



THE HUDSON COUNTY ALLIANCE
TO END HOMELESSNESS

HCAEH Meeting Minutes December 14th, 2022 2:00 PM

Welcome and Introductions

Naomi Lesnewski with Hudson County: voted to approve the last meeting's minutes.

CoC Business

- *2023 Meeting Schedule*; sent out through email which includes the schedule for the Family Subcommittee and Veteran Subcommittee meeting. The Family Subcommittee will now be meeting once each quarter. Please reach out to Naomi Lesnewski at nalesnewski@hcnj.us to see if your organization is eligible to be a part of the Veteran Committee.
- *Warming Center Updates*: Opened on November 15th, 2022. CSP NJ has been operating the overnight center with an average of 64 clients a night currently for this first month. All updates for Cold Blue nights will be sent out through the list serve. Hudson County operates the Warming Center every night during the Cold Blue season, which has created better level of service for clients. When Cold Blue days are called, clients can stay during the day if they wish.
- *CoC Data Work*: Kevin Llangari with Hudson County; Each year the LSA will be submitted to HUD before the end of the year, this is done nation wide and focuses specifically on data quality in HMIS. Congress will use this data to make decisions related to homelessness programs. Please reach out to Kevin Llangari at kllangari@hcnj.us concerning the data reports sent out.
- Candy Brewster with NJHMFA; There are no new updates for HMIS. Currently, Hudson County has some issues with overlapping stays in HMIS – this occurs when someone leaves one program and enters another program before the first program can discharge them. If people are not discharging clients on the day that they leave, it creates an overlap in HMIS in services.

SSH Updates

Naomi Lesnewski: The 2022 year is coming to an end, and the 2023 contract will be routed to all the providers for signatures.

- Meeting – 1/4/23; please make sure that fiscal officers, case managers and anyone else who prepares vouchers are aware and available for this meeting to learn about the updates for the SSH 2023 grant year.

ESG-CV Updates

ESG-CV funds have been reallocated to Hudson County; the application process closed last week for these new funds. Hudson County is currently reviewing these



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applications, letters with decisions about these applications will be sent out during the new year.

Ongoing Updates

- Prevention Programming
 - Hudson County Eviction Prevention Program: Jacqueline Gomez with Hudson County Welfare; The second part of this program will be closed on the 31st of this month if Hudson County Welfare does not receive additional funding for this program. If HC Welfare does, then the application will remain open until March 31st, 2023. This application specifically is for clients who lost income during COVID-19.
 - Jersey City Hardship Assistance Program/United Way Eviction Assistance Program: Evette Jackson with Jersey City Hardship Assistance; no longer accepting applications for this program. United Way Eviction Assistance Program is also closed.
 - North Hudson Assistance Program: Michele Musumici with NHCAC: no longer have any funds available.
 - New Jersey Emergency Rescue Mortgage Assistance (ERMA): Naomi Lesnewski; application is still open through HMFA.
- *2023 Resource Guide*: Naomi Lesnewski; the Resource Guide has been updated, please contact mmccullough@hcnj.us or resources@hobokenshelter.org by the end of the day on Friday to make sure any modifications or if there are any other updates.
- *Family Stability Committee*: Anne Christensen with WomenRising; have not met since the last meeting and are looking forward to the new year.
- *Food and Shelter Coalition*: No update.
- *Veterans Committee*: Kelly McGuiness with Soldier On; will be back on track with regular schedule for meeting on the third week of every other month. The next meeting will be an hour before the HCAEH meeting on February 15th, 2023.

Announcements

Dorian Santiago, Behavioral Health Consultant with Metropolitan Family Health Network, Inc.; Metropolitan Family Health Network provides transportation to health services and health services to the homeless. Will be providing Behavioral Health consultations or ongoing counseling in January 2023. Will also be providing referrals to other services. Contact Dorian Santiago at:

Metropolitan Family Health Network, Inc at 935 Garfield Avenue in Jersey City, New Jersey 07304. Main: 201.478.5800 ext. 5856. Email is dsantiago@metrofhn.org.

Jonathan M. Tolentino, Staff Attorney with Community Health Law Project, CHLP has hired more attorneys and will be providing more outreach to clients who need consultation with landlord/tenant relations. CHLP will also be providing training to the community about landlord and tenant rights. Contact Jonathan M. Tolentino at:



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Community Health Law Project at 65 Jefferson Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey 0702-2425. Main: 908.355.8282 ext 405. Email is JTolention@chlp.org

Voting Agency Attendance

Agency	Name
Bayonne Economic Foundation	Donna Cullen* Samantha Howard*
Catholic Charities of New Jersey	Sulaiman Abdullah Yanil Mendoza
Collaborative Support Programs of New Jersey	Pamela Baker* Corrine Dexter
Community Health Law Project	Sean Benoit* Jonathan M. Tolentino*
Community Hope Inc.	Pilar Rodriguez*
Covenant House	Hillary Powell* Robert Hayes
Garden State Community Development Corporation	Susan Milan* Joanne Smith Ignael Cartagena
Hoboken Shelter	Jaclyn Cherubini* Rev. Anthony Forbes *
House of Faith	Jennifer Rejfir
Hudson County Division of Housing & Community Development	Naomi Lesnewski* Kevin Llangari * Maeve McCullough
Hudson County Housing Resource Center	Ana Ohiwerei* Ivelisse Rosario
Hudson County Social Services	Monica Yeng* Jaqueline Gomez* Sabrina Franco
Jersey City Housing Authority	Jacqueline Suarez*
Let's Celebrate	Angelique Williams*
North Hudson Community Action Corporation	Maria Crespo* Marsha Nivins Michele Musumici*
Soldier On	Kelly McGuinness*
United Way of Hudson County	Carmel Galasso* Samantha Martinez-Mendoza*
Waterfront Project	Carmen Esquilin Kayla Zimmer Kimberly Goycochea
WomenRising	Anne Christensen* Margaret Abrams



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York Street Project

Shakila Ali
Jamilla Gantt

**Designates voting member*

Non-Voting Agency Attendance

Agency	Name
Essex Regional Educational Services Commission	LaMonica McIver
Hudson County Department of Health and Human Services	LaTrenda Ross Kiyada Pittman Samantha Moore
Hudson Regional Health Commission	Ariana Simon
HUD VA	Lakisha Stewart
Jersey City Community Development	Cynthia Vazquez Evette Jackson
Metropolitan Family Health Network	Dorian Santiago
Monarch Housing Associates	Katelyn Ravensbergen
Newark YMCA	Brenda Myrick
NJ DCPD	Georgina DeRosa
NJ Department of Human Services	Keshia Reynolds Esther Iialana
NJ HMFA	Candy Brewster
St. Matthews Lunchtime Ministry	Stanley Enzweiler
St. Clare's Services	Jaleesa McEachin

Closing - next HCAEH Meeting is on Wednesday, February 15th, 2023