



# Monmouth County Homeless System Collaborative

## Executive Committee

January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025

## Agenda

- I. Introduction/Open Public Meetings Act
- II. Approval of September meeting minutes
  - a. Alan made a motion, Kim made a second; all in favor
- III. Public Participation
  - a. Lauramade a motion to open; Kim made a second; all in favor. No public in attendance. Katrina made a motion to close; Joan made a second; all in favor.
- IV. New Business/Discussion
  - a. Expanding Affordable Housing Opportunities for the Homeless
    - i. Homeless Trust Fund- No new update; Tim asked Steve and Paul to speak with the commissioners to continue to push it forward. Kasey to update the advocacy report to present data and share.
    - ii. PHA engagement
      1. Foster Youth to Independence (FYI)- Emma reports the Asbury Park MOU is waiting for DCF signature before being submitted with referrals to HUD; the Monmouth MOU is complete once all vacant FUP vouchers are filled (17 pending referrals) the application for FYI will be submitted.
      2. Family Unification Program (FUP)- the CoC in partnership with Long Branch Housing Authority applied for FUP program in October. We are waiting to hear about the award notice.
      3. Additional Housing Authority Engagement- Kasey reported the group will work with current PHA partners to establish homeless set asides.
      4. Monmouth County PHA project-based HCV initiative- no update
    - iii. Hospital Engagement- next meeting is Friday January 10<sup>th</sup>. The hospitals should be providing real time data on the cost of frequent utilizers to their systems and discussing next steps for partnership.
  - b. Emergency Response
    - i. Code Blue
      1. Peter reports there is an increase in number of persons needing shelter that exceeds the beds available and the county is still searching for additional sites; they are

also exploring additional transportation options for next season.

2. Western Monmouth- continued need for site

ii. Shelter updates

1. Fort Monmouth-Steve Heisman reports that Habcore has taken over the shelter operations as of December 1<sup>st</sup>, with the shelter transitioning back to operations on January 2<sup>nd</sup>. There are 8 persons in the shelter now. Steve is looking more closely at the denial list to try and work to improve case conferencing for persons being denied entry for criminal background so they can look at mitigating circumstances to ensure the shelter is at capacity (16 beds).

iii. Centralized Intake

1. Katie will get an update and report back

c. FY2025 CoC Funding Process

- i. Kasey reported we are waiting on the congressional budget, but pending additional funds allocated to the CoC there will be a new project application process over the summer. The final applications for new funding will be due August 29<sup>th</sup>. The CoC will issue a local application once they know there are funds allocated.

d. Data

i. Data Analyst

1. Kasey introduced Jeremy Nieves, CoC Monmouth data analyst to the group. He just started yesterday but will be training and working on improvement of DQ and data reports.

ii. HUD Reports- Kasey is working on the LSA submission due January 9<sup>th</sup>. There will be the SPM, HIC, PIT submissions due this spring.

iii. Strategic Plan- the data has been collected and working to begin drafting the plan now.

V. Reports

a. Housing Navigator Agency

- i. Q3 data: 233 referrals; 154 accepted and admitted; 14 CH; 79 housed (54% received subsidy, 4% temporarily housed)

b. PIT

- i. Kasey reported it is being conducted on January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025 and asking where people stayed the night of January 28<sup>th</sup>. The SRAP waiting list is opening the week prior and the state is conducting trainings on how to complete the application so all surveyors can assist people on the PIT in completing those applications. Trainings start this afternoon and are twice per week for the next 3 weeks. Emma reported the outreach schedule has been made by Ewa and that the group has met. They are still looking for funds to help provide gift cards as an incentive.

c. Sub-committees

- i. Veteran's
  - 1. The veteran subcommittee last met on December 16<sup>th</sup>. We identified 8 new veterans since our previous meeting and housed 2. Schedule for January/February to come.
  - 2. DCA-OHP Bringing Veterans Home- waiting on OHP to announce grantees.
- ii. New Work Groups
  - 1. Prevention- will be scheduling a date for the first work group in February.

VI. Agency Updates

- a. Alan Ferraro reports the Dept of Ed has cut the funds of the McKinney Vento offices by 20% and they are working with the state to try and figure this funding issue out.

VII. Adjournment

Register in advance for this meeting:

Next Meeting – **March 4th, 9am-11am**

CEAS/General Membership Meeting **February 4th, 10am-11:30am**