

**Morris County Continuum of Care (CoC) Executive Committee Meeting
November 18, 2021, 10:00 AM Meeting Minutes – WEBEX Conference Call**

Voting Members Present:

Terry Connolly, Social Service Provider
Allison Delcalzo-Berens, Atlantic Health Systems
Brian Frommelt, Social Service Provider
Russ Hall, Housing Alliance of Morris County
Elorm Ocansey, Fair Share Housing
Rebecca Sherrod, Social Service Provider
David Saltzman, Legal Services of Northwest Jersey, Inc.
Jessica Padilla, Housing Partnership
Karina Calabuig, Faith Based Social Service Agency

Non-Voting Members Present:

David Saltzman, Legal Services of Northwest Jersey, Inc.
Jessica Padilla, Housing Partnership

Staff and Consultants Present: Shelia Carter, County Representative, Amy Archer, Morris County Human Services; Nadine Azari, Monarch Housing; Kasey Errico, Morris County Human Services.

Guest: Jeff Bashe

Welcome: Terry Connolly: started the meeting at 10:00am and welcomed all attendees.

Approval of September 2021 Minutes:

Not needed. There were no official minutes from last meeting. Did not have quorum.

Closed Session: (10am to 10:15am)

Community Representatives were asked to return at 10:15am
Closed Session minutes in a separate document.

Public Comment:

None.

Chair and Vice Chair Elections:

Nominated for Chair: Alison Delcalzo-Berens (one-year term) Interim position
Vice Chair: David Saltzman (two-year term)
Motion to approve, Rebecca Sherrod, seconded by Jessica Padilla Gonzalez. All in favor.

Terry Connolly, Mike Armstrong and Russ Hall have been on Executive Committee for six years. We thank them for their time and service.

Data Quality SOP's:

- Standards on Data Quality is new
- Rapid Rehousing is now included
- New: Technical Assistance, ESG. ESG funded agencies, need to follow COC Data standards and policies and procedures.
- Housing inventory count
- LSA newer report
- Everything in appendix was already in the SOP. Changes are only in main document.
- Terry: Thanks to quality data chairs, this was a lot of work. Ally Wise and Rob Meredith
- Motion to approve SOP as distributed in email: Motion by Terry Connolly, seconded by Jessica Padilla Gonzalez. All in favor.

Recidivism questions:

- At our last meeting, concerns were around stigma. If we are asking if they were homeless before current episode, there is stigma around them coming back into system.
- Rob, Ally, Maria, Candy B., Nadine, Kevin, and Allison met and came up with a plan. Allison went over the plan.
 - Is this the first time you have been homeless?
 - If the answer is no, Drop down menu gives options for reasons.
 - Allison went over Prioritizing Tool: Total score can't be greater than 6.
 - 6 is hardest to service and will get prioritized.
- Jeff: How will this be used?
- Used: for data collection overall, capture information, outcomes, why did person return to homelessness? Way of looking at data and determining why they are returning to homelessness. Mainly an analytical tool to show what areas need to be worked on to prevent recurring homelessness.
- Nadine: this is consumer specific. We should capture this data for agencies also.
- Terry: find out why clients are recycling over and over in the system?
- Motion to approve recommendations by Terry, seconded by David. All in favor.
- Timeline for 211 to prioritize the list. Alison proposes 90 days before end of 1st Quarter.

EHV Voucher Program Update:

- Family promise did a great job getting vouchers out. They submitted 96 applications with very little compensation from DCA. About 11 were approved.

COC Consolidated Application Questions:

- Has been posted on County website and has been submitted to HUD
- Thank you Nadine, the application was a lot of work. Thank you to County, they put time and effort into this application also. Terry felt like it was a strong application
- David: when do we hear about them? Nadine: we never know, maybe January or February.
- Nadine will create a self-scoring tool and will send out to help us know how we did on this application and areas we can improve for 2022.
- Terry: Racial equity work with Monarch has also been beneficial

Questions on Committee Reports:

None

Advisory Board Update:

- Nadine gave an update on the Advisory Board
- Five members meet weekly. They alternate meeting with Monarch one week and one week without Monarch and reflect on what they learned.
- Grievances that were heard need to be addressed.
- Russ asked if there are any recurring themes? Nadine: yes, many don't think that CE is operating how it should be, when they call 211 they are being told they have to be connected to an agency, not following Housing First model.
- Terry suggests that in 2022, we say to them that we heard you and are committed to addressing the issues.
- Alison spoke to Alicia Alvarez about membership on Exec Committee. She will start in January.
- She said that there seems to be a disconnect, we need more than a statement.
- Nadine: We should relay this message to the group.

Racial Equity Training:

- Nadine went over an activity with the group to show how can feedback from consumers help agencies create better policies to address racial equity issues.
- How can we operationalize racial equity?
- Look at data more critically:
- Russ asked how the cases given were racial when the races of the clients weren't mentioned?
- Terry and Jessica commented that even when race is not an issue, but someone is using their power to oppress another group or individual, that is also an issue of racial equity.
- Kasey Errico commented that the word she kept thinking of is dignity.

New Business:

No new business

Thanks to Terry and Russ for doing this work.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:25am

Next Meeting: Jan 27, 2022