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Full Membership Meeting Minutes

Monday March 18th, 2024 | 10am – 12pm

- I. **Welcome & Introductions**
- II. **Presentation:** Jennifer Gallagher and Michele Price, MHANJ-Ocean County-Support Programs
- III. **Approval of Minutes from January 22nd, 2024** -Motion was provided; seconded and approved
- IV. **Executive Board Update**-The HPAC executive committee reviewed and approved local selection materials and funding priorities during the last meeting. The Committee is prioritizing projects that come in for Permanent Supportive Housing dedicated to seniors experiencing homelessness, and RRH for survivors of Domestic Violence. We will be using the survey monkey apply portal to accept online applications only this year. We hope to release applications early in May and will host a technical assistance session shortly after the release to provide additional information.
 - a. **HMIS Consent Form**-This new consent form that was sent in your email packet would be in lieu of the original consent form. This will be the form attached to your programs to sign instead of the original HMIS consent form. There will also be a paper one available for those agencies that do not use HMIS. We decided to put this together so that whenever there is any kind of case conferencing meeting, there is automatically a consent form in place for any agencies to get together and discuss cases whenever the need arises.
 - b. **There was a motion to approve the new form, it was seconded and approved.**
- **State Update**
 - Housing Inventory Count opened on 3/18. It is pulling from HMIS this year, so bed inventories must be corrected. I am happy to set up meetings to ensure they are correct.
 - Rapid Rehousing and Permanent Housing Move-in dates are still needed to make sure Housing Utilization Reports are correct. If you are a RRH/PH agency, please check your dates.
 - All HMIS users must have their primary email entered into HMIS under password and security. If you are a site administrator, you can add your users' emails under staff information. Each login must have a unique email.
 - There is Site Admin training on 3/20 and 3/27 at 10am
 - There is General User training on 3/21 and 3/28 at 10am
- V. **Code Blue**-In February there were 20 Code Blue nights as opposed to 26 in January; there have been 2 in March so far, however this whole week is a Code

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Blue alert. Still a high volume of consumers. In Toms River between the 2 sites, we are seeing between 40-50 per night. The Lakewood site is at capacity or just below at 25 per night. True Vine/Bayville is steady at 10-12 per night and Just Believe/Harbor House is between 5-8 per night.

VI. Federal Updates- The Fiscal year 2023 HUD awards came out. All renewals were fully funded. No new projects were brought in to the county

VII. County Updates – OCBSS has funding for back rent, back utilities, first month rent, security deposits, and temporary shelter.

VIII. Workgroups & Committee Reports

Permanent Housing Committee Priority is finding landlords and realtors interested in helping to identify housing for clients in need. Voucher holders are having trouble identifying housing prior to vouchers expiring. Katie Lord will be stepping down as Chair of the Permanent Housing Committee as of 4/5/2024.

- **Veterans Committee-** Met on 3/11/2024. 3 new veterans were identified since the prior meeting, and 3 were moved into permanent housing. The meeting on 4/8 is cancelled, we'll resume on Monday, May 13th, 2024.

- **PIT –** no report

- **Outreach-** no report

Coordinated Assessment-we have been outreaching to the Code Blue sites and participating in various outreach events with agencies trying to encourage people to get engaged with CE. If agencies could encourage their clients to connect with Coordinated Entry it would be much appreciated.

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IX. Trends/Emerging Needs

X. Agency Updates & Announcements- Family Promise has room in their shelter program. Taharka Sankara introduced Therapy Homes, a place where they have rooms in homes to rent that are shared. They have space available in ocean county. www.therapyhomes.org

XI. Adjournment

Next meeting: **May 20th, 2024 10am**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82448958899?pwd=ajVyZTBXR2tnOHpYd0taSnI4OURsZz09>

Meeting ID: 824 4895 8899

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