

Camden County Homeless Trust Fund Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

August 5, 2021

Opening

The regular meeting of the Camden County Homeless Trust Fund Advisory Committee was called to order at 9:00 am August 5, 2021

Present

Anthony Bianco, Carol Bakey, Holly Cass, Gino Lewis, Sharrae Morman, Rob Jakubowski, Laura Buckley, Susan Catando, Robert Page, Patti Harris & Joan Quinton

Approval of minutes Motioned by Gino Lewis 2nd by Susan Catando

Agenda

-The agenda was emailed to all participants

Financials

-Bianco reported that the current unencumbered balance of the Homelessness Trust Fund is - **\$611,870.41**

New Business- No new business

Anthony updated on rental assistance opportunities & the application process

Homelessness Initiative Update -Rob Jakubowski

Food distributions – Our office continues to coordinate food distributions. We currently do two per month in Lindenwold. Since the beginning, we have distributed over 565,000 pounds of food.

Housing Navigator / My Resource Pal - As previously report, Community Development piloted a program to create a Housing Navigator which was awarded to SCUCS. We also fund Camden Coalition to expand the use of My Resource Pal. The two of these a moving towards having our network of rental properties and landlords be made available on the My Resource Pal platform. Additionally, the SNJCoC successfully received a grant from the State to expand these two programs into all four counties. Our initial pilot project is likely to become a best practice being shared by others in the State.

New shelter - We are close to having the Regan Building shelter open. There has not been a set date yet. It will be for adults in two categories. Those who are able to be in

work readiness programs and are close to getting housing. There will also be beds for the Medical Respite for homeless leaving the hospital for various issues. The goals for both groups of clients is to move to housing.

Point In Time – We anticipate the public release for the 2021 point in time county after final review by NJ HMFA. The 2021 count was adjusted to respond to covid. The preliminary numbers show a decrease in un-sheltered homeless individuals in various sub-categories. Though some towns will see an increase in their counts, no new towns will exceed 10 un-sheltered. Most increases were in the sheltered counts. Camden City will remain the only town mandate to respond to Code Blue.

Motion to adjourn Gino Lewis , 2nd Susa n Catando

Next meeting: October 7, 2021 Conference Call