



THE HUDSON COUNTY ALLIANCE
TO END HOMELESSNESS

HCAEH Meeting Minutes October 18th, 2023 2:00 PM

Welcome and Introductions

Emily Dalton from the Hoboken Public Library works as a social worker at the library.
Lori Hetzel, from the City of Hoboken; works as a social worker for the city.

CoC Business

- 2023 Competition Updates: Katelyn Ravensbergen with Monarch Housing Associates, Collaborative application was submitted. Thank you for getting your applications together. All renewal projects and new projects were submitted to HUD, with three new projects from CSP NJ, GSCDC and BEOF for the application. Last year, this award from HUD was released in March and is projected to be announced for award at the end of the year.
 - An estimated score analysis will be submitted alongside the CoC application of review of each project to improve the overall score for next year.
- CoC Data Work: The updates to NJ HMFA have slowed down the usual data progress, leading to Kevin Llangari revamping the active database for the CoC. The LSA is due in the new year, and each CoC program will be hearing from Katelyn on individual data errors for the LSA.
 - Maeve McCullough from Hudson County, the County was able to apply and accept the Data Analyst grant from the DCA OHP to hire a new Data Analyst. This Data Analyst will be working in the Division on behalf of the CoC for data initiatives.
- PIT Count: The 2023 PIT report has been released on Monarch Housing Associates, alongside a PIT Summary. A summary of unsheltered homelessness for each municipality is listed on page 11 of the PIT report for Hudson County. The largest concentration of unsheltered homelessness was reported in Jersey City.
 - Planning for the 2024 count: Monarch Housing Associates will be releasing dates for PIT Count training for 2024, and the PIT Count scheduled for January 24th, 2024.

SSH Updates

- Contract Renewals: Maeve McCullough, these will be mailed out to vendors for signature in the upcoming month. The sub-contracts will be submitted to the State, and funds will be available starting January 1st, 2024. A Code Blue Increase request has been submitted to the State department, and the Division will know at the end of December if this amount has been awarded.

ESG Updates

- Award Letters: Legal department will be taking the lead in submitting contracts to vendors for these grants. Please reach out to Maeve McCullough if you have any questions concerning ESG.



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Ongoing Updates

- Prevention Programming
 - Hudson County Eviction Prevention Program; Monica Yeng with the Office of Social Services. 10.9 million was spent on ERA, and 18.3 million on ERA 2 for all the municipalities excluding Jersey City as Jersey City has their own pot of funds for this service.
 - Jersey City Hardship Assistance Program/United Way Eviction Assistance Program; No update.
 - North Hudson Assistance Program: No funding is available; however, clients are pending.
 - CSP-NJ: Pam Baker; CSP NJ has received a grant from the DCA for prevention programming which will be operated from the 422 MLK Drive Drop-in Center. CSP NJ will be working in tandem with the local DCA office to address issues with DCA Housing Choice Vouchers.
 - New Jersey Emergency Rescue Mortgage Assistance (ERMA): No update
- Family Stability Committee
 - Maeve McCullough: Anne Christensen has retired from WomenRising with Blanca stepping in. Kevin has generated an active dashboard from HMIS with data on families experiencing homelessness. No current meeting is scheduled for the Family Stability Committee.
- Food and Shelter Coalition: no update
- Veterans Committee: Kelly McGuiness; still trying to fill in the gaps for people who report that they are veterans in HMIS at Coordinated Entry and connect them to services in the county. This Saturday, the Secaucus Vets Center is hosting an event for veterans including a workshop that will turn combat uniforms into paper. The Staff Sgt. Parker-Gordon Fox Suicide Prevention Program also known as the “SSGFSP” is hosting a virtual event on Tuesday. Veterans Post 2292 will be hosting a Veteran’s Day event, and at 1pm a Veterans event will be held at Harimus Cemetery. The VA has also hired a “Suds” worker, a Substance Abuse Social Worker to help veterans discuss treatment for substance abuse. Any veterans that are connected to SSVF can access this program.

