

HSAC Minutes  
April 6, 2022

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

*Members Present:*

Joe Faldetta – Provider  
John Roy – Consumer Advocate  
Nichol Hoff – Consumer  
Judy Kunec – Member-at-Large  
Carol Haig – Member-at-Large  
Lorenzo McFadden – Provider  
Christa Loper – Provider  
Jamie Moscony – Member-at-Large  
Donna Groome – Provider  
Mary Dozier – Provider  
Terri Bryan – Provider

*Members Excused:*

Bridget DeFiccio  
Wayne Whelan  
Joe Sittineri  
Joe Fahy  
Chris Zellers  
Jeffrey Pierson  
Rose Kuprianov  
Megan Santiago

*Interested Persons:*

Jen Zoyac – CSPNJ  
Brad Preston – Community Food Bank NJ  
Claire Galiano – CARA  
Elizabeth Cunningham – SJLS  
Jennifer Arenberg – JCDT&OC  
Joel Mastromarino – DCP&P  
Jennifer Hirsch – DCP&P  
Norma Cordeiro – NJ DVRS  
Rick Hager – NJ DCF  
Elizabeth Reed – NJ DOL/One Stop  
Sharon Modzelewski – CMC Human Services  
Sabrina Hand – HSAC Coordinator

- II. Additions and Corrections to the Minutes – J. Roy  
Minutes from the 3/2/22 meeting were emailed to voting members. J. Faldetta motioned to accept the minutes as circulated and T. Bryan 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 are covered under the various committee reports including the Executive Committee report. The focus of the HSAC for the past month has been contract closeouts, budget

preparation (for Peer Grouping, HTF program, and HSAC contract renewal), and the required planning including form preparation for the additional households added to the CMC HTF program and the 2022 HUD CoC Competition. For the HTF, the Advisory Board met on 3/2/22. At the meeting, the Board reviewed the applications submitted for participation in the HTF housing subsidy and intensive case management program. The Board's recommendations for HTF funding for 2022 were forwarded to the County Commissioners on 3/4/22; the Commissioners are expected to approve on 4/12/22. Regarding budgets, the County budget was introduced on 2/22/22 and adopted by the Board of County Commissioners at their 3/22/22 meeting. HUD has announced the funding awards from the 2021 CoC Competition. The SNJCoC received full funding for all renewal projects; this includes housing projects, HMIS, and Coordinated Entry and the planning/administration grant. In total, the SNJCoC was awarded \$3,949,536. The SNJCoC was not awarded funding for any of the new/bonus projects submitted with the 2021 application. The County received notification of the Peer Grouping (PG) funding allocation for CY 2022 from NJ DHS Division of Aging Services on 3/10/22. The HSAC office has been working with County Department of Human Services and Division of Aging & Disability Services administration to develop a spending plan and accompanying LOS. To that end, the proposed PG Spending Plan for 2022 has been prepared for review. If Council wishes to approve the 2022 PG Spending Plan, a motion will be needed under *new business*. Lastly, there is an update on the 2 RFPs that were referenced last month. First, CRMC was awarded \$100,000 in start-up funding from DMHAS for a community peer recovery center and Acenda was awarded \$1 million in funding through the Early Intervention Support Services RFP; this is an "urgent care" model attached to the psychiatric screening service.

#### IV. State Department Reports:

- DHS – N. Troché  
N. Troché was unable to attend today's meeting. J. Roy noted that S. Hand forwards all informational emails from NJ DHS to all on the HSAC distribution lists.
- DCF – J. Hirsch  
A written report with the statistics for the Cape May DCP&P local office for the month of March 2022 was distributed with the meeting packet. J. Hirsch highlighted the following from the March report: there were 75 intakes (65 for child abuse/neglect investigations and 10 for child welfare assessments) and 297 cases (a total of 586 children with 80 of those children in a resource home placement). Three (3) children were removed in March and there were no adoptions. J. Hirsch concluded by stating that the report provides additional statistics for those wanting additional information.

#### V. Committee Reports:

- a. Executive Committee – J. Roy  
Minutes from the 3/23/22 meeting were distributed with the meeting packet via email. J. Roy referenced #6 of the minutes regarding the HSAC annual luncheon and awards presentation to state that the plan is to hold the event at the June Council meeting. More information will be shared at the May HSAC meeting.
- b. Disability Services Committee – K. Fitzsimons  
J. Roy reported for K. Fitzsimons. The next meeting of the DSC is scheduled for 4/19/22.
- c. Program Review Committee – J. Kunec  
J. Kunec reported that the PRC met on 3/4/22 to review the proposals submitted in response to the RFP for DV shelter services. The PRC recommended and the County Commissioners approved (at their 3/8/22 meeting) awarding the contract for DV shelter services to CARA. The contract was executed on 3/22/22.

d. WFNJ-WTW – D. Groome

A written report detailing WFNJ/SNAP caseload numbers for Cape May County for January and February 2022 was distributed with the meeting packet. D. Groome stated that the reports indicate the normal ebbs and flows of the winter caseload in CMC for GA and TANF. The SNAP caseload is maintaining a 23% increase since 2020. As reported in March, the GA mandatory work requirement was reinstated effective 2/1/22. Initially, the Division of Social Services resumed referrals to the One Stop for work activity participation on a monthly basis but has now returned to weekly rolling admissions (referrals). D. Groome concluded by announcing that the Division was awarded a Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) grant from NJ DCA. The award is for \$100,000 with 10 consumers to be served. The funding is allocated in the following manner: 70% for Rapid Re-Housing services and 30% for homelessness prevention services. D. Groome added that the award letter was just received for a grant that was to begin in December 2021. Thus, many of the contract details are not yet known including the timeframe. More details on this grant will be shared with Council as they are received.

