May 21, 2024 Continuum of Care meeting minutes

The May 2024 meeting, which took place in-person in Conference Room 1 at 27 Warren Street, was called to order and began at 11:02 am. The minutes from the March meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

Kim announced that the Committee was still looking for a co-chair and a vice-chair. Anyone interested in serving as one of these positions should contact Kim.

Lucy DelGaudio, from the League of Women Voters was supposed to be one of the speakers, but a conflict arose at the last minute and she was unable to make it.

The guest speakers were Steve Peter, the County Clerk, and Maureen Coxwell, Deputy Clerk. They explained that voting in New Jersey is divided into three parts/time periods: early voting, traditional election day voting, and voting by mail. Voting by mail has been taking place since before the Civil War and is safe, easy and convenient. Mailed ballots can be filled out at home, sealed, and sent back in one of three ways: secure ballot drop box; mailed; or dropped off in-person at the Board of Elections Office. Mailed ballots need to be postmarked on or before the date of the election and must be received within 6 days of the election. If the signature on a mailed ballot does not match what’s on record, the Board of Elections reaches out to the voter to confirm their identity. The deadline to apply (in person) to vote by mail in the primary is June 3.

In order to vote, people who move around need to be “tethered” to a location in order to be assigned a polling district. An ID is not needed to vote at a polling place – the form asks for a driver’s license or Social Security number, but isn’t required. People who are on parole are eligible to vote. For more information on voting, people can visit the websites for the County Clerk or the Board of Elections, or e-mail them at: CountyClerk@co.somerset.nj.us

The CoC application process is beginning. Applications will be released by early June. Agencies that have not previously applied are encouraged to do so. There will be set-aside funding for Domestic Violence (DV) programs. There will be a TA session on Wednesday, May 29 at 1:30pm via Zoom. Monitoring for current grantees will take place during June.

Agency announcements:

Ride Wise: Free bikes are available. People need to be employed or looking for work and be supported by a Somerset County-based organization. They will receive a bike, helmet, light, horn, lock, and education on bike safety.

Greater Raritan Workforce Development Board: There is room for more agencies at the employment fair on June 4, from 10am-2pm, at the Hindu Temple in Bridgewater.

Other agency announcements will be sent via e-mail after the meeting and, as such, are incorporated as part of the minutes.

The meeting adjourned at 11:58 am.

Attendees:

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| Jeremy Hirsch | Jillian Cullen |
| Kim CowartEd PriorHeather PullenJay Weintraub | Maria MarnellJeff PhillipsLinda RapackiDenise White |
| Corey PanatiPaul GrzellaSteve Peter | Mike FrostStephanie BillitzTamika Levels-Hood |
| Maureen Coxwell | Rheanah Johnson |
| Susie Suter |  |
| Katelyn Ravensbergen |  |
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