



# Monmouth County Homeless System Collaborative

## Executive Committee

January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

## Meeting Minutes

- I. Introduction/Open Public Meetings Act
- II. Approval of November meeting minutes
  - a. Joan made a motion to approve; Alan made a second; all in favor
- III. New Business/Discussion
  - a. Expanding Affordable Housing Opportunities for the Homeless
    - i. Homeless Trust Fund
      1. Tim reports that a small group is working to develop a report to present to the commissioners to advocate for the development of a HTF. The draft report is almost complete and the group is meeting next week to discuss who will outreach the commissioners and
    - ii. YHSI NOFO
      1. Kasey informed the board that the state (DCF) has reached out in interest of applying for the funding for a statewide initiative. The committee is supportive of a statewide application and providing a letter of support if needed.
    - iii. HUD Special NOFO Permanent Housing
      1. No update; we are monitoring for the release of this NOFO
    - iv. 2023 CoC application process
      1. Funding Review Committee- volunteers
      2. Kasey informed the committee to reach out if any members are interested in joining the Funding Review Committee or if they know of any PWLE to join the Advisory Board.
    - v. PHA engagement- project based vouchers
      1. Christine reports she met with Laura Kriby and Randi Moore and came up with a plan to submit an amendment request to HUD. Christine reports that all those going into the project based vouchers will have to be homeless. The amendment will be to designate the HCV as project based.
  - b. Emergency Response
    - i. Code Blue- Nicole reports all 3 warming centers are operational, the bed capacity is over 200 beds. The issue the county is continuing to try and address the barrier of

transportation. The state awarded the county an additional \$35,000 (total \$125,000) to be utilized for Code Blue but transportation is not an allowable expense. The county is entering a contract with uber/lyft and EZ ride and hired a transportation coordinator, but the rides allowable are only for health and nutrition.

- ii. Shelter updates
  - 1. AHA Fort Monmouth shelter- female beds are full, but there is availability for males
- iii. Centralized Intake
  - 1. 175 people came in December; 215 in housing placement; Linkages is full with 4 families on the wait list

#### IV. Reports

- a. Housing Navigator Agency
  - i. Ewa reported estimates for the last quarter: 170 referrals, 133 admissions, 18 CH at admission, 93 discharged, 39 housed in PH and 26 were in a subsidy, 9 w/o a subsidy, and 3 went to live with family, 1 in nursing home.
- b. CARES Act Funding
- c. Sub-committees
  - i. Veteran's
    - 1. Mark reports the last committee was December 18<sup>th</sup> and there were 23 Vets on the list, 2 new were identified and 2 were housed. The next subcommittee meeting is in February (date TBD)

#### V. Agency Updates

- a. Alan reports they have used ARP funds to expand into colleges; Middlesex County College is taking the lead and will put in place a policy/plan for students experiencing homelessness to get what they need (computers, etc) to seamlessly transition from HS to college. Mercer County College, Ocean County College, and Brookdale will all be participating to put together these policies and procedures. The Central Region was selected to pilot this in NJ.
- b. Randi reports AHA was able to use a grant in Ocean County to partner with the agency Homesharing to bring that to Ocean County and are supplementing some state funds to bring this position/partnership to both Ocean and Monmouth counties.

VI. Public Participation- motion to open for public participation Mark; Darcy made a second; all in favor. No public participation. Wendy made a motion to close Alan made a second; all in favor.

#### VII. Adjournment

Register in advance for this meeting:

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Next Meeting - **March 5, 9am-11am**

CEAS/General Membership Meeting - **February 6<sup>th</sup>, 10am-11:30am**