e. CEAS – S. Matthews

Minutes from the 3/8/22 CEAS meeting were distributed with the meeting packet. S. Hand reported for S. Matthews. She stated that in addition to agency/program updates, the CEAS Committee has reinstated the “agency spotlight” component of the agenda. The Division of Social Services (DSS) was the spotlight agency for the March meeting. P. Donahue of DSS provided an overview of the agency and the services offered by each unit; she prepared a written page on each unit of the agency. These pages have been attached to the minutes to further distribute the information on these mainstream resources.

f. CIACC – S. Modzelewski

Minutes from the 3/16/22 CIACC meeting were distributed with the meeting packet. The following items were highlighted: 1) Assistant Prosecutor, Ed Shim, gave an informative presentation about laws regarding underage marijuana possession and usage; and the CIACC approved the Partnership for Success marijuana logic model strategies /interventions. 2) Agency representatives provided updates on their services and activities including an upcoming family fun event ‘Go Blue – Family Fun Day’ on 4/30 from 11am to 2pm to recognize Child Abuse Prevention Month. The event will be held at the Family Success Center in Rio Grande. The next CIACC meeting will be held on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

g. Membership – C. Loper

C. Loper stated that there is no official report as Council membership is full.

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

VI. Liaison Reports

a. MHADA Board – P. Belasco

Minutes from the 3/8/22 meeting were distributed with the meeting packet. S. Hand reported for P. Belasco. She noted that the minutes are extensive and include multiple reports. S. Hand then highlighted the following from the report: 1) There is information on the Hope One van’s ID program – the van has equipment which allows IDs to be made on site, 2) Presentations – Acenda staff made presentations on their Healing Hearts and Minds and Resiliency Project programs (information on both presentations is included within the minutes – after reviewing, interested agencies may want to contact Acenda for more information on these programs, 3) DMHAS update – there is an all-encompassing update on DMHAS services and activities, and 4)

There is an update on the planning for the 2022 We √ for 21 campaign; the 2022 event will be virtual.

b. Youth Services Commission – S. Modzelewski

Minutes from the 3/8/22 meeting were distributed with the meeting packet. The following items were highlighted: 1) Presentation about the Milton Hershey School which provides a cost-free, private, coeducational home and school for children from low-income/working class families based on meeting the qualifications and availability. 2) Three program modifications were presented and approved. One modification requests that the Station House Adjustment program offer additional sessions based on the PreVenture curriculum; the other two modifications requested line-item changes in the budgets to move funds out of G&A. 3) Program representatives provided updates on their activities. The next YSC meeting will be held on May 10<sup>th</sup>.

VII. Old Business

There was no old business.

VIII. New Business

1. S. Hand presented the proposed Peer Grouping (PG) Spending Plan and accompanying program LOS for 2022. She noted that the overall spending plan reflects level funding as compared to the 2021 PG spending plan. As noted in the Executive Committee report, the PG allocation to the County has decreased significantly over the past few years. The County has agreed to provide additional funding to maintain these vital services/programs through 2022; this funding is identified on the spending plan as “County 645”. J. Faldetta made a motion to approve the 2022 Peer Grouping Spending Plan and LOS synopsis as presented. J. Moscony seconded. Motion carried with two abstentions (D. Groome and M. Dozier).
2. R. Hager of DCF announced that the Department will be setting up an exhibit booth at the NJ Association of Counties (5/4 – 5/6/22) and the NJ Conference of Mayors (5/10 – 5/12/22). Both events are being held in Atlantic City. He encouraged anyone attending either or both events to visit the DCF booth. R. Hager further announced that April is Child Abuse Prevention month; he will forward any related DCF prepared materials to S. Hand for distribution.
3. C. Galiano began by thanking the County Commissioners and the HSAC Program Review Committee for the DV Shelter Services contract. She also thanked the HSAC office for the work done to execute the contract. C. Galiano then announced that CARA has funding to assist consumers (must be a DV consumer) with rental and/or relocation costs. Potential consumers should be referred to CARA directly. Lastly, April is also Sexual Assault Awareness Month. CARA will be hosting two (2) events in recognition of the month. The 1<sup>st</sup> event will be held on 4/18/22 at ACCC and the second will be held in Wildwood on 4/27/22. C. Galiano stated that she will send flyers on the events to S. Hand for distribution to the group.
4. B. Preston of the Community Food Bank NJ (CFBNJ) stated that the Food Bank continues to look for partners (must be a 501c3) in CMC to increase food distribution within the County. One mechanism being utilized to increase distribution in CMC is the use of the CFBNJ’s mobile food truck. To that end, the food truck will be in Tuckahoe on 4/7/22, in Rio Grande on 4/8/22, and Wildwood on 4/22/22; the time for all sites is 9:30am until 11:30am. B. Preston added that he too will send flyers on the food truck schedule to S. Hand for distribution.

IX. Public Response

There was no public response.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40pm.