

HSAC Minutes
April 4, 2018

- I. Call to Order and Roundtable Introductions – B. Desmond
The meeting was called to order at 2:04pm. Roundtable introductions followed.

Members Present:

Jeffrey Pierson – Freeholder
Bill Desmond – Member-at-Large
Sarah Matthews – Provider
Mary Dozier – Provider
John Roy – Consumer Advocate
Katie Faldetta – Provider
Barry Keefe – Member-at-Large
George Plewa – Provider
Marilou Rochford – Consumer Advocate
Carol Haig – Member-at-Large

Members Excused:

Terri Bryan
Nichol Hoff
Rose Kuprianov
Wayne Whelan
Barbara Makoski
Donna Groome
Eleanor McBride

Interested Persons:

Michele Grainger – Ocean, Inc.
Joe Fahy – Volunteer
Judy Kunec – MHADA Board/Program Review
Kevin Tomasello – DCP&P
Anne Garrison – Jersey Cape
Joe Sittineri – Jersey Cape
Lorenzo McFadden – Where Kids Thrive
John Fuqua – Complete Care
Elizabeth Cunningham – SJLS
Betsy Reed – NJDOL/One Stop
Norma Cordeiro – NJ DVRS
Sabrina Hand – HSAC Coordinator

- II. Additions and Corrections to the Minutes – B. Desmond
Minutes from the 3/7/18 meeting were emailed to voting members and hard copies were distributed at the meeting. B. Keefe motioned to accept the minutes as circulated and S. Matthews seconded. Motion carried. Once approved by the Council, meeting minutes are posted on the Cape May County website.

III. Administrator's Report – S. Hand

S. Hand stated that she would be giving a brief report at this time as most of the activities of the HSAC office have focused on contracting both closing out 2017 and executing 2018 contracts. To that end, the County budget was approved by the Board of Chosen Freeholders at their 3/27/18 meeting. All of the contracts funded through the CDHS will remain funded at CY 2017 levels. The Family Support Council #10 will hold their Spring Forum and Provider Fair on Saturday, April 21, 2018 from 10am to 1pm at SSSD. Guest speakers include Rosemary Browne, Assistant Director NJ DCF Children's System of Care, Jennifer Joyce, DDD Director of Supports Program, and Dianna Maurone, Administrator, Information & Referral Services NJ Division of Disability Services. Flyers are available for those interested. In preparation for the upcoming 2018 CoC Competition, the SNJCoC will be conducting site visits of all HUD funded CoC projects over the next few months. The SNJCoC would like to expand its pool of monitors/reviewers. Each member county of the SNJCoC has been asked to request volunteers from their HSAC Program Review and CEAS committees. Anyone interested in assisting in the monitoring of the CoC funded projects is asked to contact S. Hand. It is expected that volunteers will only be asked to monitor those projects in their own respective county and possibly an adjacent county. The HSAC office has received information from Atlantic City Electric regarding the availability of funding to assist their customers with winter energy bills through the LI-HEAP program. Copies of the email detailing eligibility criteria, as well as, information on how to apply are available for distribution today. Lastly, S. Hand then reminded those present that there are still a few more weeks until the close of tax season. Thus, the HSAC continues to ask agencies to assist in disseminating information about the EITC to their clientele. Informational flyers are available for distribution today. Agency representatives are encouraged to take flyers to share with their consumers.

IV. State Department Reports:

- DHS –
B. Desmond reported that copies of all NJ DHS announcements and press releases received since the March meeting including the DHS Reports were either emailed to all on the HSAC distribution lists or placed in the “pass around” folder for review.

- DCF – K. Tomasello
K. Tomasello distributed a written report with the following statistics with regard to the Cape May DCP&P local office for the month of March 2018: 352 total cases, (this = 655 active children with 162 children in placement). The cases breakdown into the following categories: 85 investigation cases, 163 in-home service cases and 104 placement cases (=352 cases). In addition, there were 67 intakes (46 for child abuse/neglect investigation and 21 for child welfare assessment). Thus far this year, 9 adoptions have been finalized. K. Tomasello concluded by noting the following staff changes/appointments within DCF: Christine Norbut-Beyer has been confirmed as the new DCF Commissioner, Carmen Diaz-Petti is the new DCP&P Director (Assistant Commissioner), Kathryn Way has been named as the new Director of CSOC (Assistant Commissioner), and the new DCP&P Atlantic West Local Office manager is Betsy Sunder (for retired Michele Stone). Freeholder Pierson asked if the monthly numbers reported were similar to those of prior years. K. Tomasello responded affirmatively. He did add, however; that the area in which there has been a substantial increase in the last year is the number of after-hours calls.

