

Trenton/Mercer Continuum of Care Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
 March 28, 2016
 2:00 pm

Attendees: Audrey Walker- THA, Virgin Velez- MC-One Stop, Barbara Buckley- MCBOSS, Marygrace Billek- MC, Frank Cirillo, Joanne Locke-MATEH, Mary Gay Abbott-Young-RMT,

Absent: Greg Paulson, Trenton Health Team, Brenda Whitaker -Homefront, Dennis MiCai-TASK, Jackie Edwards-Catholic Charities, Vernett Sherrill-COT

Agenda Topics	Discussion/Narrative	Action
Meeting Called to Order		Marygrace Billek called to meeting to order at 2:03 pm.
Review and Approval of February 2016 Minutes.		Barbara Buckley- made motion to move minutes. Audrey Walker- Seconded All in Favor
Review of Mission Statement	The Trenton/Mercer Continuum of Care works to ensure that people who experience homelessness or are at imminent risk of homelessness will have access to community and system resources to resolve their immediate housing crisis and facilitate their transition from homelessness to stability in permanent housing as rapidly as possible. The CoC is charged with overseeing the annual application process to HUD. It provides a forum for analysis and discussion of emerging needs, development of program standards, assessment of progress toward ending homelessness and identification and coordination of other sources of funding.	Members read quietly.
HOPE Committee Report	Update tabled until next meeting.	
Youth Homeless Committee Report	TCNJ analyzing data from 2014 and 2015 Count on Youth reports; Homeless Liaisons invited to next subcommittee meeting; continued focus will be on the federal strategic effort to end youth and family homelessness by 2020.	Marygrace Billek
HUD Close Out Certifications	Overview of close out certification and recaptured funds process. Clarification requested related to HUD operating start/end dates. Reviewed COC Application Tiering process; copy of 2015 Tier 1 & 2 available on MAEH and COT websites.	Jay Everett, Monarch Housing

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Point in Time Report	Preliminary data for 2016 PIT count shared with members. Overall count reduced from 600 in 2015 to 465 in 2016 (23%) decrease. Full report forthcoming. Discussed impact the new Chronically Homeless definition had on the count as well as program closures (Comm Response) that impacted the sheltered count. Mary Gay suggested looking at data on sheltered history of the chronically homeless housed in 2015.	Jay Everett, Monarch Housing
Dunham Hall Update	DCA converting vouchers to Housing Choice vouchers for 1 BR for 51 of the 70 women a DH. 10 others are waiting for DCA vouchers; 4 have applied for THA;	Marygrace Billek
System Performance	Follow up discussion to System Performance report provided at February 2016 meeting. Discussion related to EA cuts impact on emergency shelters. Shelter admissions reduced since cuts put in place which will impact system performance.	
Meeting Adjournment		Marygrace Billek adjourned meeting at 3:27pm. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
 Joanne Locke, MSW
 Mercer Alliance to End Homelessness

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