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MORRIS COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (YSAC)
Morris County Human Services Building, 1 Medical Drive Morris Plains, New Jersey
March 15, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Maria Augustowicz at 2:34pm. Members present:

Maria Augustowicz  Jessica Mondino
Ingrid Vaca-Bullaro  Sandra Gogerty
Diana Cirillo  Beth Jacobson
Juli Harpell-Elam  David Johnson
David Haggerty  Dave Johnston
Neville Newton  Laura Siemonsma-Bertelli
Jim Saylor  Samantha Denegri
Cindy Cuenca

Guests: Jim Mahoney, Stacy Chia, Amanda Thompson, Jane Shivas, Doris Darling, Pretti Patel, Jennifer Amaya, Warren Ververs, Nacie Arnold, Laura Riley, Laura Dicker

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of member Laura Siemonsma-Bertelli, seconded by member Dave Johnston the committee approved the minutes of the February 15, 2018 regular meeting.

PRESENTATIONS
There were no presentations

ACTION ITEMS
There were no action items

STATE AND COUNTY REPORTS

Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC)

Jim Saylor reported that there were currently four (4) juveniles in custody of the JJC, none are scheduled for release in the next 90 days.

Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P)

Dave Johnston was not present but sent a report; Morris DCP&P had a total of 209 referrals: Morris East 101. Morris West 108.

Dave also reported that the preliminary review for NJ was in and it will be reviewed in June, after which they will implement a Performance Improvement Plan (PIP).

Department of Children and Families (DCF)

Dave Johnston reported that the following RFQS are posted:
  o Request of Qualifications for summer camp providers for I/DD
  o RFQ for 1 to 1 support services in those summer camps
Both are rolling application from February 23 – Mar 22
- More information on the DCF website

Youth Services Coordinator Report

Jessica Mondino did not have anything further to report.

Unified Funding

The next meeting will be April 11 at 2:30pm

Bridging the Gap Network

Nacie Arnold reported the committee met on March 13th. Focusing on homeless 18-24 youth. There was a discussion on protocols for this age group. Next meeting will be May 15th at 10am at 1 Medical Drive

Nurtured Heart

Nacie Arnold reported that after the next training on 3/22 at CMO she will have trained over 600 community members.

Stigma Free

Beth Jacobson reported that the committee met on February 13, the main focus currently is getting schools and the faith based community involved. The next full meeting will be on May 8th at 2pm. There will be a “Language Matters” presentation on April 10th at 2pm.

Juvenile Detention Center/Youth Shelter

The JDC currently has three (3) residents: three (3) males. 2 from Morris and 1 from Sussex.

Currently the shelter has twelve (12) residents: seven (7) males and five (5) females. 5 from Morris, 2 from Sussex, 2 from Warren, 1 from Hunterdon, 1 from Hudson and 1 from Passaic.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning

The planning meeting was rescheduled due to the snow.
Next Meeting: March 19 at 10:00 a.m. at the Morris County Department of Human Services, 1 Medical Dr.

Systems Review

Next Meeting April 23, 2018 at Caring Partners

Legislative and DMC

Next meeting May 2 at 11:00am at the Morris County Department of Human Services, 1 Medical Dr.

Juvenile Firesetter Prevention Program
The March 8th meeting was cancelled due to the snow.
Next Meeting: TBD 11:30am at the Morris County Department of Human Services, 1 Medical Dr.

**Education Partnership**

The February training was rescheduled for April 25 due to the weather, the topic will be anxiety in children and adolescents. The committee met on February 22 and discussed the April training as well as training topics for the 2018-2019 year

Next Meeting: TBD 1:30pm at Department of Human Services, 1 Medical Dr.

**Juvenile Review Committee (JRC)**

The March 8th meeting was cancelled due to the snow
Next Meeting: March 22 at 9:30am at the Morris County Department of Human Services, 1 Medical Dr.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

**GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*All hand outs will be redistributed via e-mail.*

- Ingrid Vaca-Bullaro passed out the FIS training schedule
- Jim Mahoney from CMO announced that Morris and Sussex has been chosen for a state system review, it will be held over 3 days at the end of April. The findings will be presented April 20th from 10-12 at the academy.
- Jane Shivas from Project Self Sufficiency in Newton talked about their new program, Keeping Families Together. The program will supply 25 Morris and Sussex families with vouchers for housing and wrap around support. The program has two clinicians, two case managers and a housing specialist.
- Julie Harpell-Elam spoke about JBWS’s upcoming conference on May 11, “Domestic Violence and Co-Occurring issues”

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 15, 2018 at 2:30 PM at 1 Medical Dr Morris Plains

**ADJOURNMENT**

At approximately 3:34 pm, Samantha Denegri moved to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Mondino
Youth Services Coordinator

*Original is signed and kept on file at the office of the Division of Community and Behavioral Health Services.*