V. Committee Reports:

a. Executive Committee – B. Desmond

Minutes from the 3/28/18 meeting (held via email) were distributed. B. Desmond referenced #3 of the minutes regarding the staff change within the Division of Community and Behavioral Health Services, specifically, the resignation of P. Belasco as the YSC Administrator and the CIACC Coordinator. The office is in the process of hiring a replacement for this position.

Freeholder Pierson referenced #6 of the minutes regarding the awarding of Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention and Child Abuse/Missing Children funds to comment that he was pleased to see that the Rutgers “I Came with Instructions” project would receive funding for a second year. He noted that the project was very innovative and the additional year of funding would allow for the collection of project specific data over time.

- b. Services for the Disabled Committee – B. Makoski
B. Desmond reported for B. Makoski. The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for 4/17/18.
- c. Program Review Committee – J. Kunec
No report.
- d. WFNJ-WTW – D. Groome
D. Groome sends her apologies as she was unable to attend today’s meeting due to illness. She will provide an updated report at the May HSAC meeting.
- e. CEAS – S. Matthews
Minutes from the 3/13/18 meeting were distributed. S. Matthews stated that at the meeting the Committee reviewed the 2017 HUD CoC funding awards noting that all CMC projects were awarded renewal funding. The Committee also discussed the Veterans Homelessness Initiative and the implementation of Coordinated Assessment throughout the CoC region including the case conferencing component.
- f. CIACC – P. Belasco
Minutes from the 3/13/18 CIACC meeting were distributed. S. Hand reported for P. Belasco. She stated that the educational training cited on the last page of the minutes is moving forward. The goal of this program is to have trauma teams inside different school buildings in order to assist those who have experienced trauma. Cape Assist will be providing the trainings through the Pride Committee. S. Hand asked K. Faldetta to explain the concept to those present. K. Faldetta explained that all schools are seeing an increase in some form of trauma among their student populations. This project is based on a “train the trainer” concept whereby groups of teachers from each school district within the County will receive training in the skills and organizational components necessary to create trauma sensitive environments in schools. The teachers who attend the training session would then train other teachers/staff within their school districts. It was noted that every school district in CMC has committee to sending a team to the training session. The training session is being coordinated by M. McKnight of the County Superintendent of Schools Office. It is a three-day session and will be held in July. K. Faldetta concluded by stating that the overall goal is to focus on resiliency with the youth.
- g. Membership – B. Keefe
B. Keefe reported that Council has four (4) openings (2 providers, 1 member-at-large, and 1 consumer). He encouraged anyone interested in Council membership to contact S. Hand for an application.

A motion was made by J. Roy and seconded by K. Faldetta to accept the committee reports as presented. Motion carried.

VI. Liaison Reports

a. MHADA Board – P. Devaney

Minutes from the 2/13/18 meeting were distributed. S. Hand reported for P. Devaney. She stated that the minutes provide a good update on all the issues the Board is discussing, as well as, a summary of the projects on which it is working.

b. Youth Services Commission – P. Belasco

Minutes from the 2/22/18 meeting were distributed. S. Hand reported for P. Belasco. She offered to answer any questions on the minutes as presented; there were none.

VII. Old Business

There was no old business.

VIII. New Business

1. K. Faldetta announced two upcoming events. The first is a “Knock Out Opioid Abuse” Town Hall meeting being held on 4/19/18 at the Dennis Township Senior Center from 9am to 11am. The second is a DEA 360 Strategy program entitled “South Jersey Youth and Family Drug Awareness Summit” being held on 4/28/18 from 10am to 3pm at the Wildwood Convention Center. K. Faldetta stated that she brought flyers for distribution for both events; she encouraged those present to take the flyers to share with their consumers and staff.
2. J. Fuqua announced that Complete Care has implemented a new program entitled “Fresh Start Suboxone Program”. He distributed cards with contact information for the Program which is being administered from Complete Care’s office in CMCH. He explained that the Program is designed to be a full service wrap-around program that includes classes for those seeking medically assisted treatment. The program can serve a maximum of 48 individuals at one time. The Program operates on a rolling basis as the amount of time required to complete the Program is based on each individual. In January, there was a waiting list of 100 people for the Program. J. Fuqua concluded by asking that anyone wishing to refer consumers to the Program do so by contacting him at (609) 465-0258.
3. L. McFadden announced that his organization (Where Kids Thrive) has funding to conduct training sessions on Mental Health First Aid and Alzheimer’s/Dementia Care. Approximately \$40,000 in funding is available and it must be used within the next three months. Any agency wishing to work with him to sponsor a training session is asked to contact him directly at lmcfadden@wherekidsthive.com. He noted that the agency to receive the training cannot be a government entity.
4. M. Dozier announced that the CMC Senior Art Show will be held at the ACCC campus in CMCH from 6/6 to 6/20/18 with a reception on 6/6/18. Applications for those wishing to enter the show were available for distribution.

IX. Public Response

There was no public response.

Meeting adjourned at 2:43pm.