



# Monmouth County Homeless System Collaborative

Executive Committee

September 3rd, 2025

Minutes

- I. Introduction/Open Public Meetings Act
- II. Approval of May meeting minutes
- III. Public Participation – no one attended the public portion of the meeting
- IV. New Business/Discussion
  - a. Federal Updates
    - i. Executive Orders/Memos: Katelyn provided an overview of the three primary executive orders, memos and actions that had been released from the federal level that would impact the work of the CoC:
      1. Ending Crime and Disorder on America's Streets
      2. Dept. of Justice Guidance for Recipients of Federal Funding regarding Unlawful Discrimination
      3. Criminalization Efforts in Washington D.C. and in municipalities throughout NJDiscussion was had around the impacts of these items on the CoC and the key areas that need to be further discussed and decided on when moving forward with this work such as the implementation of Housing First and focus on institutionalization and service requirements as well as advocacy efforts to avoid criminalization.
    - ii. Advocacy Efforts: Information regarding Monarch's advocacy toolkit was shared as well as the need for an ongoing push for all agencies and individuals within the CoC to continue to advocate for the programs that are funded and show the impact that these programs have in the community. There is also a National Hill Day event in September that will be shared for anyone who is able to participate.
    - iii. FY2025 Funding Process: In line with the committee's meeting in July, the CoC did move forward with a desk monitoring and performance review process. All agencies had submitted their required documents and the initial monitoring and performance reports would be sent to all agencies in the next few weeks. There is still no word from HUD around the release of the FY2025 NOFO or automatic renewal of projects.
  - b. Data – 2025 PIT Report: The Monmouth County 2025 Point in Time Count numbers were reviewed in detail including highlights on the

changes in the unsheltered, chronic homeless and overall count. All PIT reports can be found on Monarch's website.

- c. Expanding Affordable Housing Opportunities for the Homeless
  - i. Homeless Trust Fund- no update: waiting for the RFP to be released for the funds
  - ii. PHA engagement
    - 1. Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) and FUP- Asbury Park applied for their vouchers and is still waiting on approval
    - 2. Monmouth County PHA project-based HCV initiative- An RFP for 100 project based vouchers was released by the County on 7/15/25 with a due date of 8/25/25. Currently reviewing the applications and so will have more of an update at the next meeting
  - iii. Hospital Engagement
    - 1. There will be a meeting on Friday, 9/5. Group is focusing on the creation of a respite program and exploring funding to support this. They also developed a referral tool for better coordination between hospital partners and the community/Board of Social Services
- d. Emergency Response
  - i. Code Blue – Code blue season will be starting soon, planning for how the system will operate has begun.
  - ii. Shelter updates- Susan reported that Linkages is full and that there is a waitlist
  - iii. Centralized Intake- For July they received 30 EA applications and there are currently 14 households on the waitlist for EA (5 families)

## V. Reports

- a. Housing Navigator Agency
  - i. Q2 2025: 120 admitted; 15 were CH; housed 93 households (25 were temporary) 433 on waitlist
- b. Sub-committees
  - i. Veteran's- 2 new Vets were identified, 1 has been housed since last meeting; VA is doing an unsheltered veteran outreach surge event and chose Essex and Monmouth for the locations. The Monmouth event will take place on Saturday 9/9.

## VI. Agency Updates

- a. There is a currently a child care subsidy freeze which will put an additional strain on families and may lead to more families experiencing a housing crisis because they aren't able to pay for child care. There is also a generational impact as some adult children are moving back in with their parents because they cannot afford their housing, child care, etc and so the elderly population is feeling the impacts.
- b. AHA was able to complete a 3 unit project in Millstone earlier this summer – 3 families moved in. They will also be having a groundbreaking on September 19<sup>th</sup>.

VII. Adjournment

Register in advance for this meeting:

Next Meeting – **November 5<sup>th</sup>, 9am-11am**