Membership Meeting
Wednesday, April 5, 2023

Early Morning Coffee and Networking  9:00 - 10:00
Meeting 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Introduction and Welcome  Diane Riley, Executive Director
SHA Strategic Planning  Steve Schoch, Board of Directors
DMHAS  Harry Reyes
Assistant Division Director

Solar Project Finder

The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU) has launched the New Jersey Community Solar Project Finder. This online tool allows New Jersey residents to search by zip code for community solar projects serving their community. NJBPU is partnering with Sustainable Jersey on this initiative and they will host the Community Solar Project Finder on their website. The New Jersey’s Community Solar Program allows those who rent, lack control of their roof, live in an apartment or multi-family building, or cannot afford the cost of a solar installation to benefit from the cost savings and reduced carbon footprint of solar power. To date there are 24 community solar projects that have come online and are in operation. Join us for this presentation that will include a demonstration of the New Jersey Community Solar Project Finder and an overview of community solar resources and some highlights from SHA Solar member organizations.

Sawyer Morgan, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, Research Scientist Sawyer.Morgan@bpu.nj.gov
Yvette Viasus, Engagement Manager, Solar Landscape, Yvette@solarlandscape.com
Josh Nislick, VP Business Development, Dimension Renewable Energy, jnislick@dimension-energy.com

Neuro-Inclusive Housing

Since 2019 Parents with a Plan has been committed to expanding the quality and options for supportive environments for neurodiverse adults. Founded by two parents of children with special needs they went about the challenge systemically by building strong in class partnerships and doing the research. In October 2022, they released, “Market Analysis for Neuro-Inclusive Apartment Building” a first of its’ kind private market study that captures the need and preferences for a New Jersey property located in Red Bank. Karen will discuss the research which led to the development plans currently under way.

Karen Fluharty, Founder, Parents with a Plan, karen@parentswithaplan.org

Break

Homeless Diversion Pilot Program

In 2021, DCA provided grant funding to pilot the first Homeless Assistance Diversion Program. The program provides flexible financial assistance to families and individuals at imminent risk of homelessness who may not be eligible for other assistance programs or when time is critical. Funds are used to quickly retain or obtain a safe stable living situation. The program renewed in 2022 and is currently operating in 8 counties and helping people with first months rent, security deposits, moving costs and more. Presenters: Kate Leahy, SHA, Family Promise of Warren County, and Jewish Family Services of Atlantic and Cape May will share the program guidelines, lessons learned and successes.

Kate Leahy, Project Manager        SHA        Kate.Leahy@shanj.org
Bob Frankenfield, Co-Executive Director        Family Promise of Warren County        bobf@wcihn.org
Laura Rodgers, Chief Impact Officer        Jewish Family Services of Atlantic and Cape May, lrogers@jfsatlantic.org

Note: The SHA Policy Advocacy Committee will meet following the Membership Meeting. Next Developers Group Meeting, May 8