

SHA

The Supportive Housing Association of New Jersey

Membership Meeting

November 2, 2011

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

New SHA Member Arc of Essex

Rebecca Lorusso [rLorusso@arcessex.org](mailto:RLorusso@arcessex.org), Director of Housing presented information on their housing activity and support programs.

Training Collaborative To be explored

Gail Levinson reported that SHA will be exploring the possibilities of a Training Collaborative based on the design presented last meeting by Lorna Runke - Act-Cess USA actcessusa@comcast.net. She had presented information on government funding opportunities for training to improve efficiency, reduce costs, or upgrade skills in management or services.

DDD Report

Janel Winter introduced herself as the new Director of Housing and deferred to speakers who would be following on MFP and the Special Needs Housing Partnership. Terre Lewis introduced the new MFP State-wide Housing Coordinator Anne Marie Lagrotteria.. They are still discussing a system to pick members of a Stakeholders Group and writing a plan for how the monies are to be divided among the 3 Divisions (DDD DDS & DOH)

DMHS Report

Cathy Boland, NJ DMHAS, Coordinator of Housing and Homeless Services noted the 4 RFP's were now in process, the Northern Region has a new Program Analyst, and the merger continues looking for space to bring staff together. Supportive Housing Regulations are being revised – public hearing on November 10. 80 new beds have been added by agencies taking additional clients for support, as agreed in original contracts. Guidelines for rent subsidy: A and A+ housing remain the same – B& C housing will be billed as supportive housing.

Policy Issues

Arnold Cohen reviewed federal issues of funding for HUD and for services to people who are homeless. He noted that the COAH deadline for towns to spend fees collected for affordable housing (4 years) comes due in July 2012.

Legal Action on Payment of Property Taxes by Non-Profit Developers

Mary Rossettini, Advance Housing Executive Director, mrossettini@advancehousing.org, and Michael Kates, Attorney, mkates@nklaw.com presented information on the appeal they won that allows the exemption to go forward. That decision is now being appealed to the NJ Supreme Court; it is uncertain whether they will accept the case for a hearing.

Award Winning Supportive Housing Developments

Community Enterprise Corporation of CSP- NJ

Jack Bucher, Executive Director

Bruce Constant, Architect, bruceconstant@comcast.net

Supportive Housing Partnership DCA–HMFA & DHS

NJ Department of Community Affairs Commissioner

Lori Grifa

Next SHA Meeting January 4, 2012

Meetings in 2012: March 7, May 2, July 11, September 5, November 7