



Monmouth County Homeless System Collaborative

Executive Committee

January 3rd, 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 18th 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

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Next Meeting – **March 5, 9am-11am**

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



Monmouth County Homeless System Collaborative

Executive Committee

March 5th, 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

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

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



Monmouth County Homeless System Collaborative

Executive Committee

May 7th, 2024

Minutes

- I. Introduction/Open Public Meetings Act
- II. Approval of March meeting minutes
 - a. Mark made a motion; Nicole made a second; all in favor.
- III. New Business/Discussion
 - a. Expanding Affordable Housing Opportunities for the Homeless
 - i. Homeless Trust Fund- Paul reached out to Commissioner Kiley and reported
 - ii. PHA engagement
 1. Foster Youth to Independence (FYI)- Kasey reported that the group met with DCF, County PHA, and Covenant House last week; next week meeting is scheduled with Asbury PHA. We anticipate meeting with larger group to discuss referrals and actually submitting request to HUD early June.
 - iii. Discharge Planning meeting
 1. Nicole reported that the meeting is May 17th in person at the ag building. There is a planning meeting later this week to prep, but all of the hospitals have responded that they will be in attendance.
 - b. Emergency Response
 - i. Code Blue- Nicole reported a debriefing meeting was held and all sites attended. Many issues of safety concerns for referrals being sent from the hospitals were brought up and due to high acuity of guests each night the referrals were deemed unsafe. Nicole plans to address this at next weeks meeting with the hospitals. The county is in search of a site in the western portion of the county.
 - ii. Shelter updates- AHA 65 unduplicated clients served; Linkages is full, staff unsure if there is a waitlist at this time.
 - iii. Centralized Intake- Jamee Coleman reported 215 new clients in coming into the office in the month of April, 247 active placements.
 - c. Monmouth HSC Data Strategic Plan Discussion
- IV. Reports

- a. Housing Navigator Agency- Ewa shared Q1 outcomes: 227 referrals received; 169 admitted; 19 CH; 35 persons housed
- b. PIT- Kasey reported the PIT numbers were submitted to HUD on Friday and reports are being drafted
- c. Sub-committees
 - i. Veteran's- Mark reported: The veteran subcommittee last met on 4/15/2024. We had identified 2 new veterans since our previous meeting and housed 2 as well. Our next meeting will be on Monday, May 20th, at 2pm.

V. Agency Updates

- a. Next meeting voted to be rescheduled to July 9th at 9am.

VI. Public Participation- Nicole made a motion to open; Joan made a second; all in favor. No public attendance/comment. Tim made a motion to close; Nicole made a second; all in favor.

VII. Adjournment

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Next Meeting – July 2, 9am-11am

CEAS/General Membership Meeting – October 1st, 10am-11:30am



Monmouth County Homeless System Collaborative

Executive Committee

July 9th, 2024

Meeting Minutes

- I. Introduction/Open Public Meetings Act
- II. Approval of May meeting minutes- Susan made a motion, Ewa made a second; all in favor
- III. Letter of Support Presentation- Chris Pugliese, AHA- Laura made a motion; Catherine made a second; all in favor
- IV. New Business/Discussion
 - a. Neptune Encampment- Kristina reported there has been a collaborative effort to house almost 40 unsheltered persons in the Neptune encampment in the past year. CSP, MHA, and Garden State have worked to engage, develop rapport, and access PH for those households. At present 16 people are still in the encampment but all have identified vouchers and are in the process of housing search or gaining documentation needed.
 - b. Homesharing-Toi reported the homesharing program started in May 2024, in partnership with Homesharing (non-profit out of Somerset County). Joseph is the case manager is working on community engagement, meeting with service providers, and working to educate community members on the opportunities. 12 intakes have been completed for housing providers and seekers.
 - c. Expanding Affordable Housing Opportunities for the Homeless
 - Homeless Trust Fund- Peter reported the commissioner will be at the next meeting
 - i. PHA engagement
 1. Foster Youth to Independence (FYI)- Kasey reported the group is working to execute the MOU between DCF, Covenant House and the 2 PHAs. In the meantime we are collecting referrals to confirm eligibility with DCF. 44 names were sent to DCF for confirmation, Emma and Kasey are going to meet with the youth hub on Friday to discuss the opportunity and garner more potential referrals from other providers.
 - ii. Discharge Planning meeting
 1. Kasey reported there were some follow up steps that Nicole circulated to the group. In the next few weeks Kasey will be reaching out to the EDs to get the data on

frequent utilizers and to schedule a follow up meeting to discuss next steps and potential partnerships.

d. Emergency Response

- i. Code Blue- Peter reported they are preparing for the upcoming season, working with the Warming Centers to ensure they have what they need to operate safely. There is also new legislation they are following with Code Red and Orange that would essentially ensure more robust year-round shelter in the community. There is one agency that would be willing to operate year round.
- ii. Shelter updates- Susan reported 21 persons placed in EA and 4 placed in shelter, all the shelters are full. Motels are also at capacity.
- iii. Centralized Intake

e. Data plan next steps

- i. Kasey reported they will be hosting some focus groups for direct data entry clients and discussing data needs with AB committee. Likely the timing will be early fall so as to prepare the plan in the late fall/winter.

