

HSAC Minutes  
May 4, 2022

- I. Call to Order and Roundtable Introductions – J. Roy  
The meeting was called to order at 2:03pm. Meeting held via Zoom. Introductions followed.

*Members Present:*

John Roy – Consumer Advocate  
Bridget DeFiccio – Provider  
Chris Zellers – Consumer Advocate  
Lorenzo McFadden – Provider  
Jamie Moscony – Member-at-Large  
Mary Dozier – Provider  
Wayne Whelan – Member-at-Large  
Megan Santiago – Consumer Advocate  
Judy Kunec – Member-at-Large  
Carol Haig – Member-at-Large  
Terri Bryan – Provider  
Christa Loper – Provider  
Joe Fahy – Member-at-Large

*Members Excused:*

Donna Groome  
Joe Faldetta  
Jeffrey Pierson  
Joe Sittineri  
Nichol Hoff  
Rose Kuprianov

*Interested Persons:*

Brad Preston – Community Food Bank NJ  
Claire Galiano – CARA  
Jen Hirsch – DCP&P  
Joel Mastromarino – DCP&P  
Natalie Milstein – Southern NJ Perinatal Cooperative  
Sue Conrad – The Prevention Partnership  
Peter Belasco – CMC DHS  
Jen Zoyac – CSPNJ  
Sarah Matthews – CMC Habitat for Humanity  
Nelson Troché – NJ DHS  
Sharon Modzelewski – CMC DHS  
Pat Devaney – CMC DHS  
Sabrina Hand – HSAC Coordinator

- II. Additions and Corrections to the Minutes – J. Roy  
Minutes from the 4/6/22 meeting were emailed to voting members. J. Kunec motioned to accept the minutes as circulated and J. Fahy 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 began her report by stating that she would be giving a brief oral report as most of the activities of the office focused on the completion of required reports and/or contract renewal documents or are covered in the various committee reports. For the HTF, the County Commissioners approved the HTF 2022 budget at their 4/12/22. The 2022 budget allows for the addition of two (2) households to HTF program of housing subsidy and intensive case management. This brings the total of participating households to three (3) – two (2) family households and one (1) single household. The new households have begun working with the case managers. The HSAC office received the contract renewal packet for the HSAC Administration contract for SFY2023 from DCP&P on 3/10/22. The required contract documents including the budget were forwarded to the County Treasurer's office for review and processing on 4/13/22. The completed application was approved by the Executive Committee on 4/27/22 and the County Commissioners on 4/26/22. The full contract renewal packet was submitted to DCP&P contracting on 4/29/22. The CY 2022 Peer Grouping (PG) allocation plan was completed and submitted to the NJ DHS Division of Aging Services on 4/25/22. The HSAC had approved the CY 2022 PG spending plan and accompanying LOS at the 4/6/22 meeting. The HSAC annual luncheon and awards presentation will be held at the June Council meeting (on the regularly scheduled date which is 6/1/22). The meeting will be held at the Rutgers Cooperative Extension site. The business meeting will begin at the established time of 2pm with the luncheon beginning at 1pm. All are reminded to please RSVP to the meeting notice when issued so that the appropriate amount of food may be ordered.

### IV. State Department Reports:

- DHS – N. Troché  
N. Troché reported the following regarding the Department: 1) NJ DHS leadership is participating in budget conversations for the upcoming fiscal year, 2) many things (events, businesses, etc.) are reopening around the State; N. Troché has been participating in the events for First Lady Tammy Murphy's Maternal & Infant Health Initiative, 3) there are many events planned for the summer months; N. Troché will keep Council updated as information becomes available, and 4) the NJ DHS March – April, 2022 newsletter contains information on an assortment of topics under the NJ DHS umbrella; this was shared with all on the HSAC distribution lists on 4/25/22.
- DCF – J. Hirsch  
A written report with the statistics for the Cape May DCP&P local office for the month of April 2022 was distributed with the meeting packet. J. Hirsch highlighted the following from the April statistics: there were 65 intakes (59 for child abuse/neglect investigations and 6 for child welfare assessments) and 296 cases (a total of 580 children with 80 of those children in a resource home placement). Three (3) children were removed in April. Thus far this year, two (2) adoptions have been finalized. J. Hirsch then reported that the DCP&P Family Fun Day held in partnership with the Family Success Center (FSC) on 4/30/22 was a success as it was very well-attended. DCP&P is looking forward to a continued partnership with the FSC. S. Hand added that there is a copy of an email from R. Hager of DCF in the meeting packet. The email contains information on a few items that R. Hager would have reported if he were in attendance.

### V. Committee Reports:

#### a. Executive Committee – J. Roy

Minutes from the 4/27/22 meeting were distributed with the meeting packet. J. Roy referenced #2 of the minutes to note that the Executive Board has decided to keep their meetings virtual for the remainder of CY 2022. As for the full Council, voting members will be polled during the month of May to determine the preference for the HSAC meetings for not only the remainder of CY 2022 but also CY 2023. He noted that this will be a “majority wins” decision so all voting

members are encouraged to complete the poll. J. Roy stated that S. Hand will be issuing the poll in mid-May so that results can be announced at the June HSAC meeting.

