

**MINUTES**  
**MORRIS COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (YSAC)**  
**Morris County Human Services Building, 1 Medical Drive Morris Plains, New Jersey**  
**September 20, 2018**

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

Maria Augustowicz	Beth Jacobson
Ingrid Vaca-Bullaro	David Johnson
Juli Harpell-Elam	Chris Mueller
David Haggerty	Laura Siemonsma-Bertelli
Cindy Cuenca	Jeena Williams
Jessica Mondino	Samantha Denegri

Guests: Jennifer Amaya, Samantha Lienert, Rebecca Tritt, Jim Mahoney, Kim Johnson, Kerry Krause, Gladys Garcia, Patty Morton

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of member Dave Haggerty, seconded by member Tara Prezioso the committee approved the minutes of the June 14, 2018 regular meeting.

On motion of member Ingrid Vaca-Bullaro, seconded by member Tara Prezioso the committee approved the minutes of the June 14, 2018 regular meeting.

**PRESENTATIONS**

There were no presentations

**ACTION ITEMS**

There were no action items.

**STATE AND COUNTY REPORTS**

**Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC)**

There was no report.

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

Jeena Williams reported; Morris DCP&P had a total of 189 referrals: Morris East 91; 71 CPS 20 CWS West 98; 76 CPS, 22 CWS.

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

Jeena Williams reported that there are practice priorities that were just issued for DCP&P those priorities are:

- Leadership development
- Plan of safe care – utilize protective factors for infants exposed to substances in utero or at birth
- Post reunification maltreatment and reentry into placement
- Define work with resource families
- Strengthening concurrent planning
- Staff development assessing and developing families

## **Youth Services Coordinator Report**

Jessica Mondino reported that she is still waiting for the executed award letter, the state reports that it should be coming next week. For 2019, we have submitted our plan and application.

## **Unified Funding**

Beth Jacobson reported that that the county was able to give extra funding to support the unified approach.

## **Bridging the Gap Network**

Jennifer Amaya reported that the committee met on 9/17 and there was a training on LGBTQ done by NJAZZ. The next meeting is Nov 20 at 10am at OTA

## **Nurtured Heart**

Tara Prezioso reported that Steve Nebesni is currently being trained as a trainer. There is a Morris county leadership meeting on Sept 26.

## **Stigma Free**

Beth Jacobson reported that there are a lot of different Stigma Free events happening through out the county, she will send the flyers out to the distribution list. The next meeting is November 13 at 2pm.

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

For the month the shelter had nine (9) residents.  
Currently they have three (3) residents: two (2) males and one (1) female. 2 from Morris and 1 from Warren.

The JDC currently has 2 males from Warren and 1 female from Sussex

## **JDAI**

Jessica Mondino reported that the 3 subcommittees have begun meeting. The full council met on September 14. The next full meeting is in January.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Planning**

The planning committee met on July 9

Next Meeting: January 8, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the Morris County Department of Human Services, 1 Medical Dr.

### **Systems Review**

Met on July 23, 2018

Next meeting: October 29, 2018 at 9:30am at CMO, 200 Valley Rd Mt Arlington

### **Juvenile Firesetter Prevention Program**

Met on June 14 and September 13, 2018

The next class is scheduled for September 28, 2018

Next Meeting: December 13, 2018 11:30am at the Morris County Department of Human Services, 1 Medical Dr.

### **Education Partnership**

Met on July 26

The next training will be held on October 17, 2018 at 1 Medical Drive

Next Meeting: September 27, 2018 1:30pm at Department of Human Services, 1 Medical Dr.

### **Developmental Disabilities**

The next meeting will be Sept 25 at 2:30pm at 1 Medical Dr.

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

The committee met numerous times through out July August and September.

Next Meeting: September 27 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.*

- Dave Haggerty announced that his last day at Neighborhood House will be Oct 2. They are looking for a new director.

- Ingrid Vaca- Bullaro announced that Josephine Potechello is the new COO of Family Intervention Services. She also passed out flyers for their training institute.
- Maria passed out flyers for a nurtured heart training
- Gladys from Headstart handed out flyers for their health fair
- Kerry from FSO handed out flyers for their human trafficking conference.

### **NEXT MEETING**

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

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At approximately 3:00 pm, Cindy Cuenca 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.*