

**MINUTES**  
**MORRIS COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (YSAC)**  
**Morris County Human Services Building, 1 Medical Drive Morris Plains, New Jersey**  
**April 19, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Maria Augustowicz at 2:35pm. Members present:

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| Maria Augustowicz   | Sandra Gogerty           |
| Ingrid Vaca-Bullaro | David Johnson            |
| Juli Harpell-Elam   | Dave Johnston            |
| Neville Newton      | Laura Siemonsma-Bertelli |
| Cindy Cuenca        | Samantha Denegri         |
| Jessica Mondino     |                          |

Guests: Nacie Arnold, Ellie Plutto, Prettie Patel, Beth Ann Vernacchio, Laura Riley, Gladys Garcia, Kim Johnson

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of member Ingrid Vaca-Bullaro, seconded by member Tara Prezioso the committee approved the minutes of the March 15, 2018 regular meeting.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

There were no presentations

### **ACTION ITEMS**

2019 GIA-Youth Services and JJC Funding Priorities

Jessica Mondino presented the 2019 GIA-Youth Services and JJC Funding Priorities. After brief discussion, Maria Augustowicz called for a vote for the GIA Funding Priority to be approved; all in favor, none opposed, and 3 abstained. Maria Augustowicz then called for a second vote for the JJC Funding Priority to be approved, all in favor, none opposed, and 3 abstentions.

### **STATE AND COUNTY REPORTS**

#### **Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC)**

No report

#### **Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P)**

Dave Johnston reported; Morris DCP&P had a total of 249 referrals: Morris East 103, 72 Child Protective Services 31 Child Welfare Services. Morris West 146 102 CPS, 44 CWS.

Dave Johnston reported that there was a new DCP&P Assistant Commissioner – Carmen Petty-Diaz

## **Department of Children and Families (DCF)**

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

### **Youth Services Coordinator Report**

Jessica Mondino reported that they are still waiting for their award letter from the state and that the new 2019 plan and application has been released.

### **Unified Funding**

The committee met on April 11 at 2:30pm and discussed the provider information session which will be on June 8 from 9:30-11:30am. The next meeting will be June 6 at 3pm.

### **Bridging the Gap Network**

Next meeting will be May 22<sup>th</sup> at 10am at 1 Medical Drive

### **Nurtured Heart**

Nacie Arnold reported that she has trained 642 community members and 26 unduplicated agencies.

### **Stigma Free**

Jessica Mondino reported that the committee met on April 10, Ellie Plutto and Rebecca Tritt did a presentation on “Language Matters”. The next full meeting will be on May 8<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.

### **Juvenile Detention Center/Youth Shelter**

The JDC currently has three (3) residents: three (3) males. 2 from Morris and 1 from Sussex. 1 sentenced and 1 is in St Clares.

For the month the shelter had 13. Currently they have twelve (3) residents: three (3) males and zero (0) females. 1 from Morris, 1 from Warren, and 1 from Hudson.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Planning**

The planning committee met on April 9

Next Meeting: May 14 at 10:00 a.m. at the Morris County Department of Human Services, 1 Medical Dr.

### **Systems Review**

Met on April 23, 2018

Next meeting: July 23, 2018 at 9:30am at CMO, 200 Valley Rd Mt Arlington

### **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**

Next Meeting: June 14, 2018 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.

Next Meeting: May 24, 2018 1:30pm at Department of Human Services, 1 Medical Dr.

### **Juvenile Review Committee (JRC)**

The committee met on April 12.

Next Meeting: May 10 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 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.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 17, 2018 at 2:30 PM at 1 Medical Dr Morris Plains

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At approximately 3:18 pm, Ingrid Vaca- Bullaro 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.*