

**MINUTES**  
**MORRIS COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (YSAC)**  
**Morris County Human Services Building, 1 Medical Drive Morris Plains, New Jersey**  
**May 16, 2019**

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

Maria Augustowicz  
Ingrid Vaca-Bullaro  
Diana Cirillo  
Jackie Looby  
Barbara Kauffman  
Margaret Pittaluga  
Dave Johnston

Jim Saylor  
Cindy Cuenca  
Jessica Mondino  
Sharon Yoo  
Laura Siemonsma-Bertelli  
Jeena Williams  
Samantha Denegri

Guests: Kara Vincelli, Cynthia Fox, Warren Ververs, Jamie Paladino, Katie Huber, Steve Nebesni, Rebecca Tritt, Denise Nausedas

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of member, Maria Augustowicz seconded by member Tara Prezioso the committee approved the minutes of the April 18, 2019 regular meeting.

**PRESENTATIONS**

There were no presentations.

**ACTION ITEMS**

The YSAC bylaws were voted on and approved.

**STATE AND COUNTY REPORTS**

**Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC)**

Jim Saylor reported: There are currently 4 youth in the custody of the JJC.

**Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P)**

Jeena Williams reported:

Morris East Local Office received 17 Child welfare referrals and 91 Child Protection referrals  
Morris West Local Office received 42 Child welfare and 83 Child protection

Total for the county 59 Child welfare and 174 Child protection. 233 total.

## **Department of Children and Families (DCF)**

Jeena Williams gave an update on the Child Stat that was held on May 7. This is a forum where a team from local DCP&P, CMO, Mobile Response, FSO and CIACC report on the strength and needs of the county to the Commissioner of DCF and other DCF team members.

### **Youth Services Coordinator Report**

Jessica Mondino reported gave a little more information of child stat. She also reported that the site visits have been set up for the last 2 weeks of June and the schedule and sign ups will be sent out soon.

### **Unified Funding**

Laurie Becker talked about the last meeting and how the committee did a look back on what we've accomplished and talked about moving forward and funding this year. The next meeting will be July 17. Time TBD

### **Bridging the Gap Network**

Steve Nebesni the next meeting will be May 21<sup>st</sup> at the shelter. There will be a presentation from Atlantic Health CARES.

### **Nurtured Heart**

The state applied for a grant to extend the nurtured heart program. Steve Nebesni will be compiling a list of Morris trainers and breaking it out by bilingual trainers as well

### **Stigma Free**

The next meeting will be May 21 at 2pm. The post cards are printed. Barbara Kauffman talked about the "Breaking the Stigma" event on June 22 on the Morristown green from 12-3pm.

### **Juvenile Detention Center/Youth Shelter**

For the month, the shelter had 8  
Currently the shelter has two (2) residents: one (1) males and one (1) females. Two (2) from Morris.

The JDC currently has thirteen (13) Males, (0) Female; two (2) from Morris, one (1) Sussex, and ten (10) Hudson.

### **JDAI**

Jessica Mondino reported that Danielle Worthy is our new specialist. We submitted a letter of intent on May 6. The plan for how we will use the funding is due August 2. The full CJJSI will be meeting on June 20.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Planning**

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

### **Systems Review**

The committee met on April 29, the minutes are not available yet.

Next meeting July 22, 2019 at 9:30am at CMO, 200 Valley Rd Mt Arlington

### **Juvenile Firesetter Prevention Program**

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

### **Education Partnership**

Next Meeting: May 23, 2019 1:30pm at Department of Human Services, 1 Medical Dr.

### **Juvenile Review Committee (JRC)**

Next Meeting: May 23, 2019 at 9:30am at the Morris County Department of Human Services, 1 Medical Dr.

### **Developmental Disabilities Subcommittee**

Next Meeting: TBD at 2:30pm at the Morris County Department of Human Services, 1 Medical Dr.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

There was a discussion around CCIS beds and issues with youth being denied from CCIS.

Lila Bernstein from Child Placement Review board reported that they are seeing a significant decline in cases and is wondering why this is. Jeena Williams responded that more youth are staying in their home with services.

Lila Bernstein asked if there are internship programs available for high school students. Several programs were brought up

- Nabe Teens at Work through Neighborhood House

- Summer Youth Employment through New Bridge

- Work First

- State parks hire youth 16 and up with no prior experience needed

Dave Johnston from Deirdre's house started a discussion on the idea of a substance use subcommittee and the PARRI program and trying to connect the dots between all of the different systems and programs that are happening in Morris County. It was decided that we will try to put together a focus group on this topic in the future.

## **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

Barbara Kauffman from Morris County Prevention is Key announced that they have hired a Youth Prevention Specialist as part of the Partnership For Success grant from DCF.

Jamie Paladino from Care Plus spoke about their Kinship Program, which is wrap around services for caregivers

Warren Ververs from St Clares gave an update on their in school programs. CER School Screening program has contracts with 100 schools in 2 different counties to provide screenings. Expanding in school clinical program with Denville schools currently 30 hours and looking to expand to 45 hours in more schools.

Dave Johnston from Deirdre's house reported that they will be moving forward with "The Game of Life" looking to start with one school that is interested in hosting the event in the fall

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 20, 2019 at 2:30 PM at 1 Medical Dr Morris Plains

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At approximately 3:57 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.*