

MINUTES
MORRIS COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (YSAC)
Morris County Human Services Building, 1 Medical Drive Morris Plains, New Jersey
February 21, 2019

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

Maria Augustowicz	Jessica Mondino
Ingrid Vaca-Bullaro	Beth Jacobson
Lila Bernstein	David Johnson
Jackie Looby	Kim Johnson
Neville Newton	Laura Siemonsma-Bertelli
Margaret Pittaluga	Jeena Williams
Dave Johnston	Samantha Denegri
Jim Saylor	

Guests: Ellie Plutto, Preeti Patel, Kerry Krauss, Laura Vargas, Laura Riley, Gladys Garcia

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of member, Maria Augustowicz seconded by member Samantha Denegri the committee approved the minutes of the January 17, 2019 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: There are currently 5 youth in the custody of the JJC.

Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P)

Jeena Williams reported; Morris DCP&P had a total of 264 referrals: Morris East 126; 81 CPS 45, CWS; Morris West 138; 93 CPS, 45 CWS

Jeena also reported that the annual quality review will begin on March 18th. A small number of randomly selected families will be reviewed. There will then be a debrief on 3/22 and 45 days after this review there will be a presentation on it at the child stat.

Department of Children and Families (DCF)

Jeena Williams reported that there is an RFI (request for information) out for out of home treatment for youth with I/DD and severe behavioral health challenges. This is the state requesting information from providers that may lead to changes in service delivery or future RFPs. More information can be found at NJ.gov/DCF

Youth Services Coordinator Report

Jessica Mondino reported that the plan and application are still at the Attorney General's office.

Jessica Mondino also reported on the Partnership For Success grant from CSOC. It is in the very early stages in the grant and planning process. It will begin as a partnership with CCSHM, CIACC and the Substance Use Navigators. There will be more to come on this topic.

Unified Funding

Dave Johnston and Beth Jacobson reported, the committee discussed what progress has been made since starting this initiative. The advisory bodies will be working on their priority summaries in the next few weeks. We also discussed the funding orientation for this funding year.

Bridging the Gap Network

The next meeting will be March 19.

Nurtured Heart

Maria Augustowicz reported that Steve and Janine will be doing a 3 hour training for judiciary employees in March. There will also be a 5 week training starting on March 13th at CMO for families and caregivers

Stigma Free

Beth Jacobson reported that there is a work group working on publicity. They have created different post cards with the stigma free message and information. The next meeting will be 3/19 at 2pm

Juvenile Detention Center/Youth Shelter

For the month the shelter had eleven (11) residents.

Currently they have five (5) residents: three (3) males and two (2) female. 3 from Morris 1 from Passaic 1 Sussex

The JDC currently has 6 Males; 1 from Morris 5 from Hudson. The JDC is starting a contract with Hudson County to take their overflow now that the Union County Detention center has closed.

JDAI

Jessica Mondino reported that currently the council is working on the plan for implementation of the risk-screening tool in August. Jessica also spoke a little bit about the App that is going to be used for electronic monitoring. The next full council meeting will be March 6th.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning

Next Meeting: March 11, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the Morris County Department of Human Services, 1 Medical

Systems Review

The committee met on February 4.

Stats were given.

There were no system struggles reported

There was a discussion about working to get youth that are not DD eligible access to CMO services.

Next meeting April 29, 2019 at 9:30am at CMO, 200 Valley Rd Mt Arlington

Juvenile Firesetter Prevention Program

Next Meeting: March 14, 2019 11:00am at the Morris County Department of Human Services, 1 Medical Dr.

Education Partnership

The training was held on 2/13. The topic was vaping.

The next training is April 10 John Morello will be presenting his program “Dirt”

Next Meeting: March 28 2019 1:30pm at Department of Human Services, 1 Medical Dr.

Juvenile Review Committee (JRC)

Next Meeting: February 28, 2019 at 9:30am at the Morris County Department of Human Services, 1 Medical Dr.

Developmental Disabilities Subcommittee

An issue was brought up that would be great to address through the committee. I am trying to get someone from the state to attend a meeting so we have not scheduled a meeting date yet.

Next Meeting: TBD at 2:30pm 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 Johnston from Deirdre’s House gave out flyers for their annual Wine and Whisky Tasting Fundraiser, which will be held April 5 at 6pm.

- Ingrid Vaca-Bullaro reported that FIS and the Family Success Center are running the active parenting group for Spanish speaking parents with children ages 5-12 free program. Starts on February 26.
- Kerry from FSO reported that they are looking for a space to expand their parent support groups and youth partnership. They run from 6-7:30pm

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 2:30 PM at 1 Medical Dr Morris Plains

ADJOURNMENT

At approximately 3:21 pm, Dave Johnson 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.