

HSAC Minutes
June 7, 2023

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

Members Present:

Mary Dozier – Provider
John Roy – Consumer Advocate
Megan Santiago – Consumer Advocate
Chris Zellers – Consumer Advocate
Jamie Moscony – Member-at-Large
Judy Kunec – Member-at-Large
Terri Bryan – Provider

Members Excused:

Joe Faldetta
Donna Groome
Joe Sittineri
Wayne Whelan
Joe Fahy
Christa Loper
Rose Kuprianov
Bridget DeFiccio
Carol Haig
Jeffrey Pierson
Nichol Hoff
Lorenzo McFadden

Interested Persons:

Elizabeth Reed – NJ DOL
Jennifer Arenberg – JCDT&OC
Jacki Fuscellaro – CMC Division of Aging & Disability Services
Pat Devaney – CMC DHS
Sarah Matthews – Habitat for Humanity
Michelle Altenpohl – SJLS
Brad Preston – CFBNJ
Danielle Lowry – SNJPC
Peter Belasco – CMC DHS
Christina Ennis – CMC DHS
Sharon Modzelewski – CMC DHS
Sabrina Hand – HSAC Coordinator

- II. Additions and Corrections to the Minutes – J. Roy
Minutes from the 5/3/23 meeting were emailed to voting members. T. Bryan motioned to accept the minutes as circulated and J. Kunec 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 reported that the SHSAC met on 6/2/23. At the meeting, there was a discussion on the overhaul of the NJ211 website. Everyone is encouraged to visit the site and to make notes of what they like and don't like about the current site. Please send comments to S. Hand and she will forward them to the work group. The SHSAC members also discussed the lateness of the county HSAC contracts (they had not been received as of the meeting). It was reported that the delay was due to DCF moving the contracts to the SAGE platform and the system was not yet ready. The current HSAC contracts expire on 6/30/23. There was also a presentation on the Opioid settlement funds. At the local level, the settlement funds are being discussed by the MHADA Board. As noted in the Executive Committee report, County Administration and the CDHS have decided not to renew the CIACC administration grant. DCF was informed of the County's decision in March; the Department then issued an RFP for CIACC administration. Proposals were due to DCF on 5/31/23. The current CIACC contract will end on 6/30/23. While the CIACC will no longer be a subcommittee of the HSAC, the HSAC office will contact the new CIACC administrator (once announced) to ask that information from the CIACC continue to be shared with Council on a continual basis as a liaison report. On behalf of the CEAS Committee, the HSAC office will begin the update of the Homeless Resource Directory this month. The Directory was developed in 2016 as part of the 10 Year Plan; it has been updated annually since development. The Directory will be sent out to all agencies currently listed in the document with the direction to edit current information for changes and/or add any new programs. It is hoped that a draft will be ready for review by the July CEAS meeting. In addition, anyone knowing of a program that should be included or would like more information on this project is asked to contact S. Hand. Lastly, the "We ✓ for 21" campaign kickoff was held yesterday (6/6/23) at the Wildwood Convention Center. Over 600 people representing various licensed liquor establishments attended the event. This marked the return to in-person training sessions as the program had been virtual for the past 3 (three) years. There were 3 sessions. This is the 31st year of the campaign aimed at preventing those that are underage from purchasing/consuming alcohol.

IV. State Department Reports:

- DHS – N. Troché
J. Roy stated that N. Troché was unable to attend today's meeting. He added that S. Hand forwards all informational emails from NJ DHS to all on the HSAC distribution lists.
- DCF – J. Hirsch
No report.

V. Committee Reports:

a. Executive Committee – J. Roy

Minutes from the 5/31/23 meeting were distributed with the meeting packet. J. Roy referenced #10 of the minutes regarding the HSAC summer scheduled to remind those present that the CMC HSAC does not meet in July and the August meeting will only be held if there is business to be discussed/decided. He added that the Executive Committee is recommending that the Committee (Executive) be empowered to convene and conduct business on behalf of Council should an issue arise that necessitates action prior to the next HSAC meeting. C. Zellers made a motion that the Executive Committee be empowered as stated by J. Roy. T. Bryan seconded. Motion carried.

b. Disability Services Committee – J. Fuscellaro

J. Fuscellaro reported that the next meeting of the DSC is scheduled for 7/19/23; it will be held at the CMC campus of ACCC.

c. Program Review Committee – J. Kunec

No report.

