

# Ocean County Homeless Prevention and Assistance Coalition

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## Full Membership Meeting Agenda Monday November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 | 10am – 12pm

Welcome & Introductions

**Approval of Minutes** of September 16, 2024 -**Alan 2nded-approved**

**Executive Board** Update-no updated except that we completed the NOFO

**State Update** -Jackie from NJHMFA-last couple of trainings coming up for HMIS- Wed is the last site administrator training for the year and Thursday is the last general users training for the year. Both are at 10am. [jrobinson@njhmfa.org](mailto:jrobinson@njhmfa.org) Any LSA questions should go through the Help Desk

Alan re Mckinney-Vento-trying to identify students and families-we are recommending going back to concept of having a homeless liaison in every school building and coming up with a standardized notification that can be used on a monthly basis that is continuous. We are only identifying 1.8 of the students that actually homeless. Other states are doing much better.

**Code Blue** -we've had 2 code blue nights so far. If you wish to be on our email list serve email [jhakim@monarchhousing.org](mailto:jhakim@monarchhousing.org)

**Federal Updates**-we completed the NOFO at the end of October and we are currently working on the LSA

**County Updates** – Heather Lynn- OCBSS still has funding for back rent, security, back utilities 1<sup>st</sup> month's rent. We do link homeless families with DCP&P. Noelle from DCP&P said that they bring the homeless families to Agency days and to AHA for CE. They are struggling to help. They do not have funds to house homeless families.

AHA is trying to open a shelter at their day center site and there is a Zoning Board meeting tonight at 6:30pm if anyone wants to come and show their support.

### Workgroups & Committee Reports

**Permanent Housing Committee** – we are still working on revamping the committee and will be looking for new participants. We will reach out when we are ready.

**Veterans Committee** -Did not meet in November due to Veteran's day. In October we identified 2 new veterans and housed 3. Next meeting is Monday Dec. 9 at 2pm. If anyone would like to join in that meeting reach out to Mark.

**Outreach/PIT**-We had an Outreach committee meeting last wed. We are seeking people to work with us on the PIT committee can reach to me, or Katie. We did release the PIT results that were sent out. The summary is here. 556 people experiencing homeless on Jan. 24, 2024. That is a 28% increase. I will attach the summary. Obviously there are more homeless people in the county than this count shows; this count only shows the people that were willing to share their information with us and the people we were able to reach. Next Outreach/PIT meeting is scheduled

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for Dec. 11 at 10am. We will be scheduling more frequent PIT committee meetings separately.

**Coordinated Assessment-** averaging 40-60 people coming into CE each month. We are rehousing people through RRH at about 7-11 people each month. We have also been trying to get people into the home sharing program. For Home Sharing contact Joe Lewis -848-420-0879; [joseph.lewis@homesharing.org](mailto:joseph.lewis@homesharing.org)  
We've had an uptick in large families; families of 5 people or more. We've also had more DV survivors coming in.

Alan asked should families call Social Services before calling Coordinated Entry-if they want to call Social Services, they can, but the main thing is to get on the Coordinated Entry list. We have heard concern from families that they are concerned about going to Social Services because they will call DCP&P.

**Trends/Emerging Needs-**Families seems to be an emerging need

## Agency Updates & Announcements

- Ocean Inc, Community Action Agency, see website for all services they provide: [www.oceaninc.org](http://www.oceaninc.org)

Home Energy Dept is busy-best to come early in morning-8:30am. DCA is going with online applications, so we are helping clients with the online applications.

Senior Isolation transportation program-Call 732-244-5333 x1318-Dora

Home buyer Program-Mark Lomella-732-244-5333 x1110

Tucker's Walk New Construction Site- 24 Units to be done in phases-1<sup>st</sup> phase will be 6 units- will have 4 vouchers attached for veterans. To be completed by April 2025. The remaining units will be for income eligible people.

• The Veterans Transportation Outreach event is now available for income-eligible Ocean, Atlantic and Cape May County residents.

Once approved for assistance, the O.C.E.A.N., Inc. Veterans Transportation Program provides a monetary credit in the veterans EZ Ride account that is used to book Uber/Lyft rides to and from medical appointments, grocery/retail shopping, military organizational social and any other community events. A spouse/caregiver is able to ride with the veteran.

Participants must own a cell phone to utilize the program. If you or someone you know is an income-eligible veteran and requires transportation services, **contact the O.C.E.A.N., Inc. Veterans**

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**Transportation Coordinator, Carmine “Chops” Czapla at (732) 496-3704 or via email at [cczapla@oceaninc.org](mailto:cczapla@oceaninc.org).** During the registration process, be sure to have available income-eligible documentation, a driver’s license, Military ID or Veterans identification and a copy of your

Calendar of Events Reminder: To review all upcoming Ocean Inc. outreach events throughout the region, be sure to visit the Ocean Inc. 'Calendar of Events' with updates continuously posted on the following site: <https://oceaninc.org/calendar-of-events>

- If anyone would like a legal presentation on topics such as guardianship, foreclosure, or social security, please reach out to me at the Community Health Law Project. My email is [rkolas@chlp.org](mailto:rkolas@chlp.org)
- NJ HIV Housing Collaborative (NJHHC) Single point-of-entry for Emergency Housing and HIV Care in New Jersey  
Web of service providers across the state collaborating to improve health and stability among People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA)  
Training and support for non-medical case managers to provide housing-focused case management (Housing Ambassadors)  
Evaluating Homeless Systems in NJ  
[srivera@stclaresservices.org](mailto:srivera@stclaresservices.org)
- Just Believe-Larry’s Home is completing footing and brick work and construction will continue. Code Blue will be in South Toms River-family focused. Over 200 housed since January.

## I. Adjournment

Next meeting: **January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 10am**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81104396345?pwd=o0aDCp8cbdoJa8osk4Ib3fl59skMBV.1>

Meeting ID: 811 0439 6345

Passcode: 470909

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