

HSAC Minutes
November 3, 2021

- I. Call to Order and Roundtable Introductions – J. Roy
The meeting was called to order at 2:02pm. Meeting held via Zoom. Roll call followed.

Members Present:

Nichol Hoff – Consumer
John Roy – Consumer Advocate
Chris Zellers – Consumer Advocate
Donna Groome – Provider
Terri Bryan – Provider
Carol Haig – Member-at-Large
Judy Kunec – Member-at-Large
Lorenzo McFadden – Provider
Rose Kuprianov – Consumer
Mary Dozier – Provider
Joe Sittineri – Provider
Jamie Moscony – Member-at-Large
Joe Fahy – Member-at-Large

Members Excused:

Joe Faldetta
Wayne Whelan
Liz Meenan
Jeffrey Pierson
Christa Loper
Megan Santiago

Interested Persons:

Susan Bailey – Horizon NJ Health
Claire Galiano – CARA
Jen Zoyac – CSPNJ
Sarah Matthews – Habitat for Humanity
Sandra Donley – The Arc of CMC
Peter Belasco – CMC Human Services
Sharon Modzelewski – CMC Human Services
Pat Devaney – CMC Human Services
Sabrina Hand – HSAC Coordinator

- II. Additions and Corrections to the Minutes – J. Roy
Minutes from the 10/6/21 meeting were emailed to voting members. R. Kuprianov motioned to accept the minutes as circulated and C. Haig 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 oral report as most of the activities of the office have focused on contracting – reviewing and processing of quarterly reports, application completion (SNJCoC plan), and RFP preparation. The other activities of the office will be addressed in the various committee reports. Regarding RFPs, proposals for those human service contracts funded with County dollars are due by 11/10/21. As for the HUD 2021 CoC NOFO, the full SNJCoC application and accompanying project applications are due to HUD by 11/16/21. The CDHS (by

Division) will be submitting its proposed budget to the Board of County Commissioners. It is hoped that funding levels for various programs and services funded through the Department will remain level but there is always the possibility that funding levels may be modified as the budget process moves forward. For the HTF, the Advisory Board continues to meet. The most recent meeting was held on 10/20/21. The HTF program of housing assistance and intensive case management has been implemented. The program has accepted its first two (2) households. The Case Manager continues to meet with both households. One household has secured housing; the other continues to search for a unit. Lastly, as noted in the Executive Committee report, DCF plans to implement a 2nd round of the Needs Assessment in January 2022. The County HSAC staff submitted feedback to DCF by the 10/8/21 deadline. The County Human Services' Directors (CHSD) shared their comments on the DCF plans for the 2022 Needs Assessment process with DCF Commissioner Beyer at their 10/15/21 meeting. In addition, the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson met with DCF representatives on 10/25/21 to discuss the 2022 Needs Assessment in further detail, specifically, the concerns expressed by HSAC staff and the CDHS directors.

IV. State Department Reports:

- DHS – N. Troché
N. Troché was not in attendance. J. Roy stated that all information on programs/services received from NJ DHS since the October Council meeting has been shared with all on the HSAC distribution lists via email.
- DCF – J. Hirsch
A written report with the statistics for the Cape May DCP&P local office for the month of September 2021 was distributed with the meeting packet. J. Hirsch was unable to attend today's meeting but stated that anyone with questions on the statistics should email her directly.

V. Committee Reports:

- a. Executive Committee – J. Roy
Minutes from the 10/26/21 meeting were distributed with the meeting packet via email. J. Roy referenced #8 of the minutes regarding the HSAC holiday schedule to ask those present if they are able/willing to attend an in-person meeting with food if permission to host the traditional luncheon at the December meeting is granted. He asked those present to write their preference for the December meeting (in-person or Zoom) in the “chat” function so that S. Hand can assess interest in the holiday luncheon.
- b. Disability Services Committee – K. Fitzsimons
Minutes from the 10/19/21 meeting were distributed with the meeting packet. S. Hand reported for K. Fitzsimons. She stated that at the meeting, agency representatives provided updates on their programs and services. S. Hand then highlighted the following from the minutes: SSSD is open five days per week for in-person instruction; the only component of the school district that is not open for students is the pool (due to COVID protocols), DDD has allowed in-person visits to resume, all JCDT&OC programs are operational including the day program which utilizes a hybrid model of both onsite activities and field trips, all NJ DVRS staff returned to the office effective 10/18/21; the Cape May office has full staff (the One Stop Centers are not yet open to the public), the CMC Health Department has started its flu clinics; the Department also has 3rd shots available for the Moderna COVID vaccine, The ARC of CMC day program is scheduled to open the week of 10/25/21; in addition The ARC of CMC is co-sponsoring a session on police interaction with people with intellectual/developmental disabilities on 11/8 (flyer will be forthcoming), all SJLS offices are open for business, and the Division of Aging & Disability Services has implemented a pilot program of recreation and socialization at its senior centers; the Stockton Center of Successful Aging is the provider. S. Hand concluded by noting that the HSAC update shared at the DSC meeting was provided under the Administrator's report.

c. Program Review Committee – J. Kunec

J. Kunec reported that the proposals submitted in response to the RFP for the human service programs administered by the HSAC are due on 11/10/21. The PRC is expected to meet in late November or early December to review and score the proposals.

