

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

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

Maria Augustowicz	Jessica Mondino
Ingrid Vaca-Bullaro	Dave Johnson
Lila Bernstein	Kim Johnson
Juli Harpell-Elam	Lenora Humphrey
Jackie Looby	Chris Mueller
Neville Newtown	Kathy DeFillippo
Dave Johnston	Sharon Yoo
Jim Saylor	Laura Siemonsma-Bertelli
Cindy Cuenca	Jeena Williams
Jill Cerullo	Samantha Denegri

Guests: Steve Nebesni, Katie Huber, Denise Nausedas, Carly Sinnott, Felicia Wanamaker, Anna Arbolino, Rebecca Tritt, Julie Boc, Christine Rivera, Jim Mahoney

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of member, Lila Bernstein seconded by member Maria Augustowicz the committee approved the minutes of the October 17, 2019 regular meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

Julie Boc and Jessica Mondino presented about the formation of the JDAI Risk Screening Tool.

Rebecca Tritt talked about the findings from the Substance Use Navigators report.

- 561 youth admitted to treatment ages 14-23
- Morris county strengths are
 - o Collaboration
 - o Task forces – stigma free and opiate
 - o SBERT
 - o Hope One – 9,000 contacts
 - o Hope Wing
 - o Navigation Hope
 - o PARRI
 - o Operation Helping Hands
 - o Have had a decrease in overdose deaths while the state has increased
- Barriers
 - o Difficulty getting parents on board with treatment
 - o Co-occurring programs not serving the correct needs enough
 - o Stigma
 - o Education in general population
 - o Schools afraid to report
 - o Youth afraid to get help

- LCADC Shortage
- Perform care – old or incorrect information
- Treatment being voluntary
- 18-21 age group hard to identify
- Outpatient being group based
- Lack of youth support groups and recovery groups
- Lack of Medicaid and Spanish speaking clinicians
- In need of partial care subs use that accept Medicaid
- Can sign out of treatment at 14

ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items

STATE AND COUNTY REPORTS

Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC)

No Report

Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P)

Lenora Humphrey reported:

Morris DCP&P had a total of 240 referrals.

They will be having peer recovery coaches starting in February for parents in need.

Department of Children and Families (DCF)

Jeena Williams reported some numbers that had been requested at the last meeting.

Youth Services Coordinator Report

Jessica Mondino gave the time line for the RFP award letters and contracts for 2020

Unified Funding

Committee will not meet until the new year.

Bridging the Gap Network

Will meet again in January

Nurtured Heart

Rutgers received a 4 year grant to extend Promising Pathways to Success will be training all of DCP&P staff and well as having trainers on staff. Working with the office of education to get coaches into schools

Stigma Free

Met on 11/19 came up with a plan to get all 4 towns on board. Talked about starting a social media campaign/subcommittee. A youth came and spoke about the “I don’t mind” project she worked on.

Juvenile Detention Center/Youth Shelter

Currently the shelter has five (5) residents: three (3) males and two (2) females.

The JDC currently has five (5) residents; 3 Males, 2 Females. 3 Morris, 1 Sussex, 1 Bergen

JDAI

No update

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning

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

Systems Review

Met October 28, 2019 at 9:30am at CMO, 200 Valley Rd Mt Arlington

Juvenile Firesetter Prevention Program

Met October 16 and discussed upcoming training

Training was held on November 13.

Next Meeting: December 12 11:00am at the Morris County Department of Human Services, 1 Medical Dr.

Education Partnership

Training was held on Oct 23

Met on 11/21

Next training December 11

Juvenile Review Committee (JRC)

Next Meeting: December 12, 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/GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Juli from JBWS spoke about their trauma based treatment services for youth impacted by domestic violence ages 3-18 in both English and Spanish.

Dave from Deirdre’s House talked about the game of life. They currently have 6 schools interested.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 2:30 PM at 1 Medical Dr Morris Plains

ADJOURNMENT

At approximately 3:45 pm, Ingrid Vaca-Bullaro 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.