

**Burlington County Continuum of Care
March 18, 2021 @ 9AM**

PRESENT: Monica Rego, Linda Horner, Marge McGinley, Madelyn Sutton, Melanie Vazquez, Peggy Singer, Louis Tedesco, Cinthia Gonzalez, Scott Rush, Laurie, James McCullough, Darlene Trappier, Jannelle Johnson, Mark Harding, Heather Coleman, Pat Cottrell, Shauna Taylor, Jenny Allen, Evelyn Rosado, Iva Klemick, Greg Mayers, Bob Wright, Tamira Sisco, Kaitlyn Varanyak, Catherine Galesky, Dawne Belfon, Lauren Simone-Carpenter, Loretta Robinson, Kristine Bodnar, M. Best, Rovenna Overton, Abiodun Odufejo, Lisa Falcone, Heather Coleman, Mecca M., Megan Tyler, Heather Cook, Nichole Simmons-Graham, Sam Rudd, Vivienne Stewart, Frank Cumbo, Peggy Singer, Inell Sutton, Patty (Oaks), Michael Watson, Anne Greenwood, Malikah Morris, L. Roland, Lila Myers, Nidia Rodriguez, Lorraine Ruzich, Carol Clark, Dr. Lewis Dixon, Brandon Markowsky, Jeremy Lemmon, Kent Pipes

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Marge McGinley at 9:01 AM

2. Approval of February Minutes

The minutes were moved for approval by Mark Harding and seconded by Madelyn Sutton. All were in favor.

3. Spotlight Presentation-Virtua Community Health Engagement, Greg Mayers

Greg Mayers presented information regarding Virtua Health Community Connections which addresses behavioral health, accessing care, communications and relations, and obesity. Greg Mayers reviewed referral activity by the agencies, community-based outcomes, access to food, housing, goods, transit, health, money, care, and education. The site has multiple languages and is accessible to both agencies and clients.

4. SuperNOFA

Lisa Falcone stated that a letter of intent is due April 5, 2021, a Technical Assistance (TA) session for applications will be held on April 15, 2021, and May 7, 2021 the applications are due. The Governance Board created an ad-hoc subcommittee to review documents. Please continue to monitor our website for important public notices.

5. HMIS

Cinthia Gonzalez stated administrator training is available in six sessions. General User Training is available on March 25, 2021 and Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Bed inventory training is available on March 26, 2021.

6. Veteran's Subcommittee

Mark Harding states the veteran subcommittee is meeting three of the four benchmarks to end homelessness for the Veterans. Mark Harding also announced that Tina Mikes is taking on new duties and will be stepping down from being Chair of the veteran's subcommittee.

7. Board of Social Services

Lila Myers stated that the building remains closed to the public and the Board of Social Services are still on a team's schedule.

8. Housing Hub

Malikah Morris reported that there will be an emergency food distribution at Burlington County Institute of Technology (BCIT) in Westampton on Saturday from 10 AM -12 PM. Code Blue is coordinating with the Board of Social Services. There have been 83 Code Blue days with 204 unduplicated individuals assisted. The need for emergency placement is rising because Code Blue is beginning to end. There are a lot of requests from clients for back rent and mortgage assistance.

Phase 2 of COVID emergency rental assistance goes live via the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) website on March 22, 2021, at 9 AM. The website is <https://www.nj.gov/dca/cverap2.shtml>. This covers rental assistance only. The portal will also help landlords apply for back rent payments. The helpline and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) will answer any questions. Twelve months of rent will be covered, and a reassessment will be performed, and another three months of help are possible.

9. Rapid Rehousing

BCAP-28 households (15 singles and 13 families) have been assisted. 12 clients are active with 2 new move-ins.

BCAP DCA COVID-19 Rapid Rehousing-33 cases (of a possible 80) are being assisted. 15 have been housed. BCCAP also has helped with security deposits for victims of domestic violence, re-entry programs, and back rent available at \$1,500 per customer with a court summons and the client's ability to pay the difference.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES-55 individuals and 67 families have been assisted. 14 are active (6 individuals, 8 families), 1 pending application, 1 pending move-in, and 6 pending discharge.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES has also assisted 20 households with motel placement and 22 households with rental assistance.

CHRISTIAN CARING CENTER-307 singles and 193 households assisted. 10 households are currently being assisted. There were no move-ins but 2 are pending move-in.

OAKS INTEGRATED-For ICM 111 singles and 14 families have been assisted. 13 are current (12 individuals and 1 household). 2 approved for DCA voucher, 2 are pending approval, and 4 are in housing search.

BELMONT HOMES-no report.

10. CoC

a. Code Blue.

Madelyn Sutton reports that there have been 83 days of code blue declared. 204 unduplicated individuals have been assisted. Catholic Charities has assisted families, who were not counted towards the 204 unduplicated individuals. Causing the number of clients assisted quite higher. The Code Blue Committee is starting to plan for next year.

The Health Department came to the Christian Caring Center yesterday and vaccinated all the staff and as many homeless as possible (50 doses of Johnson & Johnson vaccine).

b. Governance Board

The Governance Board met Tuesday and discussed the HUD SuperNOFA; the Board assembled the ad-hoc subcommittee to review applications, elected a secretary, and discussed code blue.

c. SSH

James McCullough states that Level of Service (LOS) sheets will be arriving soon. Purchase Orders (P.O.'s) have been issued to the agencies. 3,638 people have been aided with shelter, food, case management, or prevention. The Coordinated Assessment meeting is March 30, 2021 at 10 AM and will meet every other month thereafter on the third Tuesday.

11. Comments

Lauren Simmons-Graham had a question about families in Burlington County whose children go to school outside the county. Lauren Simmons-Graham was invited to stay on the call after the meeting to have that question addressed. Lauren Simmons-Graham also questioned about landlords not accepting temporary rental assistance without proof and wanted to know what proof could be supplied and what advertising for the program was available.

Rovenna Overton acquired to find information for consumers to get a Photo Identification (Photo ID) and was also invited to stay on the call after the meeting to have that question addressed.

12. Adjournment

Mark Harding moved for adjournment and Malukah Morris seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 AM.