



Monmouth County Homeless System Collaborative

Executive Committee

January 5th, 2022

Agenda

- I. Introduction
- II. Public Participation- vote to open to the public- Alan made a motion to open, Laura made a second; all in favor. No public comment. Mark made a motion to close, Kim made a second; all in favor.
- III. Approval of September meeting minutes- Kim made a motion; Alan F. made a second; all in favor.
- IV. New Business/Discussion
 - a. Diversion- Geleen Donovan FP of Union County
 - b. CARES Act Funding
 - i. ESG & ESG-CV
 1. CV-Laura reports that all funds must be spent by September and 80% by March 31st. Laura stated they have spent 44% to date and requested that all agencies submit spend down reports.
 2. ESG 2022- have not received allocation for the 2022 funding as of yet
 - ii. CDBG-CV
 - iii. Dept of Treasury/ERAP- Nicole reports as of November 30th 13.4 million dollars have been expended. 10.9 million was direct financial assistance to households; 1.1 million was used for housing stability; and 1.3 million was used for administrative costs. Hosted an Emergency Assistance week and deployed social workers into the community with laptops to complete applications, the event was very successful. The marketing around the event raised awareness as well and there was a significant increase in applications received. Aiming to target another event to high rental areas that have low application rates for the new year. Monmouth County has met and exceeded every federal benchmark for spending the funds.
 - iv. HOME- Laura stated they have some ideas for utilizing this funding and will be working to finalize the plans and will be meeting soon. HSC members will be involved in this meeting.
 - v. DCA- EHV- 250 applications; 50 approved; 3 housed
 - c. Landlord/Tenant Updates
 - i. The moratorium has ended and landlord tenant cases are being seen. Tenants are being locked out and when they request additional time the courts are only awarding a week to ten days. There is a backlog so if there are new cases being filed for

eviction it will be about 2-3 months until these cases are heard. Many of the people being locked out right now are people that owed rent prior to March of 2020 or persons that were pending eviction in 2020 for reasons other than rental arrears such as destruction of property, etc.

- d. Shelter Updates
 - i. Peter Boynton reports the current issue is dealing with the Omicron wave. They are working diligently to identify whether individuals are vaccinated and trying to coordinate vaccinations for those coming into the shelters. Peter states they don't expect to need to utilize isolation/quarantine and are currently working at 50% capacity due to this. They have had a lot of success with making permanent placements for some in the shelter at this time which has made them able to keep capacity lower.
 - ii. Christine Aumack reports Linkages has 3 openings but they have 4 families pending and will likely be full by the end of the day. Continuing to work with families to make those permanent placements.
- e. Code Blue Updates- Mike Oppegaard reports there have been 9 Code Blue alerts this year. Working well with existing and new motel partners. Mike reports there has only been one issue at one motel and it was due to an issue with 211/law enforcement agency about the Code Blue process and that has since been solved. Law enforcement agencies have the ability to make placements for Code Blue persons and hospitals also have the ability to coordinate with 211 to make placements if someone is homeless and being discharged. Wendy offered to assist Mike in helping to coordinate a meeting with HMMH-Riverview medical center to address this specific issue and to educate the hospital system about Code Blue protocols. Mike reports he will send a report to Kathy tomorrow with specific data for the season, but is able to report that there is a lot of new consumers in Code Blue this year and names they have not seen previously.

V. Reports

- a. CLPD Project- Kasey reported the Advisory Board met yesterday and discussed the 2022 monitoring materials and the need to add evaluation of racial equity in program implementation. A draft has been created and Kasey will be working with her team to implement any suggestions other Advisory Boards Monarch is working with have made and will create a draft to present the funding review committee in the next few weeks. Kathy and Kasey will coordinate a meeting with the funding review committee to update and approve materials with a goal of having a monitoring process during the month of February.
- b. HUD NOFO
 - i. 2022 focus and monitoring process
- c. Centralized Intake
 - i. Christine reported for December they had 109 walk ins and that is the highest number since February 202. Staff are working on follow ups with code blue. EA regulations are all back in place and the suspensions due to COVID are no longer

eligible so social services will be working with those cases to identify other placements and divert those cases from being closed. There has also been a lot of issue with staffing due to COVID and the team has been adjusting to meet the needs of the community with limited staff.

- d. Housing Navigator Agency
 - i. Wendy reported they admitted 104 and discharged 54 with 13 housed; 1357 clients in December; Oct-Nov there were 50 outreaches. Steve and Ewa met with Keller Williams on Dec 22nd and aim to MOU in place this week.

- e. Sub-committees
 - i. Permanent Housing- scheduling a meeting for February 2nd.
 - ii. PIT/PHC- no PHC events this year due to COVID. It is 1/26/22 and will extend for 1 week.
 - iii. Case Management- next meeting is January 12th
 - iv. Veteran's- the new PH in Tinton Falls should be full by the end of the month; the sub committee is being scheduled for the end of the month as it currently on MLK and Mark is working to reschedule the following Monday.
 - v. Coordinated Systems- will meet in the next month and will be discussing a strategy for implementing a diversion program/plan in Monmouth County. Will aim to prepare a report for the executives at their next meeting in March.

- VI. Agency Updates
- VII. Adjournment

Next Meeting – March 1st, 9am-11am

CEAS/General Membership Meeting – February 1st, 10am – 12pm

GotoWebinar link will be provided prior to the meeting