



# Monmouth County Homeless System Collaborative

## Executive Committee

March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## Meeting Minutes

- I. Introduction/Open Public Meetings Act
- II. Approval of January meeting minutes- Darcy made a motion, Mark made a second; all in favor
- III. New Member Nomination
  - a. Chris Bensen- SJLS: Tim nominated Chris Bensen as an Executive Committee member, Nicole made a second; all in favor of nomination. The nomination will go to the full HSC for approval in April.
- IV. New Business/Discussion
  - a. Expanding Affordable Housing Opportunities for the Homeless
    - i. Homeless Trust Fund
      1. Nicole reports that there has been a lot of forward momentum on the HTF and there seems to be support for the development, Peter and Nicole will continue to update the group as this initiative progresses.
    - ii. PHA engagement
      1. Foster Youth to Independence (FYI)
        - a. Kasey reported a youth ad hoc committee convened last month to discuss the rising issue of youth at risk of or experiencing homelessness. During this meeting youth providers identified issues with housing youth and covenant house employees discussed a program they have in Hudson and Essex where they are seeing success with the FYI program and partnership with DCF/PHAs. A meeting has been scheduled to discuss this initiative in the next week to discuss bringing the resource to Monmouth County.
    - iii. 2024 CoC application process
      1. Funding Review Committee- volunteers
        - a. Kasey asked for anyone that is not a funded agency/potential applicant to sit on this committee. Anyone interested is to email Kasey.
      2. SPM data report
      3. Local Selection Timeline
        - a. The funding review committee will meet early in April to go over the timeline and approve the

local selection materials. The application process will be in survey monkey apply again this year.

b. Emergency Response

i. Code Blue- Nicole reports Code blue trends continue to trend much higher than was anticipated. The Warming Centers are seeing somewhere between 120-130 individuals on any given night. Nicole reports they are trying to bring additional funding into the community from the state for next season, they were also able to assist in connecting Trinity Church to additional volunteers.

ii. Shelter updates

1. Melissa reports the AHA shelter has been at capacity and there is a waitlist for that shelter for the past 2 months.

iii. Centralized Intake

1. Melissa reported the number of people coming into the office has decreased, but the number of people being eligible has increased. In February 30 people were referred to EA and placed with an increase in those coming from the re-entry population. 243 active placements overall currently. Melissa also reports Linkages is full and operating with a waitlist as well.

2. Tricia from AHA indicates they are seeing an increase in those entering the shelter that are medically needy and seniors. They are working on exploring more options to appropriately assist this population.

V. Reports

a. Housing Navigator Agency

Ewa reported: **Quarter 4 2023**:172 referrals received,133 admitted,15 outreached, 19 chronically homeless at admission,45 housed

Overall 2023 data:

652 referrals received

532 admitted

92 outreached

54 chronically homeless at admission

219 housed

b. PIT

i. Kasey is finalizing the PIT data now, but preliminary numbers 69 unsheltered, 428 sheltered

c. CARES Act Funding

i. CDBG and ESG CV are all expended. HOME ARP funds are being utilized to create about 40 units for the homeless and the overall projects should bring over 150 affordable units to the community. One is under construction and could bring units on board this year.

d. Sub-committees

i. Veteran's

1. Met in February, 11 new Vets identified and 8 were housed. About 2-3 Vets should be housed in March/
- ii. Discharge Planning
  1. Nicole reported an initial meeting happened last week convening HSC partners to discuss the increasing issue with medically needy persons being discharged to Warming Centers and shelters. We are working to convene the hospital staff to discuss the issue for an in person meeting in early April.
- iii. Ad Hoc-Youth

- VI. Agency Updates
  - a. No updates

- VII. Public Participation- Tim made a motion to open for public participation; Laura made a second; all in favor. No public in attendance. Joan made a motion to close; Laura made a second; all in favor.

- VIII. Adjournment

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82564195804?pwd=dFUwNGk0ZEtsTXA5TWwzZTBjV>

**TlvZz09Next Meeting – May 7, 9am-11am**

**CEAS/General Membership Meeting –April 9<sup>th</sup>, 10am-11:30am**