

MINUTES
MORRIS COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (YSAC)
This meeting was held on Webex
June 18, 2020

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

Maria Augustowicz
Ingrid Vaca-Bullaro
Lila Bernstein
Juli Harpell-Elam
Barbara Kauffman
Margaret Pittaluga

Jim Saylor
Jessica Mondino
Roselyn Suarez
Lenora Humphrey
Jeena Williams

Guests: Theresa Alonzo, Steve Nebesni, Ashley Craig, Preeti Patel, Laura Vargas, Beth Jacobson, Carly Sinnott, Jessica Raczyk, Charissa Avoletto, Denisie Nausedas, Jen Escala, Mike Lasko, Beth Young

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of member, Maria Augustowicz seconded by member Chris Mueller the committee approved the minutes of the May 21, 2020 regular meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

ACTION ITEMS

2021 GIA-Youth Services and JJC Funding Priorities

Jessica Mondino presented the JDAI Innovation 2021 proposal. Charrisse Avollette briefly went over the proposal. Margaret Pittaluga called for a vote for the proposal to be approved, Ingrid Vaca-Bullaro Motioned and Juli Harpel-Elam seconded, all in favor, none opposed.

STATE AND COUNTY REPORTS

Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC)

Jim Saylor reported that there are 2 Juveniles in the custody of the JJC. Check website for details of covid precautions they are not taking anyone from shelter or home yet. Groups are going into vinelands by groups for 2 weeks at a time

Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P)

Lenora Humphry and Jeena Williams reported:
Morris DCP&P had a total of 84 referrals for April
Morris East 66; 52 CPS, 14 CWS
Morris West 109; 43CPS, 66 CWS.

Starting July 6 workers will start going back out into the fields, CEC started doing telehealth evals for DCP&P

Department of Children and Families (DCF)

Jeena Williams reported that the Office of Adolescent Services has given DCP&P permission to serve youth up to 21 until the end of this year

New RFP – specialty out of home treatment services ages 15-18

Youth Services Coordinator Report

1. Jessica Mondino reported about the funding
 - SCP/JDAI 2020 – received letter yesterday will go down to the freeholders to sign next week. And then subgrant packages will be sent out to agencies
 - SCP 2021 – plan was released yesterday with an oct 2 due date.
 - GIA 2021 – currently postponed have not been given information as to when it will be released, but when it is it will be posted the same as usual. If there are any changes to this we will announce that.

2. Time Line
 - Funding review August 13*
 - YSAC to Approve August 20*
 - *These are both tentative dates
 - Plan due October 2

Unified Funding

The next meeting is July 7.

Bridging the Gap Network

The next meeting is TBD

Nurtured Heart

Steve Nebesni reported that there will be a virtual super user meeting on June 24

Stigma Free

Jessica Mondino reported that the Covid tab on the website is active. The next meeting will be July 21.

Juvenile Detention Center/Youth Shelter

Currently the shelter has four (4) residents: two (2) male, Two (2) female: 2 Morris, 1 Sussex, 1 hunterdon

The JDC currently has seven (7) residents; 7 Males. 5 Hudson, 1 Morris, 1 Sussex

JDAI

Jessica Mondino reported that the 2020 Innovations award has received and will be signed by the freeholders next week. The next full CJJSI meeting July 14.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning

Next Meeting: June 29, 2020 at 11am on Webex

Systems Review

April 27 meeting cancelled

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

Juvenile Firesetter Prevention Program

Next Meeting: TBD

Education Partnership

Next Meeting: June 25, 2020 on Go To Meeting

Juvenile Review Committee (JRC)

Met: 6/11

Next Meeting: 6/25 930am Webex

Developmental Disabilities Subcommittee

Next Meeting: TBD

Substance Use Subcommittee

Met on June 4

Identified some next steps

- Utilize the soar grant and PIK programs
- Educating parents, reducing stigma
- Get FSO involved to reach parents
- Awareness campaign – utilize Cares billboards

Next Meeting: August 18, 1030am combined with CCSHM (Community Coalition for a Safe and Healthy Morris)

NEW BUSINESS/GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Ingrid Vaca-Bullaro from FIS – Mobile Response is now going out in person as needed or requested by parents. Staff will be using PPE gear and families will be asked to wear masks too. The rest of the office is still remote and virtual.

Barb Kaufman from PIK-CARES – On Rt 15 in Jefferson there is a digital board showing correlation between covid 19 and addiction she will send to the group. The Breaking stigma event that was held on June 10 can still be seen on their Facebook page and YouTube. Sending link via newsletter

Jen Escala – DAWL CIL website has covid resources updated regularly. Early intervention is continuing to take referrals and provide services through telehealth.

Mike Lasko – Judiciary is doing soft reopening on June 22 open for some in person events. Offices will reopen but will not see juvenile clients yet. They will have juvenile days for high risk cases. Curb side visits and parking lot testing visits continue.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 2:30 PM on Webex

ADJOURNMENT

At approximately 3:15 pm, Lenora Humphrey 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.