

Morris County Continuum of Care (CoC) Executive Committee
July 24, 2014
Meeting Notes

Voting Members Present:

Jeffrey Bashe, HSAC; Joseph Gallow, Consumer Advocate; Jodi Miciak, United Way; Frank Pinto, Morris County Dept. Human Services; Rebekka Zydel, Child & Family Resources. Joan Bruseo, OTA. Absent: Bill Byrnes, F.M. Kirby Foundation; Patrice Picard, Cornerstone; Dave Scott, Market Street Mission.

Ex-Officio Members Present: Lou Schwarcz, Mental Health Association; Patty Sly, Jersey Battered Women's Services; Betsey Hall, Homeless Solutions. Absent: Mike Armstrong.

Guests: Taiisa Kelly, Monarch Housing.

Staff: Laurie Becker and Shelia Carter, Morris County Human Services.

1. Rebekka Zydel, Chair, opened the meeting with welcomes and introductions. The May 22, 2014 meeting notes were approved.
2. Homeless Plan – Laurie Becker reviewed the Introduction of the Homeless Plan with members. The Plan was approved with final edits to the Introduction to be made by Jeff Bashe and reviewed by Rebekka Zydel. The finalized version of the Plan will then be posted to the www.morrishumanservices.org website.
3. Status of HUD CoC Priorities
 - a. Coordinated Assessment— Joann Bjornson, Family Promise, the lead on this project, will be meeting with the CoC subcommittee on August 5 to work on the assessment tool. Will be piloted by Office of Temporary Assistance and is targeted to go on line in January 2015.
 - b. Policies and Procedures—Jodi Miciak, with the CoC subcommittee, is developing this document. There will be regular progress reports to the Executive Committee and when the draft is completed, it will be submitted for the Executive Committee's approval.
4. Systems Advocacy – Lou Schwarcz suggested that the committee invite a representative from the Division of Mental Health & Addiction Services (DMHAS) to discuss changes in service provision of homeless services. There is concern that these changes will have a negative impact on the homeless system.

Members had questions about NORWESCAP's rapid re-housing program that may be available to Morris County. Laurie will contact Terry Newhard to request a presentation on this program.

5. Other business:

- The draft of the 2014 HUD CoC Ranking tool was reviewed and discussed. The committee voted to accept this document with revisions.
- Taiisa Kelly, Monarch Consultants, reported that the 2014 CoC funding process has begun. The Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW) was sent out last week with a July 25th return date to HUD. It is expected that the SuperNOFA will be released end of August.
- Lou Schwarcz talked of the benefit to having Project Homeless Connect and the Point In Time homeless survey held on the same day in January 2015 instead of on two different dates. The Mental Health Association of Morris County (MHAMC) continues to lead both of these events. The general consensus was that MHAMC should be able to make the decision on a date for Project Homeless Connect as the overseer of this event.

Next steps:

What	Who	When
Complete Introduction to Homeless Plan	Laurie B/Jeff B.	July 25
Invite Terry Newhard, NORWESCAP, to next meeting	Laurie B.	August

Next meeting: October 2, 2014 at 3 p.m., (date changed due to Rosh Hashanah)
MCDHS, 30 Schuyler Place, Morristown.