CSOC Assistance Commissioner – Cathy Whey
 - Jeena also talked about the annual permanency round tables, which will be occurring in the next few months. They will choose 50 kids from the state and focus on solving their permanency issues. They will be starting with youth ages 9 years old.
 - There is an RFP for Domestic Violence shelters for women, small grants available for facility improvement. NJ.gov/DCF
- Nacie Arnold reported that she has trained 642 community members and 26 unduplicated agencies.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Ingrid Vaca-Bullaro handed out flyers for their 3 current Mending Arts series.

Maria Augustowicz from CMO announced that the Morris and Sussex system review findings will be presented April 20th from 10-12 at the academy

Partnership Announcements –

Mr. Bashe stated they are waiting for HUD to announce the next NOFA and at that time, the Executive Committee will find out when the cycle will begin. The committee is reviewing performance metrics and fine-tuning priorities. They are putting a lot of effort into trying to get more landlord participation and support services that go along with it.

Old Business – None

New Business –

Ms. Roers stated that on May 21 Representative Bobby Scott will be speaking on behalf of the Strolling Thunder at the State House. This advocacy group is asking for better opportunities for low income families from early childhood education to affordable childcare. Families from every state will stand together to advocate for paid family leave, affordable, quality child care and investment in early head start. They are promoting advocacy needs for children from ages 0 to 3. They want the voice of low-income families and their small children to be heard.

Public Comment – None

Adjournment –

There was a motion made by Mr. Joe Pawelczyk and seconded by Mr. Hollowell to close the meeting at 6:58 p.m. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Mocarski
Program Development Aide