



Monmouth County Homeless System Collaborative

Executive Committee

May 4th, 2021

Meeting Minutes

Alan Ferraro	Alan Tedesco	Alicia Williams	Anna Diaz White
Charles Venti	Christine Aumack	Darcy Dobens	Ewa Farry
Joan Mandel	Kasey Vienckowski	Kathleen Weir	Kim Cole
Laura Kirby	Leslie Stivale	Mark Harding	Meghan Bennett
Nicole Cyr	Paul McEvily	Peter Boynton	Randi Moore
Steven Horvath	Tim Hearne	April Hurley	Wendy DePedro

- I. Introduction
- II. Public Participation- Paul made a motion, Alan F made a second; all in favor; no comment; Alan F made a motion to close; Laura made a second; all in favor
- III. Approval of March meeting minutes- Kathy made a motion; Nicole made a second; all in favor
- IV. New Business/Discussion
 - a. CARES Act Funding
 - i. Funding Matrix
 - ii. ESG-CV
 - iii. CDBG-CV- submitted a plan for a second round of small business grants; hopefully will go live in May; waiting on HUD approval
 - iv. Dept of Treasury- want to announce it as of May 13th going live; received an initial amount of 18.1 million and will be getting another 14 million
 - v. HOME- Laura reports HUD indicates regulations will come in August and plan to utilize for
 1. Presentation on ending homelessness plans- Kasey
 - b. COVID-19 Response
 - i. Landlord/tenant- Alicia Williams reports the eviction moratorium is extended until mid July; we will know by the end of next week if this is going to be extended again. The court could decide to hold off on landlord tenant trials even if the public health emergency isn't extended. Alicia reports there is a lot of negotiation with landlords right now; agreeing not to sue/evict if tenants will leave or paying tenants to leave. There are also landlords on the other end of the spectrum that are suing tenants to get them out so they can use properties for summer rentals. A lot of landlords are suing and stating there are emergencies as they are the only cases being heard by the court. Landlord/tenant court has a new judge who started two

weeks ago and only one case has been heard so Alicia will update more at a future meeting. Randi Moore reported AHA received a grant from Housing and Community Development network to assist with landlord mediation. A number of the housing counselors at AHA have been trained in landlord mediation and the program is live now.

ii. Shelter

1. Peter Boynton reports they have 11 individuals in shelter through the congregate and non-congregate shelters. They are working diligently with VNA to ensure the homeless population is getting access to vaccines if wanted. They are working on a contract with uber to provide assistance to anyone in need that needs a ride to get their vaccines. Peter reports an increase in calls for assistance since the end of Code Blue but not the increase seeking shelter that was anticipated.

iii. Prevention- no update

iv. Outreach- Ewa Farry reported current numbers:

- 192 open – 7% chronic, 7% unsheltered, 40% sheltered, 27% at risk, 31% unknown
- 205 closed
- 65 housed – 55 PH, 10 temp housing.

c. “Building Healthier More Equitable Communities” initiative- Paul McEvily

i. Paul reports this initiative is sponsored by RWJ and is a 3 year grant to work on social determinants of health. Asbury Park was one of the cities awarded this grant in NJ. One of the main goals is to work on affordable housing and identifying systemic issues in the community that affect the members of the community. The group has had a number of conversations with Hackensack Meridian about the development of affordable housing, they have not yet decided whether or not to invest in this. There is a meeting later this week with executive members of the hospital system to have further discussions about the development of housing.

V. Reports

a. HUD Update

i. Kasey reported that the HUD hdx submissions for HIC and PIT are due on May 14th. The HIC has gone out to the community for final review and will be submitted by May 12th pending any recommended changes.

b. CLPD Project

i. Kasey reported the first Advisory Board meeting met statewide last week and went really well. There were 3 representatives from Monmouth County in attendance an another meeting will be scheduled for May with the Monmouth Advisory board to go over the HSC process and system set up in Monmouth County. Policies and procedures as well as bylaws will also go out to the committee for review. There will be another racial equity training scheduled in June as well.

- c. Data
 - i. Homeless System Data
 - d. Centralized Intake
 - i. Melissa reports they saw 160 clients in the month of April; 12 new EA placements and a total of 426 phone calls in the month.
 - e. Housing Navigator Agency
 - f. Sub-committees
 - i. PIT/PHC
 - 1. PIT Preliminary Numbers- 2021 numbers provided; committee informed HUD will not be looking at a comparison of 2020 to 2021 due to the pandemic.
 - ii. Veteran's
 - 1. As of the last 90 days they have identified 7 new Veteran's and 6 have been placed. Soldier On's Tinton Falls development is aiming to open in the fall and they are hoping to begin taking applications over the summer.
- VI. Agency Updates
- a. Darcy reports there is a second pop up diaper pantry in Keansburg that had great success. They will have another event next month and anticipate double the attendance.
- VII. Adjournment- Wendy made a motion; Peter made a second; all in favor.

Next Meeting: **July 2nd, 2021**

GotoWebinar link will be provided prior to the meeting