

**Morris County Continuum of Care
Executive Committee Meeting
May 28, 2026, OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

Attended by:

Name	Representative Category	Present=1 Absent=0
NONVOTING		
Errico, Kasey	County/Lead Agency	0
VOTING		
Alvarez, Alicia	Nourish NJ	1
Bryant, Elise	Community Member/Advocate	1
Caban, Sherina	Community Member/Advocate	0
Curry, Clarence	MC Human Relations Commission	1
Kirk, Chris	Community Member/Advocate	1
Ocansey, Elorm	Community Member/Advocate	1
Pawlyshyn, Jonelle	Community Member/Advocate	1
	Total voting members	6
Quorum = 5	Total members	6
OTHER REPRESENTATIVES AND CONSULTANTS		
Archer, Amy	County/Lead Agency	1
Brewster, Candy	HMFA/Consultant	1
Balitsos, Kathryn	Monarch/Consultant	1

Guests:

Karina Calabuig, Hope House

Laura Giorgi, Family Promise of Morris County

Ernest Gutierrez, CSPNJ

Eli Harris, CSPNJ

Anahi Hernandez, Academy Street School

Lindsay Holleran, CSPNJ

Gerardo Segovia, CSPNJ

Viktorija Spasova-Kaiser, Mental Health Association of Essex and Morris

Jaclyn Stoll, Homeless Solutions, Inc.

Christine Tesoriero, Homeless Solutions, Inc.

Welcome: Alicia Alvarez started the meeting at 10:07 am and welcomed all attendees. All attendees introduced themselves.

Old Business:

Coordinated Entry (CE) Update – Eli Harris

CSPNJ began using the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) in mid-March. Since then, they have served 111 individuals and currently have 94 active cases in the system. The top needs noted are financial assistance, shelter, housing navigation, and utility assistance.

NOFO Updates – Kathryn Balitsos

The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is anticipated to be released May 29, 2026. Based on what the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has indicated, it could have a deadline of August 26, 2026, but this is to be confirmed. Ms. Balitsos described the changes that are speculated to occur when the NOFO is released. Some changes could include service requirements for individuals to receive housing, a reduction in guaranteed funding, and street outreach being an allowable expense. Ms. Balitsos also discussed the potential for a permanent housing cap of 30%. She noted that predicted funding for Morris County is currently based on 2025 data as HUD's Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW) has not yet been released.

Data Quality Subcommittee Updates – Kathryn Balitsos

Ms. Balitsos stated that the Data Governance Committee met on May 15. They are looking for a new Chair or Co-Chair as previous Chair, Emily Legg, had to step down from her position on the Committee. At the last meeting, members reviewed the data quality reports. Ms. Balitsos noted several issues, including lack of data regarding client income on annual updates and missing Social Security Numbers. Agencies are encouraged to update data in HMIS as lack of data can impact the NOFO score.

The Committee is focusing on maintaining regular meetings and ensuring that all HMIS-entering agencies have a regular presence.

New Business:

Discussion – Chairs Needed – Alicia Alvarez

Ms. Alvarez discussed the difficulty in transitioning leadership over the past year. There are several open positions:

- Allocations Committee
- Executive Committee – Vice-Chair
- Community Assistance Services (CAS) – Chair and Notetaker
- Data Quality Subcommittee – Chair

She noted that funded providers cannot serve on the Allocations Committee. If anyone is interested, or knows of someone who may be interested, they can reach out to Ms. Alvarez, Ms. Balitsos, or Ms. Archer.

Ms. Pawlyshyn asked how frequently CAS meets. Ms. Alvarez stated they meet quarterly, but she will send out more information regarding the commitment it requires.

Allocation Update:

Expected Timelines – Kathryn Balitsos

Ms. Balitsos shared an anticipated timeline for the 2026 NOFO. In April, the CoC conducted monitorings of funded projects and will send out the results shortly. Once HUD releases the NOFO in late May or June, the CoC will then release a Request for Applications (RFA). Applications will likely be due in July, and notifications sent out in August. The agency will then apply for HUD funding in August, roughly two weeks after agencies have been notified of their rankings. It was noted that once the NOFO is officially released, a more detailed timeline will be shared.

At the last Allocations Committee meeting, there were several new members. The Committee is required to have at least 5 members and currently has 4. If anyone is interested in becoming a member and is not planning to apply for funding, they are welcome to reach out for more information.

Public Testimony:

Ms. Bryant shared that Union County Housing is opening up their choice voucher program. She put the information in the chat.

Adjournment: The open portion of the meeting closed at 11:04 am.