

MINUTES
MORRIS COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (YSAC)
This meeting was held on Zoom
April 16, 2020

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

Holly Dinney
Ingrid Vaca-Bullaro
Diana Cirillo
Jackie Looby
Margaret Pittaluga
Dave Johnston

Jim Saylor
Jessica Mondino
Roselyn Suarez
Lenora Humphrey
Sharon Yoo
Laura Siemonsma-Bertelli

Guests: Steve Nebesni, Jessica Raczyx, Laura Vargas, Beth Jacobson, Denise Nausedas, Felicia Wanamaker, Kristen Williams, Hannah Blank,

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of member, Lila Bernstein seconded by member Jackie Looby the committee approved the minutes of the February 20, 2020 regular meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

ACTION ITEMS

Jessica Mondino confirmed the email vote that happened earlier in the week to utilize the Smartlink app as a stepdown throughout the health crisis.

STATE AND COUNTY REPORTS

Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC)

Jim Saylor reported that the JJC website has been updated to show what precautions they have been taking in their facilities.

Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P)

Lenora Humphry reported:
Morris DCP&P had a total of 261 referrals for February
Morris East 118; 80 CPS, 38 CWS;
Morris West 143; 114 CPS, 29 CWS

Morris DCP&P had a total of 261 referrals for March
Morris East 89; 72 CPS, 17 CWS
Morris West 96; 75 CPS, 21 CWS

Working remotely and there are no face to face contacts unless emergent.

Department of Children and Families (DCF)

Denise reported that Nick Pect would be reaching out to each CIAAC to offer support and asking how each county was handling the health crisis

Youth Services Coordinator Report

Jessica Mondino reported that as of now everything is on the same time line as usual. Hoping to have more information about the process in June.

Unified Funding

This committee has not met. The next meeting is TBD

Bridging the Gap Network

The next meeting is scheduled for May 19.

Nurtured Heart

Steve Nebesni reported that trainings have been pushed back to October 2020 for DCP&P resource families. Then it will be rolled out to schools.

FSO has started online support groups based on nurtured heart.

Stigma Free

Jessica Mondino reported that the next meeting would be on May 19 at 2pm on Zoom.

Juvenile Detention Center/Youth Shelter

Currently the shelter has three (3) residents: two (2) males, one (1) female: 2 Morris, 1 Sussex

The JDC currently has six (6) residents; 9 Males. 5 Hudson, 1 Morris

JDAI

Next full council meeting will be April 21st at 1130.

Jessica Mondino spoke about the timeline for Innovations funding

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning

Next Meeting: May 11, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at TBD

Systems Review

April 27 meeting cancelled

Next meeting: July 27, 2020 at 9:30am at CMO, 200 Valley Rd Mt Arlington

Juvenile Firesetter Prevention Program

Next Meeting: June 11, 2020 11:30am at the Morris County Department of Human Services, 1 Medical Dr.

Education Partnership

Met: March 26 the next training will be Feb 26 the topic is human trafficking.

Next Meeting: April 23, 2020 2pm Microsoft Teams

Juvenile Review Committee (JRC)

Met: April 9

Next Meeting: April 23 930am Microsoft Teams

Developmental Disabilities Subcommittee

The meeting scheduled for 4/22 has been postponed

Next Meeting: TBD

Substance Use Subcommittee

Met: February 25, an information session was held. The committee will review the barriers and struggles that were brought up at the next meeting.

Next Meeting: TBD

NEW BUSINESS/GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Dave from Deirdre's House reported that the game of life for May 27 was cancelled. The one that was held on 3/13 had 450+ students

Diana Cirullo asked if anyone had seen the FCC grant for agencies providing telehealth for equipment ect. She will email it to Jessica to distribute

Lila Bernstein noticed through the child placement review board that there is a significant time lag from the court to the recommendation. Unknown if it is from the court or DCP&P. Jeena Williams will check into it on DCP&Ps side

Ingrid Vaca- Bullaro talked about the Mental Health associations mental health line open 8am to 8pm. They have been averaging 1,000 calls a week. They are addressing everything. 866-202-HELP

Ingrid also reported that there has been a dramatic reduction in calls to Mobile Response

Jessica Raczynx Big Brother Big Sisters have been having virtual meetings between mentors and mentees. Are taking intakes via zoom. Matches are meeting in many different virtual ways. Having google meets and utilizing break out sessions

Holly Dinney the Zoom links for their meetings is on their website familypartners.org

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 21, 2020 at 2:30 PM at 1 Medical Dr Morris Plains

ADJOURNMENT

At approximately 3:21 pm, Margaret Pittaluga 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.