

SHA

The Supportive Housing Association of New Jersey

Membership Meeting

March 2, 2011

Krystal Odell Chairperson, called the meeting to order. Minutes of the January meeting were approved as presented.

Communications and Media

Kai Cole, SHA Media & Communications specialist, presented information on the value of social media and analytics showing progress SHA is making in media connections.

Policy Issues

Arnold Cohen, Housing and Community Development Network, presented information on the NJ budget put in process by the governor: SRAP is fully funded, but some of the monies for it have been taken from the NJHMFA CHOICES program and from the Housing Trust Fund, thus diminishing these program's capacity to develop new affordable housing. He discussed Federal issues: changes in the section 811 funding, public housing policy, and funding for persons who are homeless. Arnold encouraged participation in National Housing Lobby Day on Wednesday March 30.

DDD Report

Lynn Kovich, Director of Community Development, reported on recent changes in the DDD administration, now having a management team under the direction of Deputy Commissioner Dawn Apgar. A Power Point presentation highlighted the administrative positions and policy adjustments now in process.

DMHS Report

Cathy Boland, Coordinator of Housing and Homeless Services, reported on the Olmstead RFPs moving forward for persons homeless or at risk of homelessness and another for persons on CEPP status that are elderly and having medical needs. She also reported on the budget proposals including a \$10 Million item for continuing 2010 initiatives and additional efforts in 2011.

Housing Needs of Young Adults and Adults Living on the Autism Spectrum

Linda Fiddle, Founder & Executive Director, Daniel Jordan Fiddle Foundation

Jonathan Sabin, Associate Director, Office on Autism in NJ DDD

Stephen Sutton – Spectrum Academy & Arts Unbound

Linda S. Meyer, Executive Director; Autism NJ

Next SHA Meeting May 4
SHA Dates in 2011 July 6, Sept.7, Nov.2