

HSAC May 18, 2023 Minutes

Via Zoom

Present: Lisa Cerny, Cameron Baker, Fran Harwell, Sydney Bazillian, Cadie DiGiambattista, Gina Ridge, Natalie Fortunato, Kyleigh Stevenson, Jasmine Moore, Chris Hemberger, Elizabeth Bermudez, Susana Dias, Luanne Fried Hughes, Ingres Simpson, Michelle Pandolfo

Open Public Meetings Act is read

Fran Harwell Calls meeting to order

Fran Harwell asks for a motion to approve the April minutes, Gina Ridge motions, Cameron Baker Seconds and meeting April minutes are approved.

Fran Harwell asks for a motion to open up the floor for public comment Cameron Baker motions, Gina Ridge seconds and floor is open for public comment.

Cameron Baker and Jasmine Moore, Guest Speakers

Cameron Baker, Executive Director, Gloucester County YMCA

Getting ready to launch first cohort for diabetes prevention program, looking to run and grow programs for the chronic disease programs for blood pressure management, dementia, Alzheimer's, and chronic diseases in future. YMCA of Gloucester County merged with YMCA of the Pines and were able to reopen the healthy living services that the YMCA traditionally offers which is the gym, aquatics, basketball, and youth programs.

Jasmine Moore, Chronic Disease Program Specialist For YMCA

Looking to help those who are looking for a program to prevent type 2 diabetes. It is a prevention program and not meant to serve those with type 2 diabetes. With these programs clients learn to maintain healthy lifestyles, healthier eating, increase physical activity, and receive one to one coaching along the way. Incorporated is a free 4-month membership to the YCMA for those 18 years of age and older. It is a yearlong program that meets once a month on Tuesdays from 5:30pm-6:30pm and they get to participate in these programs alongside similar individuals. Every year the YMCA plans to help a different demographic dealing with some type of chronic disease. Jasmine Moore shared the link <https://www.ymcagloco.org/blood-pressure/> . One can also contact Jasmine at jmoore@ycamp.org .

Jasmine Moore shares the flyer for diabetes prevention program at the Gloucester County YMCA. In addition to that, they are starting a community health advisory committee where they are looking for multiple community partners to work on addressing the issues going on in Gloucester County. First quarterly meeting will be in July, and also looking to develop a referral network to address other health related programs for those participants.

Presentation concluded.

Chris Hemberger from Southwest Council an older adult prevention specialist is holding a senior wellness summit at Auletto's Caterers on July 19th from 8:30am-1:00pm. Looking for vendors to engage with seniors to share resources and services, Chris will share and circulate flyer. Must register to attend.

Cameron Baker of the YMCA is hosting a free senior bingo event June 22nd which is sponsored by the Municipal Alliance of Woodbury. Flyer to be distributed.

Fran Harwell announces there will be a Juneteenth event at Steward Lake in Woodbury on June 17th, flyer will be shared. Food, baseball game, vendors, music and concert.

Fran Harwell asks for a motion to close the public comment, Cameron Baker makes motion, Gina Ridge seconds and floor is closed of public comment.

Committee Reports

Lisa Cerny - CEAS

CEAS met on Tuesday May 14th, 2023 had presentations for letters of support. Two presentations were for the same grant through the Office of Homelessness Prevention which has a document access and support for housing grant, known as (DASH). VOA Delaware Valley and Gateway CAP requested letters of support. The grant is for \$115,000. Purpose of grant is to assist those who are eligible for housing choice vouchers to assist them in completing application process and obtaining the necessary documentation. Grant will also allow them to hire a part time housing specialist as well. Both received letters of support.

CFFS had three letters of support requests. One was for human trafficking and the goal of that program is for minority victims of Human Trafficking to provide services that address the needs of minor victims of sex and labor trafficking through a continuum of trauma informed, culturally relevant, and gender responsive services to ensure their safety, security, and healing and prevent them from being directed to or involved in the justice system. All three are federal grants. If these grants are awarded it will run on a 3 year term and the total amount will be for \$950,000 dollars. Next letter of support request was for the Basic Center Program to provide temporary emergency shelter and counseling to youth under the age of 18, who have run away or left home without permission, cannot live safely in home and have no other alternative living arrangement also for youth experiencing homelessness who might otherwise come in to contact with law enforcement, the child welfare system, and the mental health or juvenile justice system. This is a three-year program being submitted to the federal government and totals \$250,000 dollars per year. Last letter of support was for street outreach which is a three-year application for \$150,000 dollars per year and that program services runaway homeless and street youth and contributes to their permanency, wellbeing, and self-sufficiency. All three of those requests were approved and will now be sent to the SNJCoC Executive board.

SNJCoC is also applying for a grant through the Office of Homelessness Prevention to hire a data analyst to manage and share data from a variety of sources and identify collaborative ways that SNJCoC could effectively target decision-making and resource allocation for the homeless and at risk of becoming homeless. It also allows for a stipend for individuals and persons with lived experience to have input in how resources are being managed. That grant is for \$167,000 dollars, if not successful in receiving that \$167,000 dollars there will be a second tier of the grant where \$20,000 dollars will be received to put together a data plan.

Christina Velazquez from CDBG Community Development Block Grant also announced there is public service funding available through the county website. That funding can help nonprofits pay for

administrative costs, in addition to expansions of programs. Grant is due may 23rd. Visit <https://www.gloucestercountynj.gov/Bids.aspx> .

COMA - Michelle Pandolfo

Met on May 9th, the committee has been working to put together a survey to go to school administrators and child study teams, at time of the meeting had a chance to look at the first wave of responses from the survey, which came from the Special Education directors, discussed those results and how the information collected can be utilized. Survey results aided in what direction to go in concerning topics and the preferred delivery of those educational topics to schools. Since that meeting, the survey has now been sent to school administrators and results are running parallel to the special education leaderships data collected.

Planning

Michelle Pandolfo

Under Monitoring, the schedule for visits has created and circulated. There are ten monitoring visits scheduled altogether the process will be to complete all those visits on a weekly basis from now into July and once all of them are complete they will be presented out of the MART committee, to the Executive Council and expect to be reported in September.

No Nominations at this time.

Planning has not met since last HSAC meeting and are currently reviewing what was proposed for upcoming state budget and awaiting for that to go through the appropriations process. Received information today from advocates for Children of New Jersey, which will be discussed with the planning group in the near future.

Michelle Pandolfo - Staffing Report

- Educational survey developed with the COMA committee.
- Worked on upcoming monitoring visits.

State Representative's Reports

Susana Dias – DCP&P

Open with 256 families in Gloucester County, received 220 investigations for the month of April, which was lower than expected. 170 kids open with DCP&P in foster care. Changes that division is going through has helped keep kids in home and out of foster care.

No Chairpersons Report

Fran Harwell asks for motion to open floor for public comment, Gina Ridge motions, Natalie Fortunato seconds and floor is open for public comment.

Fran Harwell asks for a motion to close the floor of public comment, Gina Ridge motions, Cameron Baker seconds and floor is closed of public comment.

Fran Harwell asks for a motion to adjourn, Cameron Baker motions, Gina Ridge seconds and meeting is adjourned.

Next meeting will be June 15, 2023 at 4pm via zoom