d. WFNJ-WTW – D. Groome

D. Groome reported that the WFNJ statistics for September 2021 were not yet available from NJ DFD. However, D. Groome stated that she would like to provide Council with an update on Code Blue (CB) planning for the 2021/2022 season. She began by providing a brief synopsis of CB operations prior to 2019 (motel placements were utilized for housing during CB declarations and SSH was the funding source). As of 2019, SSH could no longer be used for Code Blue as it was never the intended purpose for this funding. In addition, CB regulations were changed. The new regulations require that County OEM offices declare a CB whenever the overnight temperature reaches 32 degrees or below (regardless of precipitation). The regulations further state that providing shelter is a requirement of any municipality with 10 or more unsheltered homeless as of the most recent PITC (no municipality in CMC meets this threshold). Since the County had been providing shelter services, a decision was made that would have the County partner with five municipalities (Lower, Middle, and the Wildwoods) for WC operations. This was the model until COVID forced a return to motel placements last year. For the 2021/2022 CB season, there will be a return to the WC model. All consumers presenting as homeless during a CB will be referred to a WC except for consumers who are accompanied by a minor child, they will be referred to a motel. Lower and Middle Townships have selected churches within their communities as the site of their WCs. Wildwood (all the Wildwoods) is currently working on a plan to partner with a non-profit to set up a WC site (municipal buildings and police lobbies have been used in the past). The Lower and Middle Township WC will be open on an alternating basis as the # of consumers to utilize the WCs are not sufficient to warrant both being open at the same time. The Wildwood WC is not being included in the rotation due to location and the potential for weather related issues on the island. County Fare Free transportation will transport consumers from designated pickup sites to the Lower and Middle WCs. D. Groome noted that CDHS staff have been meeting with OEM, municipal mayors, police, the Director of Fare Free, EMS staff, and the vendors selected by the municipalities for WC operations to discuss CB planning. The group has identified protocols for a consumer that presents symptoms or tests positive (self-tests will be purchased for the WCs) for COVID once at the WC (isolation) but there are still some issues to be addressed. One of the primary difficulties is transportation. D. Groome stated that she is working to identify transportation for a COVID+ consumer to a non-medical facility (EMS can only transport to a medical facility). She asked that if anyone knows of a private transportation company that provides this service to please send her an email with the information. D. Groome concluded by stating that the CDHS will be preparing written information on 2021/2022 CB operations which will be shared with NJ2-1-1 as well as the local advocacy groups.

e. CEAS – S. Matthews

S. Matthews reported that the next CEAS meeting is scheduled for 11/9/21.

f. CIACC – S. Modzelewski

S. Modzelewski stated that the next CIACC will be held on 12/7/21.

g. Membership – C. Loper

J. Roy reported for C. Loper. He noted that the Committee's business is addressed in #4 of the Executive Committee minutes. In addition, the Committee's written membership report which lists the Committee's recommendations for CY 2022 HSAC officers was distributed with the meeting packet. As is stated in the HSAC bylaws, Council officers will be voted upon at the last

meeting of the calendar year for the upcoming year. Thus, the vote will be conducted at the December meeting.

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

VI. Liaison Reports

a. MHADA Board – P. Belasco

Minutes from the 10/12/21 meeting were distributed with the meeting packet. P. Belasco reported on the following from the minutes: 1. The Board finalized the 2022 allocations for County drug and alcohol services. 2. The Board accepted the CASS's recommendation for GACADA's FY'23 allocations for each Municipal Alliance. 3. Acenda announced that they received a two-year, \$2,000,000 SAMSHA-funded community mental health grant for Gloucester and Cape May County. They aim to serve 350 Cape May County residents with the priority populations being: adults with severe mental illness, Black/Latinx individuals, the elderly, and those homeless or at risk of being homeless. The next MHADA meeting is scheduled for 11/9/21 @ 5:00pm.

b. Youth Services Commission – S. Modzelewski

Minutes from the 9/14/21 meeting were distributed with the meeting packet. S. Modzelewski highlighted the following: 1) Announced RFPs notices for three local JJC funded programs (Station House Adjustment, Intensive Supervision Program, Pathways to Employment) were posted on the County Portal in September. 2) YSC Members voted to approve the 2022 YSC Plan Update and the CY 2022 Application. The next YSC meeting will be held on 11/9/21.

VII. Old Business

There was no old business.

VIII. New Business

1. S. Hand stated that she has been reviewing the comments in the "chat" regarding the HSAC December meeting/luncheon. She noted that the responses are split evenly between having an in-person meeting and meeting virtually. S. Hand then offered a 3rd option which would be to delay the in-person meeting until February with the hope that COVID #s have decreased and protocols are lessened. It was the consensus of those at the meeting to delay the luncheon until the February meeting.
2. S. Hand reported that B. Desmond, former HSAC Chairperson, has relocated to Florida. He sends his best wishes to Council and thanked everyone for the opportunity to work with them and for the good of the County.
3. Condolences were shared with The Arc of CMC for the loss of their Board member Phil Cronin and with CARA for the loss of their founding staff member Juanita Battle.

IX. Public Response

There was no public response.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40pm.