



COUNTY OF HUNTERDON NEW JERSEY

HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ALCOHOLISM & DRUG ABUSE YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION MENTAL HEALTH BOARD



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REFERENCE:

- Council
- Mental Health
- Youth
- Disability Services
- Substance
- Use Disorder
- Transportation

To be approved September 18, 2023.

COMPREHENSIVE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE SYSTEM (CEAS) COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting

Monday, June 19, 2:00 p.m.
Via Microsoft Teams

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

M. Class-Ramirez
J. Gorman

GUESTS

J. Abbott
O. Kenolorode
S. Lax

EX-OFFICIO

J. Kuhl

STAFF

L. Piazza-Long
K. Burghardt
S. Nekola

*Designee

I. CONVENE:

“This meeting is being held in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 – 10:4-21. Notice of this meeting has been provided in the Hunterdon County Democrat and the Courier News. A public notice announcing this meeting has also been placed in the lobbies of the Hunterdon County Department of Human Services, the first floor of the Main Street County Complex, 71 Main Street Building #1, Flemington, NJ; the first floor of the Route 12 County Complex, Building #3, 314 State Route 12, Flemington, NJ and County Clerk’s Office.”

II. MINUTES: The January 9, 2023, and March 20, 2023, meeting minutes will be tabled due to no quorum for a vote until the next CEAS meeting September 18, 2023.

III. REPORTS:

A. Homeless Prevention Program/Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program – Family Promise of Hunterdon County: A. Fields not present.

B. Tri-County Continuum of Care: S. Nekola reported the request for letters of intent for the 2023 funding should have been posted to the websites of Warren, Sussex, and Hunterdon counties. Susan confirmed that the application was posted to the Hunterdon website. Proposals were due on June 9, 2023. For that funding there was a mandatory conference that people

were supposed to attend. An executive committee meeting is scheduled for the end of the month and members will find out what happened with the proposals. The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled in August.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Housing List: K. Burghardt reported the Housing Choice Voucher Program stopped accepting applications as of 11:59 p.m. on June 15, 2023. They received a total of 2,324 applications, 650 of those individuals did request the local preference. The Division is working on the de-duplication process; there are a lot of people who applied anywhere from two and up to four times. You are only allowed to apply once. The software will merge duplicate applications together, the Division needs to give the software provider a list and are working on that now. After this is completed, the division staff will confirm with all the applicants requesting local preference if they were able to give us the required documentation. On July 15, 2023, the lottery will be run and people who were selected will be notified. The Division of Housing will ask if they qualify for the Veterans, Homeless or Domestic Violence preferences. The application process went very smoothly. We did have some people come to the office for assistance with the application, but most people did apply online. We did not have many people expressing having difficulty applying, the hardest thing was for people to know that they did not have to register prior to applying. Overall, it worked for the consumers.

S. Lax requested to know what the total for the Housing Choice Voucher Program Lottery was?

K. Burghardt advised the total will be 500, 2,324 people applied, 650 requested the local preference but we haven't de-duplicated that number yet but guessed that we probably have over 100 people who applied more than once. We are hopeful that all 500 people will have local preference once we complete the de-duplication but will keep everyone updated.

V. NEW BUSINESS: No New Business currently.

VI. DISCUSSION:

J. Gorman requested to know if S. Nekola knew when the Farmers Market Coupons for the Seniors would start?

S. Nekola advised they started on June 8, 2023. Mary Connor and Pia Rey have a desk outside on Thursday and Friday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. People can come and get their coupons and fill out their applications there. They are issuing Quick Response (QR) codes this year that the farmers are scanning so there is nothing to keep track of it is all in the Quick Response (QR) code.

J. Kuhl reported that the county will be sharing news about the Farmer's Market Coupons in the Hunterdon Report that goes out to a lot of the people in the community about the Farmers Coupons for the Seniors.

S. Lax conveyed that A. Fields was not present for the meeting but was wondering when she would be giving an EFSP update. S. Lax also wanted to know if there was an upcoming meeting for new funding?

S. Nekola advised she does not believe there is any active funding currently. Susan advised that the funding that was awarded has been utilized the county has not received a new award.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:08 p.m. M. Class-Ramirez made a motion and J. Gorman seconded. The next meeting will be Monday, September 18, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.