

HSAC Meeting Minutes June 15, 2023

Via Zoom

Present: Ingres Simpson, Lisa Cerny, Michelle Pandolfo, Bethany Vega, Danielle Ziegler, Phillip Kumpf, Michael Gower, Sydney Bazilian, Susana Dias, Kyleigh Stevenson, Danielle Alia, Jenny Hunt, Elizabeth Bermudez, Fran Harwell, Kim Gober, Chris Hemberger, Gina Ridge

Meeting is called to order

Public meetings act is read

Kim Gober asks for a motion to approve the minutes, Fran Harwell motions, Michael Gower seconds and minutes are approved. Kim Gober abstains.

Michael Gower makes motion to open floor for public comment, Fran Harwell seconds and floor is open for public comment.

Michael Gower motions to close floor of public comment, Fran Harwell seconds and floor is closed of public comment.

Allocations

No Report

Appeals

No Report

CEAS

CEAS did not meet in June so there is no report at this time

COMA

Did not meet in June. Nothing new to report.

MART

- Schedule has been created and have participated in 3 out of 10 of the monitoring visits that are to occur. When all visits are completed, a full report containing each visit will be summarized and presented to the executive council for approval.

Planning

- Waiting for final budget approval.

Childcare – written report submitted by Elmoría Thomas

- NIEER has completed all the session's planned with the CCR&Rs on Pre-K; the CCR&Rs are waiting for a final report and next steps. ACNJ is still hosting listening sessions with Childcare providers and families on Pre-K Expansion. Summer Camps are struggling. Their numbers are down, and staffing continues to be an issue. Families who have waited to find a Camp program are struggling to get their children into camp for the summer.

DHS Staff Report – Michelle Pandolfo

- Michelle Pandolfo attended DCF/DHS Medicaid info session.
- NJ Family Care/Medicaid are embarking on the single largest renewal program in the programs history. Started as of April 1 and will run thru March 31st. Essential piece of information to get started for constituents is to make sure they have the correct address on file because the paperwork will operate through the mail. Provided 1-800 number for anyone who needs to change their address. That number is 800-701-0710 for those who need to change address.
- First step will be a postcard notice sent to address, second step will be the renewal information will be sent out, third and final step if cell phones and emails are available they will be contacted through those.
- <https://nj.gov/humanservices/dmahs/staycoverednj/>

State Representative Reports

Susana Dias - DCF Gloucester West

- Past month had 372 new referrals called in, 164 children are in out of home placement, and are currently servicing 1200 children.
- Celebrating Diversity day and each office held an event; Gloucester County West diversity day will be June 28th

Danielle Alia – DCF Gloucester East

- Currently Gloucester County is experiencing a multitude of homeless families staying at hotels and motels.

Michael Gower motions to open floor for public comment, Ingres Simpson seconds and floor is open for public comment

- Bethany Vega SWC introduces Jenny Hunt the new GRASP coordinator, along with GRASP there are the monthly meeting's next one will be is Wednesday 9am, will be hybrid and will be going over the tobacco tool kit. July 14th at Seabrook House will be the quarterly meeting.
- Fran Harwell shares upcoming event on Saturday from 12-4pm will be the Juneteenth event at Stewart Lake, flyer to be distributed.

Ingres Simpson motions to close floor of public comment Gina Ridge seconds and floor is closed for public comment.

Traditionally, the HSAC pauses meetings in July and August. This would mean the next meeting would be held on September 21st at 4pm, in person at Shady Lane Complex Clarksboro NJ

Motion that between now and next the meeting if anything requires immediate attention to inform the executive board and inform the board as a whole. Fran Harwell motions, Gina Ridge seconds, and motion passes.

Gina Ridge motions to adjourn meeting, Michael Gower seconds and meeting is adjourned.

Next Meeting September 21, 2023 at 4pm location Shady lane Complex Clarksboro NJ