

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dave Johnston at 2:33pm. Members present:

Maria Augustowicz
Ingrid Vaca-Bullaro
Neville Newton
Margaret Pittaluga
Dave Johnston
Jim Saylor
Cindy Cuenca

Jessica Mondino
Beth Jacobson
Sandra Gogerty
David Johnson
Laura Siemonsma-Bertelli
Jeena Williams
Samantha Denegri

Guests: Lenora Humphry, Rebecca Tritt, Steve Nebesni, Preeti Patel, Laura Riley, Jennifer Amaya, Jo Ponticello, Gladys Garcia

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of member, Maria Augustowicz seconded by member Ingrid Vaca-Bullaro the committee approved the minutes of the February 21, 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)

Lenora Humphry reported; Morris DCP&P had a total of 212 referrals: Morris East 94; Morris West 118

Department of Children and Families (DCF)

Jeena Williams reported that there is an RFPs out for 2 short term stabilization and assessment programs. This is for 2 5 bed programs. Proposals are due by May 1. More information can be found at NJ.gov/DCF

Youth Services Coordinator Report

Jessica Mondino reported that we have finally received our award letter from the JJC.

Unified Funding

Dave Johnston reported that the next meeting is April 18th.

Bridging the Gap Network

Steve Nebesni reported that the committee met on March 19, there was a presentation by the prosecutors office on human trafficking. The next meeting will be May 21st at the shelter.

Dave Johnston spoke about a HUD RFP addressing youth homelessness.

Nurtured Heart

Steve Nebesni reported that there is a countywide meeting on April 17. Steve and Janine will be training on 3/25 from 1-4pm

Ingrid Vaca-Bullaro from FIS said there is a nurtured parenting curriculum that the county counsel on young children are working to incorporate. Jessica will reach out to Elizabeth from Norwescap to present on the county counsel.

Stigma Free

Beth Jacobson reported that the committee met on March 19. The 2 essay winners came and spoke about their project ideas around stigma free. The publicity post cards are done and will be printed soon and shared with the towns so that they can print them. The next meeting will be May 21 at 2pm

Juvenile Detention Center/Youth Shelter

Currently the shelter has four (4) residents: two (2) males and two (2) females. Two (2) from Morris, one (1) from Sussex and one (1) Warren.

The JDC currently has twelve (12) residents: eleven (11) Males, one (1) Female; three (3) from Morris one (1) Hunterdon, one (1) Warren and seven (7) Hudson.

JDAI

Jessica Mondino reported that the council voted to approve the risk assessment plan and it has now gone to the JJC to be approved.

Jim will reach out to Geri to come to meetings or provide a report at future meetings.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning

The committee met on March 11 and updated the priority summaries and youth/provider survey for the year.

Next Meeting: April 8, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the Morris County Department of Human Services, 1 Medical

Systems Review

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

Juvenile Firesetter Prevention Program

The committee met on 3/14. We received a small grant from the New Jersey International Association of Arson Investigators to help support our firesetter program. We will be using this funding to buy materials as well as to put on trainings for Police, Fire, Schools and Mental Health Providers.

Next Meeting: June 13, 2019 11:30am at the Morris County Department of Human Services, 1 Medical Dr.

Education Partnership

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

Juvenile Review Committee (JRC)

Next Meeting: March 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.
- Laura Riley from Daytop announced that all Daytop Outpatient facilities are now accepting Medicaid.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 18, 2019 at 2:30 PM at 1 Medical Dr Morris Plains

ADJOURNMENT

At approximately 3:07 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.