



SHA Membership Meeting
Minutes
September 4, 2012

1. Krystal Odell, Board Chair, opened the meeting at 10 AM.
2. Introductions by all in attendance
3. Motion to approve the July minutes – Barbara Coppins Move; Carolann Garafola, Second; Accepted as written
4. New Member Update: Cumberland County Guidance Center – George Hluchy
5. Gail Levinson, Executive Director Update
Thanks to Butler Woodcrafters for hosting early morning coffee and networking session
Thanks to those in attendance who came to audit today's membership meeting
Congratulations to Alison Recca-Ryan for appointment to the Governor's Interagency Council on Homelessness. Invite to present to SHA future plans and initiatives of the Council.
Website Launch – Request for agency pictures, checking links and updating own sites, feedback and utilization of the website to strengthen their own positions. www.shanj.org
Housing Survey will be released within the month with request that every member organization complete and send back.
Family/Consumer Dialogue Work Group to begin in September. Feedback will be provided to future membership meetings.
SHA will continue its advocacy efforts to replenish the Special Needs Housing Trust Fund along with steering committee and executive committee (Monarch, The Network, CSH).
Supportive Housing Conference – Dec 7th. Gail urged members to register and sponsor the conference. She read the list of workshops that will be presented. Registration packet will be sent out electronically Friday or Monday with re-release of sponsorship packet and application.
6. Bill Levine, Butler Woodcrafters, passed out brochures and provided overview of the company, its products and its dedication to the industry as a long time member of SHA.
7. Lowell Ayre, Deputy Commissioner for DHS spoke about Long Term Services for Seniors and updates of the Medicaid Comprehensive Waiver (Steering Committee process and recommendations, guiding principals, stakeholder input, MCO contracting). State still waiting for CMS to approve the waiver but it is anticipated shortly. System will convert over time to fee for service with behavioral health care a staple. Senior services has moved from Department of Health to Department of Human Services. Role of medicaid in moving seniors from nursing facilities (majority of medicaid funds still used for institutional purposes) to home and community placements where appropriate. Managed Long Term Services and Supports (MLTSS). DD (other than duels) not in this comprehensive waiver. PACE agencies.

8. Cathy Boland, DMHAS, update – unannounced fire drills in Oct looking for evacuation plans, fire drills, activation of alarms, general preparedness (awake staff); New opportunities and bidders conference dates: Forensic Population; At Risk proposal; RIST/PACT expansion; New RIST team enhanced target populations (4 population targets that agencies can choose from). All on DMHAS website.
9. Gale Young Jackmin, DDD, update – Closure of North Jersey and Woodbridge within next 5 years – principles (peer centered, honor rights of persons); Reviewed numbers in both institutions (current census, those who have agreed to move into community, number ambulatory, number in need of nursing care etc) for planning; Special Needs Partnership with HMFA – 47 projects underway. 3.5 million dollars committed but still without provider/project ideas. Check municipalities.
10. Adam Gordon, Esq., Fair Share Housing Center provided history of Mt. Laurel Decision (I, II and III), Administration’s current efforts to ignore or bypass the law and Fair Share Housing Center’s repeated and pending court challenges to restore COAH and use of municipal housing trust funds for affordable housing.
11. Meeting adjourned at 1 PM
12. Next Meetings:
 - Membership: November 7, 2012 (W 20th State St, Trenton)
 - Developer’s Group: October 15th (Alternatives, Raritan)
 - Family Dialogue Work Group – September 13th (Heightstown Public Library)
 - Supportive Housing Conference: December 7th (Pines Manor Inn, Edison)