

HSAC Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2023 Via Zoom

Present: Michelle Pandolfo, Sydney Bazilian, Bethany Vega, Michael Gower, Dawn Carruolo, Kimberly Gober, Megan Allain, Danielle Ziegler, Eileen Caraker, Natalie Fortunato, Luanne Hughes, Lisa Conley, Cadie Digiambatista, Cameron Baker, Anne Okoth, Lisa Novalany, Gina Ridge, Michelle Shirey, Joseph Spencer, Elmoría Thomas, Ken Ridinger, Chris Hemberger

Kim Gober calls meeting to order

Public Meetings Act is read

Kim Gober asks for approval of previous meeting minutes, Michael Gower motions Luanne Hughes seconds and minutes are approved.

Michael Gower motions to open floor for public comment Luanne Hughes seconds

Michael Gower motions to close floor for public comment, Luanne Hughes seconds and floor is closed for public comment.

CEAS – Kim Gober

- SNJCoC received their allocation. All but one project was renewed and we scored high enough for two bonus projects (DV Rapid Rehousing and Collaborative Support Programs of NJ received the Permanent Supportive Housing First Expansion).
- We applied for \$4,928,815 and received \$4,618,195
- We are in the process of updating our application for new and renewal projects. This year will be desk audit instead of a site visit for monitoring
- We are applying for a data grant from NJ DCA Office of Homelessness Prevention (OHP). This grant would allow CPAC to hire a person to analyze data and trends not only continuum wide but county specific.
- OHP Funding Opportunity: DOCUMENT ACCESS AND SUPPORT FOR HOUSING (DASH) Request for Proposals (RFP). Funding is available for Gloucester/Salem Counties in the amount of \$115,000. Deadline to submit application is May 26.

COMA – Eileen Caraker

- Next meeting is May 9th
- May is Sexual Assault Awareness month and Child Abuse Awareness Month.
- Will have Gloucester County Resource fair April 26th from 3pm-6pm at Chestnut Branch Park.

Rick Hager

- On the following website, there are many assets to help promote the “Cover All Kids” Health Insurance initiative. For all agencies and individuals who interact with families with children, please see this link and utilize those resources. Children are eligible, regardless of their immigration status: <https://nj.gov/coverallkids/>

- NJDCF will be exhibiting at the NJ Association of Counties' Annual Conference. Booth # 104. May 3 – 5, 2023
- Caesars, Atlantic City. Registration for attendees is now open at this link: <http://njac.org/>

MART- Michelle Pandolfo

- Will be putting together a schedule and sharing with those who have indicated an interest in participating.

Planning – Michelle Pandolfo

- Met before last meeting in March and hasn't been no official news as of this time.

Childcare - Elmorina Thomas

- NEEIR is continuing to work with the CCR&Rs on Pre-K Expansion. The THRIVE BY Three Grants are being implemented. The Senate Assembly Hearings are still going on. There is one next week on Zoom, April 25th. You must register to present testimony.
- Gloucester County Boys & Girls Club information: CEO, Mrs. Theresa Root is pleased to announce to the Gloucester County Human Services Council the scholarships the Boys & Girls Clubs of Gloucester County have available for After School Care and Summer Camp Scholarships. The scholarships are based on low-income eligibility which can be determined by completing an application and providing proof of income. Once approved for any of the scholarships there is a membership fee of \$15 that the parent/guardian is responsible for.
- Our scholarship for the After School Program covers tuition from April 1 to June 18 and either the month of July or August. The hours for this program are 2pm to 6pm, Monday through Friday. The Summer Camp hours are 7am to 6pm, Monday through Friday, and runs from June 26 to August 18. If the Council knows of any families that can benefit from the programs offered at the Boys and Girls Club, please send them our way . For more information or an application please contact the Glassboro Club at 856-863-2040 or email Director Antoine Sabb, Asabb@gcbgc.org, Club Access Coordinator Veronica Fleetwood, Vfleetwood@gcbgc.org. You may also contact Program Support Specialist Alva Gould at 856-285-6694, email Agould@gcbgc.org.

Michelle Shirey – American Job Center

- Next job fair will be the Disabilities Job Fair on Thursday July 27th, from 9am-12pm in the RCSJ Gymnasium.
- Will provide bus transportation and carts if needed.
- Bridget will send out flyer with employers to be distributed.
- Mega Job Fair was a success, one of the best attended to date, the lunch and learn following the fair was also highly attended.

DHS Staff persons report – Michelle Pandolfo

- Next meeting with state leadership is early may will bring back information from that
- Worked with Cameron from the YMCA to arrange speakers for next month, May's HSAC meeting.

State Representatives Report - Dawn Masiolotti

- DCP&P Gloucester County currently serving 377 children in placement, with 151 in home cases and 311 investigations. Working on getting staff trained on solution based casework.
- Continuing training staff on race equity training.
- Scholarships for boys and girls club Dawn can share that with staff.

Public comment

Kim Gober asks for motion to open floor for public comment, Elmorina Thomas motions, Luanne Hughes seconds and floor is open for public comment.

Cameron Baker - YMCA

- April 29th 11am-3pm is the YMCA's healthy kids day event, Cameron can share flyer to be distributed.
- Launching summer camp in Clayton this year aged 5-12. Work with the state subsidy program for kids who need that care, accepting registrations now.

Bethany Vega – Southwest Council

- Southwest Council hub prevention specialist Liz will be having a meet and mingle event to assist in connecting agencies. Bethany will share flyer to be distributed. Event will be Wednesday the 26th 1130am-1pm.

Kim gober asks for a motion to close public comment, Ken Ridinger motions, Elmorina Thomas seconds and floor is closed for public comment.

Kim Gober asks for a motion to adjourn meeting Luanne Hughes motions, Elmorina Thomas seconds and meeting is adjourned.

Next meeting is May 18, 2023

4:00pm Via Zoom