



Monmouth County Homeless System Collaborative

Executive Committee

July 6th, 2021

Agenda

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| Alan Ferraro | Alan Tedesco | Bhavin Patel | Christine Aumack | Ewa Farry |
| Heather Barton | Kathy weir | Katrina Hawkins | Kim Cole | Marissa Cortese |
| Mark Harding | Meghan Bennett | Meyer Pincelli | Paul McEvily | April Hurley |
| Peter Boynton | Tim Hearne | Troy Torres | Lara Schwager | Darcy Dobens |
| Toi Collins | Nadine Azari | Nicole Cyr | Joan Mandel | Wendy DePedro |
| Melissa Campbell | | | | |

- I. Introduction
- II. Public Participation- motion made by Paul, Alan Ferraro second; all in favor; April Hurley- "I have no comment. I am hoping for a discussion of Code Red and water provisions for homeless in light of evictions ahead. Also always regarding outreach to assist"; motion to close Alan Ferraro; second Mark Harding; all in favor
- III. Approval of May meeting minutes- motion to approve Alan Tedesco, second Kim Cole; all in favor
- IV. Letter of Support
 - a. Triple C- Meyer Pincelli presented for a project in partnership with CIS for 102 units in Manalapan; 5 units will be for homeless person and 2 for survivors of DV; services will be provided by Triple C. CIS will be applying for tax credits and if approved the project is anticipated to be complete by end of 2023. Paul asked about the number of set asides and if this meets the minimum, Meyer stated this number reflects the mandatory minimum. Alan Ferraro made a motion to approve; Peter Boynton made a second; all in favor.
 - b. PIRHL- Bhavin Patel presented for a project in Freehold that will be financed through HMFA with low income housing tax credits. The plan calls for 60 units; 5 homeless units; 5 disabled residents; 20 units will be affordable units. MHA will provide the services to the residents. Partnerships also made with Centra State, Navicore, and Monmouth County Workforce Development. If approved for tax credits the project would anticipate being completed in 2023. Motion to approve letter of support Paul McEvily; Kim Cole made a second; all in favor.
- V. New Business/Discussion
 - a. CARES Act Funding
 - i. ESG-CV- Marissa Cortese made an update for Community Development; quarterly HMIS reports due July 30th
 - ii. CDBG-CV- county has applied for second tranche it is 1.6 million. The county is still planning on how to spend

- iii. Dept of Treasury/ERAP- 287 applications; \$2.6 million; 139 community assisted applications; 175 of which were landlord applications for \$1.4 million. Paul reports he anticipated being overwhelmed with requests and he was surprised that those requests were so light. Alan and Kathy reiterated their surprise at the same and seeing a lower number than anticipated of applicants. Nicole discussed some efforts the county has made to increase mailings and get the word out to landlords and tenants. Kim Cole and Chris Aumack reported they both have not seen an influx in requests for rental assistance since the eviction moratorium was extended until January.
 - iv. HOME- still awaiting the guidance from the American Rescue plan for \$5.5 million that was allocated.
 - v. DCA- EHV- DCA's PHA was allocated approximately 960 vouchers through the American Rescue Plan. DCA is rolling out the vouchers statewide as 'first come first serve' through the coordinated entry programs, similar to the RRH initiative. The MOU with MHA was signed and we are awaiting the applications from DCA and anticipate they will begin accepting referrals July 15th for households that are homeless, at risk, recently homeless, or survivors of Domestic Violence.
- b. COVID-19 Response
- i. Landlord/tenant- Troy Torres, SJLS provided updated; approximately 62,000 cases backed up in the NJ court system; trying to minimize the amount going to the judge and mediate as many cases out of court. Eviction moratorium is set to expire January 1st, 2022. There is legislation on the governors desk to move this up to August 31, 2021 for anyone over 80% AMI which would have to be certified. Nicole reported when speaking with the courts for the ERAP there were approximately 1800 cases in Monmouth County. The court aims to begin addressing settlement cases by those that were filed first. Peter brought up the need for having someone in the mediations to provide support to tenants about what services are available to tenants to assist. Kathy stated this was a great idea and that Rachel who she has worked with through the courts was open to providing this support and she would discuss this further. Troy reported of the legislation currently out there would staunch the tide of evictions and convert this to a civil settlement so as not to effect tenants credit scores and would not have eviction on their records.
 - ii. Shelter- Peter Boynton reports the shelter has resumed normal operations. There is a quarantine shelter option still available to those in need especially with the Delta variant raging. Peter reports there has been a lot of success with MHA and CV funding to place persons in RRH from the shelter. Peter reports they have a case manager that has been able to be solely dedicated to doing outreach in the community. Peter also reports significant success in connecting clients to gainful employment and stabilizing housing as the income increases.

- iii. Prevention- no other comments
- iv. Outreach- Ewa Farry gave an update for HNA since January total of 158 persons were outreached. They are focusing on those that are unsheltered and resistant to accessing shelter. The staff are working to engage those unsheltered persons to seek shelter, connect with services, and utilize and partner with PATH as needed.

VI. Reports

- a. HUD Update- Kasey reported that HUD announced they will finalize the GIW by July 16th and the NOFA is anticipated to be released after that. The funding committee will meet within one to two weeks of the release to make funding decisions.
- b. CLPD Project- Kasey reported the committee is meeting regularly and integrating into the HSC regular meetings and will be meeting as an advisory committee later this month.
- c. Data
 - i. Resources to End Homelessness- Kasey presented data for May 2021.
- d. Centralized Intake- Christine Aumack reports in the month of June there were 86 walk ins and 389 phone calls for their office most of which were referrals.
- e. Housing Navigator Agency- Ewa reported for the last quarter the numbers were: 111 persons opened; 153 discharged; 50 were discharged to PH status; 3 were discharged to temporarily housed; the remainder may have been LOC. 10 persons admitted were unsheltered homeless. Ewa states the housing navigation program is fully staffed but PATH is currently in search of one case manager.
- f. Sub-committees
 - i. Discharge Planning- Kathy reported that Steve updated her and states there has been significant issues due to lack of housing and discharging from the hospitals. Paul reports they meet with HMH and discussed the number of hospitals that are entering into housing development; Paul reports they were non-committal to partnership and may need some financial assistance from the state to pursue moving forward with development plans. Kathy and Wendy discussed trying to schedule another meeting with HMH behavioral health admin to discuss future planning.
 - ii. PIT/PHC- reports should be finalized and published in the next few weeks.
 - iii. Coordinated Systems- Kathy reports they met in June with shelter providers and Lynn Seward from RWJ as they have outreach program for those with substance abuse issues that may jeopardize their opportunity for shelter due to substance abuse. The committee is working on developing a policy for referring to other services to provide support; especially for the private shelters to adhere to. The county shelters have policies in place to ensure there are referrals made.
 - iv. Veteran's- Mark Harding reports last meeting was June 21st; no Veteran's were housed since the prior meetings; 120 days to

house persons and to meet the benchmark this would have to be 90 days or less. Soldier On is aiming to open applications in August for their housing in Tinton Falls and aiming for lease up by late October, early November.

- v. Case Conferencing- next meeting is July 14th and the meeting is starts now at 130pm for RRH providers and then 2pm the general meeting begins.

VII. Agency Updates

- a. Alan Ferraro reports the Dept of Ed has received some funding that should be coming out in the fall and he is trying to prepare data as the funding could be coming directly to the regional directors.

- VIII. Adjournment- motion to adjourn Paul; Mark made a second; all in favor

Next Meeting: **September 21st, 2021** *meeting date change

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