



Monmouth County Homeless System Collaborative

Executive Committee

March 1st, 2022

Meeting Minutes

- I. Introduction
- II. Approval of January meeting minutes-Mark made a motion, Paul made a second; all in favor
- III. New Business/Discussion
 - a. CARES Act Funding
 - i. ESG & ESG-CV- Laura reported she has not received 2022 ESG, CDBG, or HOME allocation amounts to date. ESG CV money has been 54% expended and need to expend 80% by September.
 - ii. CDBG-CV
 - iii. HOME- application is open, she does not have a report on progress to date. Her office is working on submitting the allocation plan to HUD.
 - iv. Dept of Treasury/ERAP- Kathy reported there was another ERAP week last week (high renters, low application municipalities). Approximately \$13 million has been approved in funding with \$11 million paid out. There has been money granted to community agencies to provide services, utility assistance. ERAP 2 money does not have to be expended until 2025. Human Services is working to expend all funds allocated to Monmouth County and has been working with community advocates and other agencies in planning efforts.
 - v. DCA- EHV- 248 applications, about 90 approved. They have subcontracted with a realtor to assist with housing search. Presently having significant issues with lease up. A draft of a letter to be sent to DCA has been provided to the Exec committee. The HSC is advocating for DCA to provide extensions to households approaching the housing search deadline due to the nature of the market, improve communication and support for approved households, and utilize the 120% threshold for FMR.
 - b. Landlord/Tenant Updates- Alicia gave an update. The courts are moving forward with evictions and are starting to see cases where the January and February 2022 rent payments are due. The judge is postponing if tenants have applied for rental assistance to cover the months they have missed payments. CARC received a grant to station someone at the court house to help with eviction diversion. Social services has a worker that also can assist with prevention and they are working virtually with the courts.

- c. Shelter Updates- Peter provided an update working on a medicine assistance program. The shelter has been at 80% capacity and part of that has been because they have funding for housing assistance and have had success in housing people from the shelter.
- d. Code Blue Updates- Scott Nielson gave an update on Code Blue. Currently in a Code Blue, at the height of Code Blue were serving 55 people. They have added a motel to the Code Blue process but also lost one in the last month. They are looking at improvements for access to Code Blue and to make it more efficient for next season.

IV. Reports

- a. CLPD Project- Kasey provided an update stating the Advisory Board has strong and consistent members that are actively integrating into all CoC meetings. They have been working on learning the CoC funding process and provided some updates and guidance for the local selection material development.
- b. Data Governance- Kasey presented a current data flow chart and discussed goals for improving data governance to work on through 2022. Goal: To move towards a data driven planning process and to build reliable datasets that present more accurate and comprehensive understanding of community needs.
- c. HUD- SPMs and LSA were submitted in February. SPM data was presented to the committee.
- d. Centralized Intake- Melissa reports continuing to see an increase in clients. 172 in the month of February were seen through social services.
- e. Housing Navigator Agency- Ewa reported that in 2021 520 admissions, 277 outreaches, 46 chronic at time of onset, 165 were housed; currently 584 on waitlist, 72 are chronically homeless
- f. Sub-committees
 - i. Permanent Housing- met and discussed barriers with housing search and issues with lease up in regards to EHV. Discussed possible landlord incentives program, municipalities that have not fulfilled their affordable housing obligation and opportunities to expand affordable housing development.
 - ii. Coordinated Systems- met to discuss diversion and learned most agencies are doing some form of diversion already. Landlord incentives became a topic at this meeting as well. Kathy reviewed ERAP guidelines to determine if we could utilize funding to put a program together. Smaller planning committee met in regards to landlord incentives as well.
 - iii. PIT/PHC- no update
 - iv. Case Management- no update
 - v. Veteran's – meeting this month, last month's meeting was cancelled.

V. Agency Updates

VI. Public Participation- no public in attendance.

VII. Adjournment

Next Meeting – May 3rd, 9am-11am

CEAS/General Membership Meeting – **April 5th, 10am – 12pm**

GotoWebinar link will be provided prior to the meeting