

Camden County Homeless Trust Fund Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
August 4, 2022
Meeting held via Conference Call

Mr. Jakubowski called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

The following were present on the conference call: Wendy Alexander, Anthony Bianco, Shirley Butler, Commissioner Director Cappelli, Susan Catando, Kevin Hickey, Rob Jakubowski, Gino Lewis, John Saban, Alex Staropoli, and Dominic Vesper, Sr.

New members were noted and introduced to the group.

A motion was made by Ms. Butler to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2022 meeting. Mr. Lewis seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with abstentions from the new members who were not at the previous meeting.

The trust fund balance was reported as \$629,847.18. In response to a question from a member, this amount is less than two months ago as it represents spending that has taken place.

New Business – there was no new business to report.

Old Business – Mr. Jakubowski reported on the Homeless Outreach funded by the HTF. All of the funds were expended to purchase items for the homeless. Several outreach teams have been using the materials to engage hundreds of individuals. The outreach groups appreciate the materials as it helps to build trust as they meet with clients in the streets.

The Welcome Home Vouchers have been going slow. Four have need used so far but CCCOEO has yet to bill for them. We will work with CCCOEO to encourage more Emergency Housing Vouchers clients to apply. One of the challenges for the EHV clients is they have not been able to find housing.

Sober Living has assisted 9 people so far. We await billing from Camden County Addiction Services, but they report our support has been helpful for those in recovery.

Homeless Initiative – Mr. Jakubowski reported on his recent attendance at the National Alliance to End Homelessness Conference. He focused on workshops for low barrier shelter, shared housing, and outreach. He found the conference a good place to talk with people from other jurisdictions. He will be starting a dialogue with agencies regarding shared housing which might lead to a future proposal for HTF to consider.

Mr. Jakubowski also reported on a new Supplemental NOFO issued by HUD. This funding focuses on unsheltered homeless and requires us to create a plan for the unsheltered. The regional continuum of care does not have funds to engage a consultant, so the County of Camden agreed to identify and fund a consultant to develop the plan, create the local rfp process and submit the proposal.

Commissioner Director Cappelli shared with the group the on-going efforts of the Addiction Awareness Task force as addictions is an issue for many of our homeless residents. He reported that Camden County is receiving a portion of the Opioid settlement and has a task force developing a plan on where to invest those funds.

Ms. Butler motioned to adjourn the meeting with a second from Mr. Lewis.

The next meeting is October 6, 2002.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Robert Jakubowski