

SHA Membership Meeting
October 4, 2016
Mary Roebling Building, 20 West State Street, Trenton, NJ
Early Morning Coffee Klatch – 9 – 10 AM
Membership Meeting – 10 AM to 1 PM
Advocacy Committee – 1 PM

1. Call to order at 10 AM by Cherry Oakley, President, Board of Trustees. Minutes of the August meeting were approved by the membership unanimously without change. (Motions)
2. Introductions by all in attendance.
3. Cherry thanked Nick Scharlatt of Foothold Technology for sponsoring the early morning coffee klatch
4. Gail Levinson, Executive Director gave the following updates:
 - a. Supportive Housing Annual Conference is scheduled on Friday December 2nd at the Renaissance Hotel in Iselin. All invited. Sponsors welcome. Award recipients listed (Joseph Golden, Bridgeway; Robert Nock, Oaks Integrated Care; Municipal Award, Toms River; Project Awards: Jack's Place (CSPNJ) and Lyon's Gate (Integrity House); Civic Award, HMFA; Lifetime Achievement Award, Commissioner Charles Richman, DCA.
 - b. SHA attended the Governor's Conference on Housing and Economic Development – Promise House (Triple C, Kitchen & Associates and Monarch Housing) won an award, as did RPM Development for outstanding projects.
 - c. Advocacy – SHA is working in following areas: Ensuring adequate rates in Medicaid fee for service particularly on the Mental Health side – new CSS services – need for state only dollars to provide cushion during transition; Temporary Emergency Assistance and combatting homelessness; Supportive Housing Connection Stakeholders group.
 - d. Housing and Community Development Network of NJ (HCDNNJ) annual conference in October will be honoring SHA (among other award recipients) with the Exceptional Partnership Award. Many thanks for this honor!!!
 - e. Ann Klein Dinner on October 27th will be honoring Joe Young, executive director of DRNJ and SHA member for outstanding achievement.
5. Bob Heuther of the NJ HMFA gave a brief overview of the NJ Supportive Housing Connection, a partnership between the Department of Human Services and HMFA to provide dissemination/payment of DHS housing vouchers along with landlord/tenant mediation, landlord search through an overall separation of housing and services approach to system change. Bob discussed current policy changes and statewide efforts to pay housing

vouchers to landlords on behalf of over 3,000 tenants. Overall projection is 10,000 tenants from both DDD and DMHAS state agencies.

6. Steve Durham of the DCA, Division of Housing and Community Resources gave a summary of recent programs by the Division to add rental vouchers for people with disabilities to the system – this was done in separate efforts including new SRAPs for designated sub-populations and a lottery to take 1,000 and then 10,000 people off the wait list. DCA is also administering the Federal Housing Trust Fund with set aside for the re-entry population.
7. Nick Scharlatt, principal and founding member of Foothold Technology, thanked SHA for years of partnership, starting and continuing when Ed Murphy was CEO and gave an overview of the organization’s provision of tailored electronic health records to agencies nationwide, many in NJ. David Bucciferro of Foothold Technology presented on the topic of Fee for Service. David, a former administrator with the New York Department of Mental Health was an architect of New York’s Fee for Service system and shared critical experiences and priorities (8 tips to Fee for Service) that will help providers adjust and succeed in a new managed care environment. See slides posted
8. Break for boxed lunches
9. Valerie Harr, Deputy Commissioner of the NJ Department of Human Services, and former NJ Medicaid Director, presented on the topic of housing services and Medicaid. See posted slides. Overall the deputy commissioner reviewed many of the housing services options sanctioned by the federal Centers for Medicaid and Medicaid Services (CMS) and spoke about New Jersey’s interest in expanding opportunities through Medicaid reimbursable services in housing statewide.
10. Meeting adjourned. Advocacy committee convened afterwards.
11. 2017 Membership meeting dates will be posted and communicated before the first of the year.
12. Note, Gail Levinson, Executive Director will retire at the end of the year. The SHA Board of Trustees is engaged in an active search for a new director to be hired by the first of January.