- b. Disability Services Committee – K. Fitzsimons  
Minutes from the 4/19/22 meeting were distributed with the meeting packet. S. Hand reported for K. Fitzsimons who was unable to attend. S. Hand stated that the minutes provide a good summary of the status/activities of CMC programs including the planning/resumption of several activities/events. She added that there was an expectation that more information on the reopening of the CMC Easter Seals program would be provided at the FSC#10 meeting held on 4/21/22. It was hoped that R. Kuprianov would be able to attend today's meeting to provide an update since she is co-chair of FSC#10. J. Roy reported that he attended the FSC#10 meeting on 4/21/22. He relayed that the representatives from Easter Seals that were in attendance were not authorized to make decisions so nothing could be officially determined at the meeting. The community members present did express their concerns that the Easter Seals program was not going to be opening on September 1<sup>st</sup> as previously indicated. S. Hand offered to get an update on this issue for the June HSAC meeting.
- c. Program Review Committee – J. Kunec  
No report.
- d. WFNJ-WTW – D. Groome  
D. Groome sends her apologies as she was unable to attend due to a schedule conflict. She will provide a report and answer any questions at the June HSAC meeting.
- e. CEAS – S. Matthews  
The next meeting of the CEAS Committee is scheduled for 5/10/22 at 10am.
- f. CIACC – S. Modzelewski  
S. Modzelewski reported that the next CIACC meeting is scheduled for 5/18/22 at 1:30pm.
- g. Membership – C. Loper  
No report – Council membership is full.

A motion was made by W. Whelan and seconded by J. Moscony to accept the committee reports as presented. Motion carried.

## VI. Liaison Reports

- a. Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council – M. Dozier  
M. Dozier reported that the Division is moving forward with several annual events although the format may be changed for some. Instead of the traditional Senior Jamboree, there will be four (4) mini events/open houses held at each of the County operated Senior Centers. She added that the senior jamboree is typically held in May in recognition of Older Americans month. Thus, the four (4) open houses will be held during the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> weeks in May. It is hoped that these open houses will serve as a mechanism to showcase all that the senior centers have to offer and thereby increase participation at the centers. All those aged 60 and older are encouraged to attend. A flyer with details on each of the open house events including logistics such as site addresses and times was included in the meeting packet.
- b. Workforce Development Board – T. Bryan  
T. Bryan prepared written reports which were included in the meeting packet. She highlighted the following from the reports: 1) the "Service Report" provides a breakdown of the individuals served from 7/2021 through 4/2022, 2) the Adults & Dislocated workers program is doing well,

3) all youth programs both in and out of school programs are low on participants; youth programs end on 6/30/22, 3) there are many employers looking for workers, 4) One Stop staff attended the Baby Shower by Caring, Inc. at the Byrne Community Center in Wildwood – event was well attended by many agencies, and 5) The Workforce Investment Act is up for reauthorization; the cost for full reauthorization is \$78 billion. T. Bryan concluded by stating that the One Stop Center has information and brochures for all their services. Anyone needing materials should contact T. Bryan directly.

VII. Old Business

There was no *old business*.

VIII. New Business

1. B. Preston of the Community Food Bank of NJ (CFBNJ) stated that CFBNJ has started to partner with local agencies/organizations in CMC for mobile food distribution. In Wildwood, CFBNJ is partnering with the Wildwood Housing Authority. Several successful events have been held. There is another event planned for this site for 5/12 starting at 9:30am and beginning in June there will be events on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month beginning at 9:30am. B. Preston added that CFBNJ held a food distribution event in Woodbine, but it was not as successful as originally thought as there are two (2) agency partners providing this service in Woodbine. He noted that the goal of CFBNJ is to fill a need not provide duplicative services. He concluded by stating that CFBNJ continues to seek new partners in CMC. One new partner is Our Lady of Angels church in CMCH. While the church already had a successful food pantry, this partnership will allow the church to use their money for other supplies not available through CFBNJ.
2. J. Roy stated that he was reading an article in the newspaper regarding the possibility of repurposing homes in Ocean City, Sea Isle City, and Avalon. The article discussed the number of homes that were being demolished for new construction in these towns that could potentially be moved to a different area and be used to provide housing. J. Roy noted that he is aware that there are regulations and procedures for moving homes but thought the idea was an interesting concept considering the severe lack of available housing in CMC. A discussion ensued among those present regarding the unprecedented lack of available housing stock in CMC both for rentals and purchase with many homes selling well above asking price. J. Roy concluded the discussion by stating that the housing stock scarcity is impacting the spectrum of consumers from those experiencing homelessness to those with low to middle incomes.

IX. Public Response

There was no public response.

Meeting adjourned at 2:44pm.