

Burlington County Continuum of Care
February 18, 2021 @ 9AM
Via Zoom 987 3844 6386

PRESENT: Monica Rego, Jennifer Hiros, Marge McGinley, Tina Mikes, Jenny Allen, Patricia Cottrell, Carol Clark, Lila Myers, Marissa Constantin, Scott Rush, Tim Hurley, Abiodun Odufejo, Brandon Markowski, Cinthia Gonzalez, Darlene Trappier, Dawne Belfon, Heather Cook, Heather Coleman, Kristine Bodnar, Lauren Simone-Carpenter, Malukah Morris, Mark Harding, Melonie Vazquez, Mosudi Idowu, Nidia Rodriguez, Rovena Overton, Shauna TC, Tamara Sisco, Madelyn Sutton, Catherine Galesky, Jannell Johnson, Bob Wright, Khalil, Vivienne Stewart, Patty KFT, Michael Watson, Candy Brewster, Nicole, Maureen, Loretta Robinson, Megan Tyler, Lori Ruzick, FCumbo, Kelly West, Lisa Falcone, Nelson M., Kent Pipes, Yolanda Melendez, Sonia Bullock, Patricia Zimmerman, Maureen Sokolowsky, Linda Horner

1. Call to order
The meeting was called to order at 9:03 am by Marge McGinley.
2. Spotlight Presentation: Veterans Assistance, Tina Mikes
Ms. Mikes spoke about the necessity for building partnerships in order to end veteran homelessness. Two counties in New Jersey, Bergen and Middlesex, have ended veteran homelessness. The numbers continue to improve. The Agency is tracking 14 veterans currently. Four benchmarks need to be met in order to submit the application. In order to help, please provide housing leads, offer services, attend meetings and ask clients if they have ever served in the military. Refer clients to Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) through the three agencies: Soldier On (866-406-8449), Community Hope (855-483-8466), Veterans Multi-Service Center (856-293-7321).
3. HUD Super NOFA: Lisa Falcone, Monarch Housing
There will be a 2021 Super NOFA and Monarch is in the process of registering all the CoCs.
4. HMIS: Cinthia Gonzalez
Advisory Council meets tomorrow. They will address providing updates with the State and County and they hope to expand their audience. Anyone is welcome to come. Administrative Training on Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) is on Wednesdays from 10am-12pm for a total of six classes; regular training will be held February 25th and a new series of trainings for Longitudinal Systems Analysis (LSA) Household Composition and Bed Inventory will begin on Friday, February 26th for data entry or site admins. As agencies receive their CARES Act funding, it should be tracked in the database and you will be able to bundle your projects for reporting into SAGE.
5. Veterans Sub-Committee: Tina Mikes
Nine vets are currently housed and 5 are newly identified in the last 90 days.
6. Board of Social Services: Lila Myers
The Board continues to be closed to the public. Waivers for Supplement Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) will continue through July. Teams A and B work one week in the building and one week from home. They are gradually adding some fully remote workers back to teams in anticipation of the end of the moratoriums. There is an increased demand for services.

7. Housing Hub: Malukah Morris
The building continues to be closed to the public. Services are being provided virtually. She will be sending Agreements to update 211. COVID Housing Assistance Program (CHAP) numbers have not changed: 5 were added to Department of Community Affairs (DCA)'s RRH program and 31 who are employed or employable were accepted. Code Blue is to send individuals placed for services. Please send updates when you receive funding.
8. Rapid Rehousing
 - A. BCAP, Melonie
26 households served (13 singles and 13 families), 10 are active, 4 are pending, 1 new move in. 2 discharged, 2 terminated and 3 successfully exited.
 - B. Catholic Charities,
55 singles and 67 families have successfully exited the program. 13 are current (5 single and 8 families).
 - C. Christian Caring Center
307 singles and 191 families have been served. 5 households are being served currently and 2 were housed in February.
 - D. Oaks, ICM
111 individuals and 14 families have been served. 13 currently being served (12 singles, 1 family), 1 in housing search and 3 are pending DCA approval.
 - E. Belmont Homes, HPRP – no report
9. SSH – no report
10. CoC: Monica Rego
Division of Family Development (DFD) will be giving out Level of Service (LOS) forms for billing information regarding the different types of funding.
 - A. Code Blue, Madelyn Sutton
Placements are through motels this year. Unduplicated 164 individuals have been assisted. Beacon of Hope and Christian Caring Center are housing over 60 people per night. Many have been added to the Coordinated Assessment. Outreach is difficult because they sometimes disappear when the motel stay ends. Motel availability remains difficult and the motel owners are raising their rates.
 - B. Governance Board
Vivienne Stewart and Kevin Dowd were nominated by Madelyn Sutton and seconded by Heather Cook to fill the Governance Board vacancies for Mental Health and Housing Developer. All were in favor. There were no abstentions or nays.
11. Comments
Ms. Myers had a call from Serving our Community Excellently looking for mother's in shelters. They are interested in putting together baskets for Mother's Day.

Ms. Sutton stated that Food Bank members are eligible for a grant for capacity building. The due date has been extended to tomorrow at 4PM. Additionally, Sober Living has vacancies in their women's and men's facilities for reasonable rents.

Ms. Myers reminds everyone that she cannot divulge case information for clients. There is a release form on the Board of Social Services site that should be submitted.
12. Adjournment
There being no further comments, the meeting was adjourned at 10:07AM.

