

# Ocean County Homeless Prevention and Assistance Coalition

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## Full Membership Meeting Minutes

Monday January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025| 10am – 12pm

**Minutes** were approved with a Motion and second and full approval of group.

**Executive Board Update**-the Executive Board has been talking about putting together a prevention subcommittee. They are looking to bring in other members of the community, such as hospitals and they are looking for your expertise as well. So anyone who is working in prevention or connected in it in some way, please reach out to me, if you are interested in being a part of a Prevention Sub-committee

**State Update** – NJHMFA trainings were announced-Check HMIS website for up to date trainings

**Code Blue** – We had 8 nights in November; 22 nights in December; 12 nights in January so far. The County site has seen as many as 54 people a night; slowly creeping up to 60. The other sites are at or near capacity, as well, which has giving us a total of 140/night overall. We have 6 active sites and hope to have the Little Egg Harbor site up and running soon.

**Federal Updates**- The LSA has been submitted. The System Performance Measures are due in late February/early March. We are waiting for HUD to announce the CoC awards; waiting to see what the Congressional budget allocates to new budgets so that we can see what new projects look like. We also have Tiffany working with Ocean County as a data specialist and she is going to speak just a little bit on how she has been working on the data quality issue;

Tiffany is working within HMIS looking at the programs that the CoC is using. When she finds errors, she will reach out to your agency to help guide you through the issues. She is here to help and to clean up the data so that we get cleaner data and better reports. A question was asked if Tiffany was receiving positive feedback from the agencies that she is reaching out to. Tiffany said that she is receiving positive feedback. There are some agencies that she just has not heard from at all. Another question was could an agency be pro-active and ask for help from Tiffany before there is a problem. Tiffany said, absolutely. [tjohnson@monarchhousing.org](mailto:tjohnson@monarchhousing.org) You can also reach out to HMIS help desk with any questions.

**County Updates** – trying to stay on top of Code Blue. Homelessness Trust Fund met last week and they addressed the priorities they are focusing on.

OCBSS- has limited funding for non-public assistance clients for back-rent and security deposits.

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**Outreach/PIT-** Point in Time Count-where we do our best to count all of the people who are unsheltered on the night of January 28<sup>th</sup>. We have one week from there to do outreach and surveys. We will have sites open, as well, where people can come and we will conduct surveys. ( the BEAT Center, AHA, 405 Washington St., Seeds of Service and Great Bay Gospel Church, Little Egg Harbor). All Code Blue centers will be open on January 28<sup>th</sup> regardless of the weather. We have a PIT workgroup that meets weekly to coordinate. Donations have been solicited and are being collected at LivWell.

**Youth** – Foster Youth to Independence-Youth who are homeless or aging out of foster care. We are working with Brick Public Housing Authority and DCF. The Youth has to have had at least one night involvement with DCF foster care and they will be eligible for housing voucher. Supportive services are included. We are close to getting this up and running.

## **Workgroups & Committee Reports**

- **Veterans Committee** - no meeting. Exchanged updates through encrypted email. identified 5 new veterans. Housed  
Next meeting-January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- **Coordinated Assessment** – no update

## **Agency Updates & Announcements-**

- Ocean Inc-Utility assistance must be done online-clients can go to their office for help. 1256 IndianHead Plaza Toms River. February 19, Ocean County Utility Assistance Day at Ocean County Library, Toms River from 9am-3pm; Senior Isolation Program 732-244-5333x1318; Veterans Transportation Program, Carmine, 732-496-3704: [www.oceaninc.org](http://www.oceaninc.org)
- AHA Agency Day was January 16; no showers-too cold.
- SRAP applications are open; you have until the end of the month.
- Family Promise has funding for prevention, back rent, for court/eviction, please send everyone to our hotline 609-994-3317 and leave a message, we have a day center in Toms River and we have a new girl scout troop.

## **Adjournment**

Next meeting: **March 10, 2025 10am**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82149379293?pwd=Q9yQm3INBgy8IWQSiM5eNGOZ8tJ1ER.1>

Meeting ID: 821 4937 9293

Passcode: 543692

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