



Monmouth County Homeless System Collaborative

Executive Committee

March 5th, 2020

Agenda

- Attendees

Donna Blaze	Kim Cole	Wendy DePedro	Darcy Dobens
Tim Hearne	Laura Kirby	Joan Mandel	Paul McEvily
Stan Rosenthal	Jeff Schwartz	Leslie Stivale	Alan Tedesco
Alicia Williams	Maura Comer	Connie Fahim	Steven Horvath
Tina Mikes	Nicole Cyr	Kasey Congero	Laurie Duhovny
Ewa Farry	Laura Von Pier	Kathy Weir	Katrina Hawkins
April Hurley	Rebecca Rhoads		

- Introduction

Lisa Von Pier was introduced as the new Deputy Director of Human Services in Monmouth County.

- Public Participation

- a. Paul called for a motion to open to public comment, Alan T. motioned second- all in favor. No comment. Jeff made a motion to close; Paul seconded; all in favor.

- Approval of January meeting minutes

Donna Blaze reports she was here but did not sign in; minutes will be amended to reflect. Jeff made a motion to approve; Alan T. seconded; all in favor with amendment to include Donna.

- New Business/Discussion

- a. Subcommittee meetings debrief/ 2020 draft plan- Kasey explained the data which will be reported quarterly to the Executive Committee. The data reports will include information in who is entering Monmouth County's homeless system and leaving the system. This also includes breakdowns for the Chronically Homeless and Veteran's. Donna Blaze expressed concern with not having information for the Code Blue sites and the need for that critical information for those that would be unsheltered if Code Blue was not called. Maura informed Donna that her committee, Coordinated Systems, will be working on the gaps with data reporting and exploring options to bridge the gaps.
- b. 2020 plan draft- Tim called for a motion to approve; Donna made a first; Paul made a second; all in favor.
- c. Executive Committee Recruitment- Tim informed the group that the Executive Committee is looking to recruit members with lived experience to participate on the HSC Executive Committee. If anyone knows of someone who would like to participate they will reach out to Kathy or Kasey.

- Reports

- a. Data Reports-

Laura Kirby reported on the HUD released CDBG reports- 2.7 million in 2020 up from 2.2 million dollars in 2019. The funding mostly supports municipal and nonprofit projects; HOME dollars fund affordable housing projects and that is approximately 1.5 million in funding. ESG- funding will be \$220,000 in 2020 with a 2 year expenditure. The county is reallocating some money to nonprofits and shelters and this is up for Freeholder resolution at the next meeting. Community Development has also been able to fund HMIS any agencies that would like to apply can come into the office.

b. State Update

Rebecca Rhoads from DCA Office of Homeless Prevention, Director introduced herself. She reports she wants to do a better job of working together across all the departments. The office plans to use data collection to identify gaps and develop resources to fill those gaps. The office is tasked with developing a statewide strategy to address homelessness and will be working with CoC's across the state to establish best practices and processes.

c. HUD Update

i. Local Selection Process

Kasey reported that the monitoring notice has been sent out to funded agencies and Kaitlyn is working with Kathy to schedule all the site monitorings. The local application will be going out on Monday March 9th to the full email list serv and the Technical Assistance Session will be immediately following the Monmouth CEAS meeting on 03/30/2020 at 11:00am.

d. Code Blue- The Code Blue Shelter in Keansburg has been officially approved and the county now has 4 Code Blue Shelters. The county increased the funding to \$10,000 per season to each shelter and there are no restrictions on the use of those funds. Donna asked if the beds/cots that the county purchased after Sandy were in use. Jeff reported they were still in a warehouse as far as he was aware and he would inquire if they could be donated to Code Blue efforts.

e. Centralized Intake

Katrina and Jeff report no update

Alan had a question about those who are in need of social service assistance in the Bayshore area. Nicole from DSS reports that she is at Project Paul every Wednesday and can assist persons with everything but GA/TANF applications during the hours of 10am-3pm. On Friday's at Project Paul Fulfill has a representative there to complete online GA/TANF applications and then that will generate a face to face appt with social services in Freehold and Ocean Twp.

f. Housing Navigator Agency:

- Case Conferencing meeting on 3/11/20 at 2pm.

g. Sub-committees

- i. PIT/PHC- just received the de-duplication spreadsheet and will be finalizing the end of the week. Had a very successful debriefing meeting and will be changing some logistics for next year.
- ii. Veteran's - 9 on the list: 2 unsheltered, 2 housed, 3 HUD VASH, 1 Habcore voucher.

- Case conferencing will merge with new Housing Navigator Committee and Veteran's subpopulation will be discussed at this meeting
 - Continue to monitor the benchmarks for ending Veteran's Homelessness
 - Identify barriers to housing Veteran's and explore possible solutions
- iii. Discharge Planning- decision makers are not at the table and discussing cases at SRC, facing same problems time and time again; discussion of a need to engage decision makers at the three hospital systems.
 - TBD; will be analyzing data in HMIS about the connection between hospital discharges and the Monmouth Homeless system
 - Identify an administrator at one Monmouth County hospital to have a strategic planning meeting and discuss possible solutions to recidivism rates
- iv. Permanent Housing- Connie reported.
 - Compose a letter inviting the public housing authority's inviting them to collaborate with the HSC
 - Explore 'Housing Rehab' funding options
- v. Coordinated Systems- Maura reported the 2020 plan.
 - Identify current members of the committee and identify which agencies/advocates/partners should also be attending
 - Explore opportunities to expand partnerships with Child Care Resources and Workforce Development
 - Streamline referral process between the HSC and these resources
 - Formalize partnership with MOUs
 - Monitor the Coordinated Assessment process and ensure the sheltering agencies are completing assessments
 - Identify barriers and explore possible solutions to ensure that all sheltering agencies are utilizing HMIS
 - Review Letter of Support Policy
- Updates
 - a. Laurie will be retiring and this will be her last meeting the Committee thanked her for all her work over the years, Nicole was introduced as she will be taking Laurie's position.
 - b. Connie reported the 2020 Census will be March 2020.
 - c. CEAS and TA assistance will be March 30th starting at 9am.
- Adjournment
 - a. Closing the meeting- Paul motioned, Jeff seconded; all in favor

Next Meeting: **May 7th, 2020 at 9am**

Monmouth County AG Building, Kitchen Conference Room – 4000 Kozloski Road,
Freehold, NJ