



COUNTY OF HUNTERDON NEW JERSEY

HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL

LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ALCOHOLISM & DRUG ABUSE

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REFERENCE:

- ☒ Council
- ☐ Mental Health
- ☐ Youth
- ☐ Disability Services
- ☐ Substance
- ☐ Use Disorder
- ☐ Transportation

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COMPREHENSIVE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE SYSTEM (CEAS) COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting

Monday, June 20, 2022 2:00 p.m.

Via Webex

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

M. Moore

GUESTS

D. Prisco
C. Kirk

R. Wenrich
M. Bate

EX-OFFICIO

STAFF

L. Piazza Long
M. O'Reilly
K. Paulmeno
S. Nekola

*Designee

I. CONVENE:

Open Public Meetings Statement:

"This meeting is being held in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 – 10:4-21. Notice of this meeting has been provided in the Hunterdon County Democrat and the Courier News. A public notice announcing this meeting has also been placed in the lobbies of the Hunterdon County Department of Human Services, the first floor of the Main Street County Complex, 71 Main Street Building #1, Flemington, NJ; the first floor of the Route 12 County Complex, Building #3, 314 State Route 12, Flemington, NJ and County Clerk's Office."

Due the recent public health crisis, COVID-19, this meeting was a Webex/call in ONLY

II. MINUTES:

Due to a lack of a quorum, the meeting minutes of March 21, 2022 will be tabled at the September 19, 2022 meeting.

III. REPORTS:

A. Homeless Prevention Program – Family Promise of Hunterdon County: No report at this time.

B. HPRP Update – Family Promise: No report at this time.

- C. **Tri-County Continuum of Care:** M. O'Reilly conveyed the Tri-County CoC does have a fiscal year 2022 Request for Letters of Intent. They are due back on Friday, June 24, 2022. The purpose of the funding is to provide funds to quickly rehouse homeless individuals and families promoting mainstream programs and optimizing self-sufficiency by those experiencing homelessness. Some of the eligible components for this funding include permanent supportive housing, rapid rehousing, supportive services for coordinated entry, joint transitional housing and rapid rehousing and also for the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).

The funding priorities for 2022 are new permanent supportive housing or rapid rehousing projects, transitional housing rapid rehousing projects, projects serving persons with mental illness and projects serving persons with substance use disorders.

As for new projects, the Tri-County CoC will accept applications for new projects prioritizing those priorities noted in the above paragraph.

M. O'Reilly explained that the Tri-County CoC review committee meets each year when the Request for Letters of Intent are released and based on information/parameters from HMIS and the desk monitoring, Monarch assigns a score to each agency. Each project is ranked into either Tier I or Tier II. For fiscal year 2021, Tier II projects were not funded by HUD. There was one project that spanned across both Tier I and Tier II; Norwescap was funded at around 25% of their suggested recommended award. DCA-Easter Seals had also been ranked as a Tier II project and therefore, their program was not funded. This has impacted 3-4 individuals from DCA to be put back on the prioritization list and hopefully can find another voucher within Tri-County CoC. Family Promise of Sussex County had reached-out to HUD as well to help navigate through this impediment. Also, Alternatives will not be utilizing their award for funding for the 2021 FY for their Warren County project. The review committee does have the ability to reallocate those funds. This will be helpful for 2022 FY.

M. O'Reilly conveyed that R. Todd-Marino had resigned from the Executive Committee, therefore, CEAS can recommend a board member to fill her seat.

County Updates – M. O'Reilly reported that County Administrator Kevin Davis announced his intent to retire next month. Brad Myhre is slated to replace Kevin Davis as County Administrator. This is on the agenda for tomorrow's Commissioner's meeting. Human Services also has a new Commissioner liaison. Jeff Kuhl has replaced Commissioner Holt's vacancy.

- D. **EFSP Update – Family Promise: A. Fields:** M. O'Reilly conveyed she reached out to Essex County United Way because they are in charge of the state set-aside committee for the EFSP funds. She advised them that there is interest in receiving any of those funds; if this is something they would consider. As of now, she had not received any updates and will try to reach out to them again.

IV. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. **Point In Time Debrief** – M. O'Reilly stated that she did not have the final report but by reviewing some numbers and the de-duplication process, it seems like only eight unsheltered, homeless individuals had been identified through the Point In Time for 2022. Again, she is awaiting a final report that can be released hopefully in September to the public by Monarch.

M. O'Reilly raised the idea of starting the conversation now to better coordinate an unsheltered count for 2023 and acquire some feedback from community members on doing something as such. She added she understands how the Omnicron virus affected the community in January 2022 and hopefully, there will not be a repeat for the 2023 count. It is important to raise this topic several times before the actual count is required. S. Nekola stated she felt a good job had been accomplished this year. The Warming Center was open and S. Lax had reported true numbers of unique client that had utilized the Warming Center.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Election of Officers – L. Piazza Long conveyed that since there were not enough members present in this meeting, an election could not be held, but she did ask to please keep this topic in mind for the next meeting. She further stated that J. Gorman would like to step down as co-chair and that a replacement from an outside agency would be necessary. Only one position must be a County employee.
- B. Pathways to Recovery – M. O'Reilly conveyed the Pathways to Recovery program is a grant funded program that the Greater Raritan Workforce Development Board applied for and received. They have a staff member, Nakeyda Sumpter, who is assigned to work with anyone who has any collateral contact with someone who has an opioid use disorder. GRWDB has funding for people to be trained, i.e. peer specialist. Additionally, other funding for the unemployed or underemployed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic is available. Any questions can be directed to Nakeyda Sumpter.

VI. AGENCY NEWS:

Safe In Hunterdon – D. Prisco provided an update. The shelter itself has been mostly packed from spring into summer. There were some vacancy issues with the local hotels/motels and the motel program which continues to be an issue due to summer vacations and the needs from other agencies inside and outside of the county. Ongoing challenging conversations continue with owners/landlords regarding the occupancies of clients. A one-year anniversary event was held at a restaurant for the staff on June 15, 2021.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:17 p.m. D. Prisco made a Motion and S. Nekola seconded. The Motion passed. The next meeting will be Monday, September 19, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. via a virtual meeting.