V. Reports

a. Housing Navigator Agency

- 237 referrals received
- 156 admitted
- 18 chronically homeless at admission
- 55 housed
 1. 37% (20) of 55 were housed with some form of rental subsidy housing.
 2. 60% (33) of 55 were able to be housed without subsidy or moved in with family or friends or left for a housing opportunity outside of the program.
 3. 3% (2) of 55 were temporarily housed.
 4. 721 individuals/families remain on waitlist at the end of Q2 2024

b. PIT- waiting on HMFA to approve to publish reports.

c. Sub-committees

- i. Veteran's Mark reported there were 2 new Veteran's identified during the June meeting, 6 housed, and next meeting is July 15th.

VI. Agency Updates

- a. Heather Goldfarb, JBJ Soul Foundation, was invited to join our HSC meeting to hear about the work HSC is doing in the community. Heather reports the Foundation supports Warming Centers with food through the winter months, have provided grants to local non profits, housing projects. They are interested in working more closely with agencies working towards affordable housing development or funding towards housing individuals experiencing homelessness.

- b. Laura Kirby reported 2 of the HOME ARA projects have started construction with 2 shortly under

VII. Public Participation- Peter made a motion, Ewa made a second; no comment; Candace made a motion to close, Peter made a second. All in favor.

VIII. Adjournment

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TlvZz09Next Meeting – **Sept 4th, 9am-11am**

CEAS/General Membership Meeting – **October 1st, 10am-11:30am**



Monmouth County Homeless System Collaborative

Executive Committee September 4th, 2024 Meeting Minutes

- I. Introduction/Open Public Meetings Act
- II. Approval of July meeting minutes- Mark made a motion, Candace made a second; all in favor
- III. New Business/Discussion
 - a. Expanding Affordable Housing Opportunities for the Homeless
 - i. CoC Builds NOFO
 - 1. Kasey provided update on release of CoCBUILDS (8/7/24) and applications due back on 9/27/24. Kasey requested any non conflicted parties interested in sitting on the review committee reach out to her, specific request made to DCA-OHP to have someone join.
 - ii. Homeless Trust Fund- Peter said he has no update at this time
 - iii. PHA engagement
 - 1. Foster Youth to Independence (FYI)- Kasey provided update that at present the MOU is being circulated for signature, once that is done the last of the initial referrals will be confirmed for eligibility and the request will move forward with HUD. Right now approximately 40 vouchers will be requested.
 - iv. Hospital Engagement
 - 1. Kasey reported the group is scheduled to meet next Friday but at present short term and long term goals have been identified by the group. Centra state and HMH seem interested in identifying underutilized properties for potential warming centers and/or long term affordable housing development. The hospitals were working on data analysis to bring to the group in identifying frequent utilizers and estimated cost to the system.
 - b. Emergency Response
 - i. Code Blue
 - 1. Peter reports a return of all sites from 2023 to operate in 2024-2025; they have also identified a western Monmouth County site that is not official yet, but once contracts in place Emma will share the information. The county is trying to identify additional funding to assist with day time warming hours and transportation.

Candace reports that they held community action forums and one of the main requests was that there be an identified daytime warming center.

ii. Shelter updates/Centralized Intake

1. 234 walk ins in August; 28 placements approved; 6 families and 4 individuals on the waitlist; Susan reports the waitlist should be addressed with the summer winding down and motels having openings. Presently AHA has no openings, but as of yesterday JSRM had bed availability.

c. FY2024 CoC Funding Process

- i. Kasey provided update on the FY2024 budget and overview of the project applications. 5 new projects were supported for funding, two projects were voluntarily reallocated.

d. Data plan next steps

- i. Kasey reported Monarch has sent out a survey to the CoC listserv to gather input on current uses of the system, Monarch is completing data analysis on current data in the system and should have visuals to share at the next meeting. The county is also working through Monarch to hire a data analyst with the additional planning grant funds. Monarch anticipates posting the position mid Sept.

IV. Reports

a. Housing Navigator Agency

- i. Ewa reported in July 50 cases were opened; 24 persons were housed; 76 total referrals sent to MHA. There about 13 people left in the Neptune encampment as of today and must be out by October 27th; 5 have housing vouchers and are in housing search. Monmouth County PHA is requesting an increase from HUD for the homeless set aside to assist the remaining 8 persons with vouchers.

b. PIT- no update; waiting on HMFA to approve release

c. Sub-committees

- i. Veteran's- Mark reports they met in August, identified 3 new Veteran's and two were housed; 15 currently on the list.

V. Agency Updates

- a. Susan reports the Monmouth PHA opened their waitlist early this year and 15 vouchers were issued last Monmouth; all Veterans.

VI. Public Participation- motion to open by Elizabeth; Mark second; all in favor; motion to close by Mark; Laura made a second; all in favor

VII. Adjournment

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Next Meeting – **November 6th, 9am-11am**

CEAS/General Membership Meeting – **October 1st, 10am-11:30am**