



THE HUDSON COUNTY ALLIANCE
TO END HOMELESSNESS

HCAEH Meeting Agenda December 13th, 2023 2:00 PM

Welcome and Introductions

- Katelyn Ravensbergen from Monarch Housing Associates, Inc: Program Director Naomi Lesnewski will be returning in January 2024. Thank you all for letting me step into the role of Chair for the Alliance.
- Past Meeting Minutes: Due to continued technical issues, the meeting minutes for 2023 will be sent out before the first meeting on February 21st, 2024.
- 2024 HCAEH Meeting Schedule: The HCAEH will meet bi-monthly, starting on February 21st, 2024.

CoC Business

- PIT Count 2024: The PIT Count will be on January 24th, 2024. Shelters and SSVF providers will be given a link to provide information in January for the Shelter Summary form for the PIT Count.
- Ms. Pringle – from the Statewide PWLE Advisory Committee; Thank you for inviting me to your meeting today to speak at the PIT Count. If my schedule allows, I would love to visit Hudson in support of all the efforts that are being put forth. If you do need someone from the Advisory board, I can be available. Please keep safety in mind for street outreach for Hudson County. Pre-field work is vital to planning a successful street outreach for the PIT Count.
- Maeve McCullough: Division of Housing and Community Development, Coordination with new staff in Hoboken with existing providers to ensure no duplication for the count. The Hoboken Public Library will be hosting a mini-fair for the day of and will be giving out toiletry kits for free.
- Jaclyn Cherubini from Hoboken; I have a list of ‘hot spots’ for Hoboken to use for the survey. This list was created by asking the guests, instead of making it we, so the information is from people with lived experience. Please don’t wear shiny shoes.
- Maeve McCullough: I will be confirming with survey sites soon for paper surveys. The City of Jersey City was able to gather 12 volunteers to cover the downtown and Greenville areas. The next virtual training is next Thursday, hosted by Monarch Housing Associates. A page is active on the Division website for volunteers to use to sign up for. I will be coordinating to drop off donations after the PIT Count.
- Katelyn Ravensbergen; Meet people where they are at. The CoC has the ability to continue to the count for 7 days after the day of the count, as long as the question is being asked for January 23rd, 2024.
- Ms. Pringle: Please consider continuing the count at the Drop-in Centers for the full 7 days to collect data from people who are not connected with shelters. I am willing to visit Bayonne or Jersey City to help at any time.



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SSH Updates

- Contract Renewals; Maeve McCullough; all subcontracts have been sent out via email. Please review, sign, and return for the upcoming contract year. By the end of this year, we will know if the County will be receiving additional funds for Code Blue.

ESG Updates

- No updates for ESG.

Ongoing Updates

- Prevention Programming
 - Hudson County Eviction Prevention Program: Monica Yeng with the Office of Social Services, no longer accepting new applications for ERA funding. We are finalizing the last applications, and we will know by the end of this month if we will be re-opening for re-certification for funding up to 3 months.
 - North Hudson Assistance Program: Michele Musumici with NHCAC; we have no funds available until January 2024.
 - New Jersey Emergency Rescue Mortgage Assistance (ERMA): Candy Brewster with NJ HMFA, the link on the website for these funds is open and active.
- Family Stability Committee
 - Relaunch in 2024, Anne Christensen has retired from WomenRising and Blanca Santana will not be continuing in that role.
- Food and Shelter Coalition: LaTrenda Ross; the Food and Shelter Coalition met Tuesday with an attendance of 13 people due to the holidays. The donation drive is still going on until the end of December, for anything to wash clothes with and dishes. No donations have been collected for this drive; this was going to be given to the Hoboken Housing Authority residents. Next year, we will be launching this drive earlier. On November 2nd, a round table discussion was held at the Union City library on tenants' rights and discrimination. Multiple offices of DCP&P were there, with a few community members. On Saturday, there are volunteers participating in the Hudson County Transition Fair on Montgomery Street to educate the public on the Food and Shelter Coalition. We will be meeting every month on the second Tuesday at 3 pm in the new year.
- Veterans Committee: Kelly McGuinness with Soldier On, there are currently 68 veterans in the system experiencing homelessness. After reviewing the snapshot, we completed our case conferencing and discussed data issues. We also discussed the PIT Count coming up, and Joann Northgrave that there is an event this Saturday at 12pm at the Harsimus Cemetery for laying wreathes on veterans that were lost. The next meeting will be at 1:00pm before this meeting on February 21st, 2024.

Announcements

- LSA Report: Katelyn Ravensbergen, the LSA will be due in January. Please keep an eye out for emails related to data errors in your agency's HMIS.



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- Candy Brewster: Keep an eye out for overlapping shelter stays with programs, it makes it seem like there is one person in two programs at once. This can be fixed by identifying what the discharge/admittance date is for the individual. Use the “permanent housing move-in date” in HMIS to address the overlap in services and keep an eye on discharge dates for clients.
- Code Blue: There is a call for Code Blue tonight, the OEM Director is checking the temperature for both Kearny and Jersey City. The bus route was updated, with the Grove Street stop being an outreach stop for Garden State due to no attendance. Both Hoboken and the CSP NJ drop-in center stops are seeing higher numbers than last year. Please have anyone who missed the bus call 2-1-1 to arrange for pick up.
- Letter of Support from Catholic Charities has been requested for a DCA Grant submission.
- David Rosen (he/him) from Hudson Pride; Hudson County has contracted to provide training and technical assistance for shelters, drop-in centers and the Warming Center starting in January on the 10th and 11th at the United Way office. The training will be for understanding identity, bias and discrimination and LGBTQ+ terminology and culture. Additionally, there will be a portion of the training on how to make shelters welcoming for LGBTQ+ individuals in shelter.
- Jacylyn Cherubini from Hoboken Shelter; Please take time to review the 2024 Resource Guide, there are some numbers that no longer work. The Resource Guide will be one page for ease of use for guests and staff. Send updates to hobokenshelter.org. The Resource Guide for 2024 is now live on the County Website. The cut off for changes will be on December 22nd, 2023.
 - Legal Services of NJ is 579 not 576.

Closing- Hudson County Alliance to End Homelessness will meet next February 21st, 2024 at 2:00pm.

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*



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	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	Amari Torres* 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*

Non-Voting Agency Attendance

Agency	Name
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
Hudson Pride Center	David Rosen
Lighthouse	Jacob Pirogovsky
Monarch Housing Associates	Katelyn Ravensbergen
NJ 211	Marc Zelaya
NJ VA	Danielle Michel-Clarke Lakisha Stewart
NJ HMFA	Candy Brewster
St. Matthews Lunchtime Ministry	Stanley Enzweiler



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