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Full Membership Meeting Minutes

Monday July 15th, 2024 | 10am – 12pm

Welcome & Introductions

Presentation: NJ Division of Civil Rights Housing Presentation **Approval of Minutes from May 20, 2024**-Motion to approve by Katie Colhoun, 2nd by Elizabeth Golla- Minutes Approved

Executive Board Update-We received Local Selection application and will be reviewing them soon. We are awaiting the NOFO, which should be coming any day now. We have updated the By-laws. I will be sending them out before the next meeting so everyone has time to look over them because you will have to vote them in. And then I will send out a membership form for people to fill out because we need to get a list of everyone that is a voting member. We will do that for the September meeting.

State Update- NJHMFA Website administrator trainings this Wed and next Wed, you do need attend both at 10am. General User training this Thursday and next Thursday.

- Code Blue/Red sent out the 2 fliers of the agencies that are providing Cooling Center services
- II. **Federal Updates** We received word unofficial word that NOFO will be coming out this week, probably. This NOFO will be every 2 years instead of every year.
- III. **County Updates** We had 2 contracts out 1 was for acquisition to address homelessness it was for \$7 million. Awarded to HABcore in collaboration with Family Promise and Bright Harbor- in Little Egg Harbor, there may be another project in the works, we are just waiting to hear. The other was for Young Adult bridge housing for \$5 million. It was awarded to Bright Harbor Health Care to purchase 1 large or 2 small working farm projects-for aging out youth.

 BOSS-Has funding for Back rent, back utilities, 1st month's rent, EA

IV. Workgroups & Committee Reports

- Permanent Housing Committee We need a new Chair; is anyone interested in being the new chair. Please email me if you are interested.
- Veterans Committee- Met July 8th. Id'd 10 new veterans, have not housed any. Next meeting August 10 at 2pm
- PIT OC report sent out to everyone- 514 total- Just the count for the week of January 23 through January 30th.
 Code Blue was open January 23. Outreach was conducted throughout the week. Question about whether this OC

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John Tritto Ocean County Board of Social Services report was counting all people because it wasn't showing all the agencies that were put in to Monkey Survey. The report is showing the people counted, not necessarily who counted them. Pastor Rhetta noted that one of her Code Blue sites is not listed on the report. PIT never truly captures all of the homeless.

- Outreach-met July 10 everyone from the community provides updates. TRHHC has community days 2 per month. Pastor Rhetta is doing one now. BEAT Center; Lakewood Police outreach committee has events as well. Meet 2nd Wed of each month at 10am via TEAMS
- Coordinated Assessment Up tick in admissions.
 Working with outreach organizations in the Toms River encampment in to the RRH program.

Trends/Emerging Needs

Agency Updates & Announcements- Community Health Law Projecthas funding for consumers who are in eviction/foreclosure seniors/disabled legal aspect. HABcore is looking for leads on landlords that will take RRH funding.

Rhetta has people willing to rent rooms. AHA has Home Sharing program and they are looking for people who would like to share their home and rent a room. Toi put the contact in the Chat.

Family Promise has prevention funding for anyone-huge increase in need for seniors.

TRHHC-Agency Day Thursday July 25th-mobile showers and free haircuts. Agency days are 2x per month. Mobile showers and free haircuts are only once a month. AHA has a hard stop at 4pm True Vine Cooling Center every Wednesday has an Agency Day 10am-1pm-we are trying to alternate agency days with TRHHC