- d. WFNJ-WTW – D. Groome
Written reports detailing the DFD WFNJ/SNAP caseload numbers for Cape May County for March 2023 and a quarterly report depicting the statistics for the 1st quarter of 2023 were distributed with the meeting packet. P. Devaney stated that D. Groome sends her apologies as she was called away at the last minute and was unable to attend. Anyone with questions on the WFNJ reports is invited to email them to D. Groome.
- e. CEAS – S. Matthews
Minutes from the 5/9/23 CEAS meeting were distributed with the meeting packet. S. Matthews reported that in addition to the local program updates, this meeting included a discussion on the “landlord engagement” component of the SNJCoC plan for serving those experiencing unsheltered homelessness. To that end, JFS has received a new grant to provide outreach services to the unsheltered population. JFS will be sharing information on the new program at the July CEAS meeting. The meeting also included a presentation from M. Hallion on services offered through The Branches Outreach.
- f. CIACC – S. Modzelewski
Minutes from the 5/17/23 CIACC meeting were distributed with the meeting packet. The following items were highlighted: 1) As already reported, the Cape May County CIACC grant will no longer be administered by the County starting in Fiscal Year 2024, which begins 7/1/23. S. Modzelewski added that Cape May County will be the 5th county to have the CIACC administered by a private non-profit agency if the RFP is awarded. 2) Nicole Moore, the Social Work Director for Children’s Crisis Intervention Services at Inspira, reported on Inspira Behavioral Health services. Census reports and wait lists were discussed, and the need for more clarity regarding a youth’s wait list status. 3) Agency representatives provided updates on their services and activities. Job vacancies continue to impact services. The Children’s System of Care directed the Family Support organization to pause accepting new families in an effort to cap families assigned to a Family Support Partner at 25 families. The organization has begun a process of triaging families and working with those families with more intensive needs. 4) An Emerging Needs Round Table will be held on June 21st in place of the CIACC Meeting.
- g. Membership – C. Loper
J. Roy reported for C. Loper. He stated that there is no official report as Council membership is currently full.

A motion was made by J. Kunec and seconded by M. Santiago to accept the committee reports as presented. Motion carried.

VI. Liaison Reports

- a. Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council – M. Dozier
M. Dozier reported the following: 1) the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition program (produce vouchers) will begin after 7/1/23. Changes to the program include an amount of \$50 per person and the use of QR codes. A press release on the program will be issued. 2) There will be a public hearing on services provided through the Division on 7/18/23 at Upper Township Senior Center. 3) Property Tax Reimbursement (PTR) assistance is available by appointments. Volunteers are at the Lower Township Senior Center on Tuesdays from June 6th through August 8th and at Ocean City Senior Center on Wednesdays from June 7th through August 9th. 4) The Division is now accepting applications for the Senior Art Show. This will be the 47th annual art show. The show will be held at CMC campus of ACCC from 8/23 through 9/1/23; there will be an art show reception on 8/23/23. 1st place winners advance to the NJ State Senior Art Show.

b. Workforce Development Board – T. Bryan

T. Bryan prepared a written report which was included in the meeting packet. She noted that the report includes all program updates. Should anyone have questions, they are encouraged to contact her directly. T. Bryan concluded by stating that the focus at the current time is the conducting of the standard program year-end business.

VII. Old Business

There was no *old business*.

VIII. New Business

1. B. Preston of the Community Food Bank (CFB) stated that flyers were available for several upcoming distributions for the mobile food pantry. He then stated that he would like to announce the addition of a new location for the mobile pantry. Based on a suggestion from this HSAC, he has been working to identify a location in North Cape May (the HSAC had suggested the Channel Apartments parking lot). He met with the apartment manager for Channel Apartments, and it was determined that the parking lot would not work as a site. However, the shopping center across the street has agreed to be a host site. The first food distribution at this new site will be on 7/13/23. Those present suggested that flyers be posted in the laundromat, post office, dollar store, and Acme businesses located within that shopping center. It was asked if the mobile pantry used a site in Woodbine. B. Preston responded that they had tried taking the mobile pantry to Woodbine, but it was not very busy. He added that the CFB has several food pantry partners in Woodbine who are very successful. Thus, the mobile pantry was more of a duplicative effort. Those present suggested that CFB may want to consider contacting the Woodbine School as they run a summer program where the mobile pantry may be very helpful. B. Preston thanked everyone for the suggestion and asked anyone with further suggestions for mobile pantry sites to send them to him via email. He added that CFB has a lot of fresh, healthy food for distribution, and he is always looking to increase distribution sites especially in CMC. B. Preston concluded by stating that in addition to the mobile food pantry and food pantry partner sites, CFB is also offering nutrition education and assistance with SNAP applications. Anyone wanting more information on either of these programs is asked to email B. Preston directly.
2. D. Lowry announced that the Southern NJ Perinatal Cooperative is hosting a town hall meeting on June 12th from 12 noon to 2pm at the Lower Township Branch of the CMC Library. The topic of the town hall is the transportation needs of pregnant and postpartum women in CMC due to the suspension of maternity/obstetric care at CRMC. Assemblymen McClellan and Simonsen will be in attendance. All are invited to attend. Flyers with event and registration details were distributed. It was asked if maternity/obstetrics will resume at the CRMC site now that a planned merger with Cooper Hospital has been announced. D. Lowry responded that this is the goal but for now, the SNJ Perinatal Cooperative is working to identify solutions for the current situation. She added that there are approximately 22 women per month who are going to CRMC for maternity/obstetric care. They are then transported/sent to other hospitals. It was asked what happens if they are in labor. D. Lowry responded that staff in the ER will deliver but they are not specialists in this type of medical care.

IX. Public Response

1. There was a presentation on Cape May County drug use/drug trends including information on fentanyl and xylazine followed by a demonstration on Narcan administration. P. Belasco of the CMC Division of Community & Behavioral Health Services provided the information on drug use/trends and M. Santiago of the CMC Department of Health provided the Narcan administration demonstration.

Meeting adjourned at 3:14pm.