

# 2022 Orientation

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Morris County Commissioner Appointed Advisory Board  
and Council Members

# What does it mean to be appointed an Advisory Board/Council Member?

- You have been appointed by the Morris County Board of County Commissioners based on an interest and/or area of expertise
- You have the ability to interact with a group of dedicated individuals
- You can learn about issues related to your specific Advisory Board or Committee
- You represent the County of Morris

# I agree to the participate in the following ways....

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- Regular attendance at Advisory Board/Council meetings. This is important because quorums are needed for certain tasks
- Participation in subcommittees
  - The information must be brought to the attention of the full Advisory Board/Council and critical information must be discussed and/or approved, as needed
- Occasional attendance at special functions and/or meetings related to your Advisory Board/Council such as needs assessments, planning initiatives, etc.
- Report on other meetings you attend
- Disseminate critical information to the public as directed by Human Services staff

# Role of an Advisory Board/Committee member (examples)

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- Provide assistance, advise, and bring a level of lived experience and/or expertise to the Department of Human Services
- Review and discuss funding recommendation for Federal, State, and Local funding streams
- Bring topics related to your area of concentration to the full advisory meeting for discussion
- Provide letters of advocacy as needed
- Assist in developing priorities which will be used in the funding review process
- Collaborate across Advisory Board/Committees to discuss cross-system challenges

# Human Services Advisory Boards/Committees

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- Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC) – Division of Community & Behavioral Health Services
  - HSAC reviews, monitors, and improves county level human service activities, services, and programs for homeless and modest income children, families, and victims of abuse, neglect, and abandonment
- Mental Health Addictions Services Advisory Board (MHASAB) – Division of Community & Behavioral Health Services
  - MHASAB ensures that a full continuum of care is available and affordable to address the shared and specific mental health and substance use prevention, education, and treatment needs of Morris County residents
- Youth Services Advisory Council (YSAC) - Division of Community & Behavioral Health Services
  - The YSAC is to serve as the mechanism to develop a responsive, accessible and integrated system of care for youth and young adults (ages 0-21 years) with special social/emotional needs and their families, as well as juveniles (0-18 years) charged or adjudicated delinquent

# Human Services Advisory Boards/Committees (cont.)

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- Advisory Council on Aging, Disabilities, and Veterans (ACADV) – Office on Aging, Disabilities, and Community Programming
  - ACADV discusses and advocates for issues of importance to area seniors, persons with disabilities, and veterans
- Advisory Committee on Women
  - Advisory Committee on Women is a fact-finding committee that researches the needs, problems, interests, concerns, and capabilities of the women who reside and work in Morris County and promotes their interests
- MAPS Citizen Advisory Committee (MAPS CAC)
  - MAPS CAC is to advise the Morris County Department of Human Services on planning, implementing, and operating coordinated transportation services at the county level pursuant to the requirements of the program guidelines adopted by New Jersey Transit

# What is Morris County Department of Human Services

<https://www.morriscountynj.gov/Departments/Human-Services>

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- **Made up of 5 Divisions**

1. Community Assistance & Resources
  - Office of Temporary Assistance
  - Office on Aging, Disabilities, and Community Programming
2. Community & Behavioral Health Services
3. Employment & Training Services
4. Juvenile Facilities
5. The Office of Workforce Development

# Places to visit on the website

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- <https://www.morriscountynj.gov/Departments/Human-Services>
- Advisory Boards/Councils for descriptions, meeting information, minutes, etc.
- Calendar
- Stigma Free
  - <https://www.morriscountynj.gov/Departments/Morris-County-Stigma-Free-Communities-Initiative/About-Stigma>



# Board of County Commissioners

<https://www.morriscountynj.gov/Departments/Board-of-County-Commissioners>

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- The Morris County Commissioners prepare and adopt the Morris County budget, authorize expenditures, appoint County officials and members of Boards, Commissions, Councils, and Authorities, and supervises the administration of all County Departments.
- Commissioner List Liaison - <https://www.morriscountynj.gov/Departments/Board-of-County-Commissioners/Commissioner-Liaison-List>
  - Kathryn DeFillippo is the Human Services Liaison
  - Douglas Cabana is the alternate Human Services Liaison
- Agenda and meeting minutes are available online
  - See example of resolution – can be found online - <https://morriscountynj.iqm2.com/Citizens/Default.aspx>

# Role of Human Services staff as Related to the Advisory Boards/Committees

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- Provide Department/Division updates during Advisory Board/Committee meetings
- Monitor funded agencies spending and compliance with Federal/State/Local guidelines
- Provide technical assistance to funded agencies
- Monitor funding recommendations to ensure there is no duplication
- Provide assistance and knowledge to Advisory Board/Committee members to eliminate gaps in service areas

# Morris County 2021

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A look back at 2021 to see how much Morris County has accomplished!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Vp8f-Jtfs8>



# Mental Health Addictions Services Abuse Board (MHASAB) meetings

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- Meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month
- 10 meetings a year
  - Typically skip one summer meeting (July or August) and the December meeting
- Currently virtual but may be given a hybrid option in Spring
- MHASAB is a combined group: Alcohol and Drug Abuse Advisory Committee and Mental Health Advisory Board:
  - Alcohol and Drug Abuse Advisory Committee – can serve 6 - 1-year terms
  - Mental Health Advisory Board – can serve 2 – 3-year terms

# Human Services Staff related to MHASAB

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- Amy Archer – Mental Health Administrator
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# Committees under MHASAB

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- County Alliance Steering Subcommittee (CASS)
  - CASS membership is appointed by the Morris County Commissioners in conjunction with regulations adopted by the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (GCADA)
  - Responsible for the distribution, guidance, and monitoring of Municipal Alliance programs
- Integrated Professional Advisory Committee (IPAC)
  - IPAC membership includes Morris County providers from various backgrounds (MH, Addiction, Youth, etc.)
  - Provides consultation and recommendations to the MHASAB as needed

# Standing Subcommittees

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- MHASAB members are required to serve on at least one subcommittee
- Meeting dates are as needed (not monthly)
  - Funding subcommittee – review priorities, review funding applications, develop recommendations for funding, etc.
  - Planning subcommittee – plan presentation, involvement in planning Opioid Overdose Awareness Day, etc.
    - Mental Health Forum – aim for Summer 2023 forum
  - Legislative/Advocacy subcommittee – address mental health and substance use issues and provide letter of advocacy as needed, review new legislation and how it relates to MHASAB, etc.

# Attachments Sent

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- Morris County Conflict of Interest
- Morris County Statement of Confidentiality
- GIA mental health funding for 2022
- GIA addiction funding for 2022
- Chapter 51 (addiction) funding for 2022