

**Morris County Continuum of Care (CoC) Executive Committee Meeting
January 27, 2022, 10:00 AM Meeting Minutes – WEBEX Conference Call**

Attendance:

Name	Representative Category	January 2022
SUPPORT		
Archer, Amy	Morris County DHS/Lead Agency	1
Carter, Shelia	Morris County DHS/Lead Agency	0
Fodali, Maria	Morris County DHS/Lead Agency	1
Mathew, Ashni	Monarch Housing Associates	1
EX-OFFICIO		
Errico, Kasey	Morris County DHS/Lead Agency	1
VOTING – Quorum = 7 voting reps		
Alvarez, Alicia	Neighbors in Need/Community Representative	1
Calabuig, Karina	Catholic Family & Community Services	1
Delcalzo-Berens, Allison	Morristown Medical Center	1
Deo, Carmine	Community Hope	1
Frommelt, Brian	Market Street Mission	1
Kirk, Chris	Norwescap	1
Ocansey, Elorm	Fair Share Housing Center	1
Padilla Gonzalez, Jessica	Housing Partnership	1
Pressley, Arthur	Drew University	0
Saltzman, David	Legal Services of Northwest Jersey	1
Stephens, Kelly	Morris County Housing Authority	1
Sherrod, Rebecca	Child & Family Resources	1
Total voting representatives		11

Guests: Jeff Bashe and Rose Brown

Welcome: Allison Delcalzo: started the meeting at 10:00am and welcomed all attendees.

COC Orientation:

- COC Basics: (David Saltzman)
Explained what is a COC?, Mission Statement and Purpose

- Definitions: (Ashni Matthew)
Homelessness, Housing First and Diversion

Notes from Allison:

1. COC describes multiple things. Every aspect of continuum of care. Services and access to services. Schools through aging services, nursing homes, law enforcement, schools, etc. Executive Committee: also does funding. We fund specific things. We do not fund emergency shelters, but we do have them under our umbrella.
 2. Homelessness definition: consumers are doubling up in our communities. Individuals also are trading for housing. Chronic homelessness is prioritized.
 3. Housing First: 2021 allocation process put an emphasis on programs who provide Housing First.
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- Support: (Amy Archer)
Lead Agency is County of Morris. Amy explained how they support COC. Also explained how Human Services Advisory council, Community Development, Monarch Housing Associates, and HMIS supports COC.

Allison: All the links and slides will be available on website.

- Basic Member responsibilities: (Allison Delcalzo-Berens)
 - Can serve up to two, three-year terms
 - Attend at least 4 of the six meetings
 - Serve on at least one committee or task force
 - Assist in recruitment
 - Review all materials

- Share community activities that may impact COC

- COC committees:

Nominating: Allison went over details of this committee

Allocation Committee: Rebecca Sherrod went over the process and responsibilities and funded providers.

Community Assistance Services: (CAS) Allison went over details of CAS, role and subcommittees.

Allison shared the Morris County CAS website and explained Point In Time Count 2022

System Performance: Allison explained there are two You Tube training videos on the webpage

Coordinated Entry: Maria Fodali explained the process, steps they consumers need to go through, structure and partners.

Lived Experience Advisory Board: Ashni Matthew discussed what they did in 2021 and what their 2022 goals are. Statistics of racial disparities were shared.

Permanent Housing Subcommittee: Jeff Bashe went over the barriers and purpose of committee and current projects.

2022 COC Priorities: Allison went over structure changes:

- Converting “racial equity task force” to a “diversity and inclusion committee”
- Converting “planning workgroup” to a standing committee
- Combining “provider resource committee” and “every day connect committee”
- Moving “Program Coordinating Committee” under the purview of the Permanent Housing Committee and strengthening formal relationships with public housing authorities.
- Moving Veterans under Coordinated Entry and a case conferencing team.

Relationships:

- Bringing more people with lived experience
- Strengthening relationship for Code Blue participants

- Housing Authorities
- Housing Alliance
- Hope Suite (Hope Hub meeting) (Sherriff's office)
- Fair Housing committee

Data Driven and Specific: to monitor programs performance and score funding applications, solutions, create standards, better tools,

2022 COC Priorities: On the Horizon:

- Enhance COC administrative support, operations coordination
- Support families experiencing homelessness
- Increase and maintain safe and equitable permanent housing options
- Ensure programs and systems are meeting the needs of people experiencing homelessness

Planning Workgroup Update:

A. Strategic Plan:

Allison went over the details of the Strategic Plan with the group.

Goal A: David: hiring a FT for COC support. Are we funded for that?

Allison: we need to figure out what we need and then figure out the funding.

Goal B: Chris Kirk: What level of school is meant in #5?

Allison: yes, Allison will change to “school districts”

Goal C: Kelly Stephens: have 33 specific vouchers targeted for homeless. Maybe if we are flexible with the way we approach the 5% it can be achieved.

Allison: We can get creative to make this work. Thanked Kelly for the feedback.

Goal D: no questions on this goal.

Allison thanked all who participated in putting this together.

Motion to Approve Strategic Plan by: Jessica Padilla

Seconded by: David Saltzman

No Discussion. All in favor: Yes

B. Discussion to Make Planning Workgroup a standing committee.

Motion to Approve Making Planning Workgroup a standing committee by: Rebecca Sherrod

Seconded by: Chris Kirk

No Discussion. All in favor: Yes

Allocations Committee Update:

Vote is needed for: Allocations Committee Membership, please look for an email vote this week regarding this.

Vote is needed for: 2022 Allocations Schedule

Carmine: Is this a new document?

Allison: we have never been so specific with dates, trying to just be more on top of this timeline.

Rebecca: usually short turn around times, trying to be respectful of everyone's time.

Motion to Approve 2022 Allocations Schedule by: Kelly Stevens

Seconded: Carmine Deo

No Discussion. All in favor: yes

Allison thanked everyone for participating. Will reach out to everyone about their committee obligations, send Allison your choice of committee if you have chosen one.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:00pm

Next Meeting: March 24, 2022