

MINUTES
MORRIS COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (YSAC)
This meeting was held on Zoom
May 21, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dave Johnston at 2:37pm. Members present:

Holly Dinney	Margaret Pittaluga
Maria Augustowicz	Dave Johnston
Ingrid Vaca-Bullaro	Cindy Cuenca
Lila Bernstein	Jim Saylor
Diana Cirillo	Jessica Mondino
Juli Harpell-Elam	Rosalyn Suarez
Jackie Looby	Lenora Humphrey
Neville Newton	Jeena Williams
Barbara Kauffman	

Guests: Ashley Craig, Steve Nebesni, Dave Roden, Jen Costello, Preeti Patel, Beth Jacobson, Carly Sinnot, Denise Nausedas, Shannon Orefice, Felicia Wanamaker

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of member, Lila Bernstein seconded by member Maria Augustowicz the committee approved the minutes of the April 16, 2020 regular meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

ACTION ITEMS

2021 GIA-Youth Services and JJC Funding Priorities

Jessica Mondino presented the 2021 GIA-Youth Services and JJC Funding Priorities. After brief discussion, Dave Johnston called for a vote for the GIA Funding Priority to be approved; all in favor, none opposed. Dave Johnston then called for a second vote for the JJC Funding Priority to be approved, all in favor, none opposed.

STATE AND COUNTY REPORTS

Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC)

Jim Saylor reported that they have taken a lot of precautions to protect staff and residents. They are currently only taking youth from detention centers. Youth going to fields will go to vinelands program to quarantine for 2 weeks before going to their program. Daily updates on the JJC website.

Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P)

Lenora Humphrey and Jeena Williams reported:

Morris DCP&P had a total of 84 referrals for April
Morris East 43;
Morris West 41;

Will be working remotely for the next 6 months. They have 2 Covid teams, one that is doing investigations and ones that is seeing high risk families.

Department of Children and Families (DCF)

Jeena Williams will send the children's alliance information and Jessica will forward it.

The moratorium on out of home treatment placements has been lifted and programs can now determine when they will start taking intakes again.

PFS Soar grant meeting for CIACCs will be held in June.

Youth Services Coordinator Report

Jessica Mondino reported that the plan and application have not been released yet but we will continue with our plan timeline if we can. The 2020 award letter still has not been received by the county.

Unified Funding

Met on May 6 a lot of discussion on how Covid will affect funding and planning process. Will not be an in person information session this year. There are step by step instructions now to go along with the application. Next meeting is July 7.

Bridging the Gap Network

The next meeting is TBD

Nurtured Heart

Steve Nebesni reported that trainings have been pushed back to October 5-9 2020 for DCP&P resource families. Then Mar 29- April 2, 2021 DCF office of Ed

2 virtual train the trainers in the summer

Stigma Free

Jessica Mondino reported that the committee met on May 19 and have shifted their focus to do a publicity campaign that you don't have to go through this alone in relation to Covid and there will be a Covid 19 tab on the website.

Breaking the stigma event will be held virtually on June 10

Juvenile Detention Center/Youth Shelter

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

The JDC currently has seven (7) residents; 7 Males. 5 Hudson, 2 Morris

JDAI

Jessica Mondino reported that the smartlink app was extended to be used as a step down until the end of the public health crisis and they will be reviewed at JRC

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning

Met on May 11, the committee reviewed the priority surveys and updated the 2021 priorities.
Next Meeting: June 8, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom

Systems Review

April 27 meeting cancelled
Next meeting: July 27, 2020 at 9:30am TBD

Juvenile Firesetter Prevention Program

Next Meeting: TBD

Education Partnership

Held a virtual training on 5/8.
Next Meeting: May 28, 2020 on Go To Meeting

Juvenile Review Committee (JRC)

Met: 5/14
Next Meeting: May 28, 930am Microsoft Teams

Developmental Disabilities Subcommittee

Next Meeting: TBD

Substance Use Subcommittee

Next Meeting: TBD June 1-5

NEW BUSINESS/GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Maria Augustowicz from CMO reminded everyone that all events can be posted on resource Net

Juli Harpel-Elam JBWS is open and services are available. The helpline is open, healthy relationship virtual trainings contact juli for any trainings that are needed

Barbara Kaufman and Carly Sinnot spoke about an Aces training scheduled for October.

Shannon from Big Brothers Big Sisters reported that they are fully operational virtually

Dave Johnston from Deirdre's house their numbers are down. They are looking into making the game of life virtual for the fall.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 18, 2020 at 2:30 PM on Webex

ADJOURNMENT

At approximately 3:41 pm, Maria Augustowicz 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.