

MINUTES
MORRIS COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (YSAC)
This meeting was held on Zoom
September 3, 2020

There was not a quorum to vote on the funding, another meeting will be scheduled.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dave Johnston at 2:45pm. Members present:

Maria Augustowicz
Ingrid Vaca-Bullaro
Lila Bernstein
Jackie Looby
Barbara Kauffman
Margaret Pittaluga

Dave Johnston
Jim Saylor
Sandra Gogerty
Jessica Mondino
Roselyn Suarez
Lenora Humphrey

Guests: Theresa Alonzo, Steve Nebesni, Preeti Patel, Laura Vargas, Beth Jacobson, Denisie Nausedas, Jen Schafer, Hannah Blank, Shannon Orefice, Francesca Viola, Megan Heck

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. Could not approve, move to next meeting

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

ACTION ITEMS

STATE AND COUNTY REPORTS

Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC)

Jim Saylor reported that they are accepting youth from shelters and home now, must quarantine at vinelands for 2 weeks before going to program. Continually testing staff. YSC working on approving new monitoring tool.

Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P)

Lenora Humphry reported:

July stats: Morris East CWS 14 and CPS 49 total 63. Morris West CWS 12 and CPS 76 total 88.

August stats: Morris East CWS 10 and CPS 65 total 75. Morris West CWS 18 and CPS 55 total 73

Department of Children and Families (DCF)

Discussion on cuts to school based youth services programs – there is a petition going around as well as a protest tomorrow to ask the governor to reconsider.

MDT funding at child advocacy – this funding has also been cut

Pre post adoption funds cut to FIS – petitions for this on social media as well

Step down for family preservation also cut

Register formal concerns with DCF/CSOC ect. – put together a letter to send to CSOC and even further.
ACNJ Barb will send template letter

Youth Services Coordinator Report

PFS Meeting will be October 13

Plan and Application will go to the freeholders on September 23 and then will be submitted to the JJC

Unified Funding

Met in July no date set for next meeting

Bridging the Gap Network

The next meeting is TBD

Nurtured Heart

Steve Nebesni reported that there will be a virtual statewide train the trainer week of Oct 9 another scheduled for march 2021

Monthly nurtured heart trainings on website Steve will send out.

Stigma Free

Jessica Mondino. The next meeting will be Sept 15

Juvenile Detention Center/Youth Shelter

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

The JDC currently has one (1) residents; 1 Male. 1 Hudson

JDAI

Jessica Mondino reported that the 2021 innovations was submitted to the JJC

3 youth on smart link app all male all Morris.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning

Met: 7/6, 7/13, 7/20, 7/27 – worked on the 2021-2023 plan

Next Meeting: TBD

Systems Review

Next meeting: TBD

Juvenile Firesetter Prevention Program

Next Meeting: TBD

Education Partnership

Next Meeting: 9/11 10am

Juvenile Review Committee (JRC)

Next Meeting: 9/10 9:30am

Developmental Disabilities Subcommittee

Next Meeting: TBD

Substance Use Subcommittee

Met: Combined meeting with CCSHM (Community Coalition for a Safe and Healthy Morris)

Next Meeting: TBD

NEW BUSINESS/GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Barb Kaufman - Virtual Presentation Sept 30 – Understanding ACES - lunch and learn 12-1 youth serving professionals and non-professionals

Dave Johnson – Announced that his position from Deirdre’s House has been cut so he is now continuing his service to YSAC as a citizen rep.

Jennifer Schafer – early intervention services will be starting in person starting September 1.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 15, 2020 at 2:30 PM

ADJOURNMENT

At approximately 3:45 pm, Lila Bernstein 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.