Announcements

- Asylum and Migrant Data; Maeve McCullough; the Coordinated Entry system should be updated to include a section to track this data. Is anyone seeing any signs of migrants or asylum seekers entering the system in Hudson County from New York City?
 - Pam Baker: CSP NJ is not seeing any migrants or asylum seekers from New York City.
 - Susan Milan from Garden State: GSCDC is not seeing any migrants or asylum seekers from New York City.
 - Jaclyn Cherubini from Hoboken Shelter; not seeing any migrants or asylum seekers from New York City.



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- Bianca Hoffer from the City of Hoboken: Are there any resources to offer to people if this changes?
- Code Blue Update: November 15th, the Warming Center will be open. There has been a request to add a stop downtown Jersey City, either behind City Hall or at the Grove Street Station PATH Stop. Alliance has been brought back to provide medical assistance to clients from 7:00pm to midnight each day, and CSP NJ is in talks with Bridgeway to provide mental health programming to clients. Food and laundry services will be provided by the Correctional Facility for this season.
 - There are 4 new ADA compliant showers on the third and fourth floor for clients to use.
 - Tentative Winter Emergency/Warming Center will be the 30th, the OEM has requested this meeting to be in person, and the link for this meeting will be sent out through the list serve.
 - Updated Winter Emergency Bus Route and
 - There are no updates for Code Red as of this time.

Susan Milan: Is there a possibility of accommodating people with wheelchairs and walkers for the Center?

Pam Baker: The showers have been made accessible, and the elevator to the top floors is in working order.

Susan Milan: Will there be ADA compliant buses for this season?

Maeve McCullough: There is no plan to upgrade the buses currently.

- A SurveyMonkey link is open to gather availability for training through Hudson Pride for this upcoming year. This is a six-hour training, with technical assistance offered to Shelters and Drop-in Centers after the training is completed.
- Jaclyn Cherubini: It is October, so it is time to look at updating the Resource Guide for the 2024 guide. Please email resources@hobokenshelter.org with any updates for phone numbers and programs available. These updates will be reviewed before the next HCAEH meeting.

Closing – Last HCEAH Meeting is going to be December 13th, 2023, at 2:00pm.



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Voting Agency Attendance

Agency	Name
Bayonne Economic Opportunity Foundation	Donna Cullen*
Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Newark	Claudia Marks Angela Bowman
Collaborative Support Programs of New Jersey	Corrine Dexter*
Community Hope	Ashley Ferreira Pilar Rodriguez*
Covenant House	Hillary Powell* Robert Hayes
Garden State Community Development Corporation	Susan Milan* Carol Mori* Ignael Cartagena
Hoboken Shelter	Jaclyn Cherubini* James Shipman
House of Faith	Jennifer Rejfir
Hudson County Division of Housing & Community Development	Maeve McCullough
Hudson County Housing Resource Center	Ana Ohiwerei*
Hudson County Social Services	Monica Yeng* Jaqueline Gomez*
Jersey City Housing Authority	Jacqueline Suarez* Evette Jackson
Jersey City Community Development	Saulo Diaz* Naicy Beltre
Let's Celebrate	Angelique Williams*
North Hudson Community Action Corporation	Michele Musumici*
Soldier On	Kelly McGuinness* Danielle Mineo* Dana Wilson
United Way of Hudson County	Carmel Galasso*
Waterfront Project	Carmen Esquilin Kimberly Goycochea Alia Thomas
WomenRising	Anne Christensen*
York Street Project	Shakila Ali Jamilla Gantt

**Designates voting member*



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Non-Voting Agency Attendance

Agency	Name
City of Jersey City	Agnes Theodossiou Amari Torres
City of Hoboken	Bianca Hoffer Lori Hetzel
Church World Services	Nora Kushner Salitan
Hudson County Department of Health and Human Services	Kiyada Pittman Samantha Moore
Lighthouse	Jacob Pirogovsky
Monarch Housing Associates	Katelyn Ravensbergen
NJ 211	Marc Zelaya
NJ DCPD	Georgina DeRosa
NJ DCR	Tisha Leonardo-Santiago
NJ Department of Family Services	Keshia Reynolds Ola Olorode Georgina DeRosa Michael Mattaliano
NJ VA	Danielle Michel-Clarke Lakisha Stewart
NJ HMFA	Candy Brewster
St. Matthews Lunchtime Ministry	Stanley Enzweiler