

Homelessness Trust Fund Task Force Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 17, 2024

11:00 a.m.

WebEx Virtual Meeting Only

Members in Attendance: Bill Harris, Madelyn Sutton, Malika Morris, Darlene Trappier, Shirla Simpson, Claudine Archer, Holly Cucuzzella, Jennifer Hiros, Joyce Howell-Paul, Marge McGinley

I. Call to Order- Meeting was called to order at 11:05am by Malika Morris

II. Approval of August Meeting Minutes

1. Motion made by Madelyn to approve; Pastor Darlene 2nd the motion; Jennifer Hiros and Joyce Howell-Paul abstains; all in favor, motion approved.

III. Financial Update

1. Malika reports The Homelessness Trust Fund Task Force line - \$3.00 surcharge and the Code Blue line -\$2.00 surcharge balances.

IV. New Business

1.Trust Fund Priorities: Gap Emergency Shelter remains a priority. Malika states the RFP will be announced this month. Malika raises the questions to the board, for feedback, "What happens next? "What does affordable housing and the availability of affordable housing look like for the County?

a. Members state that with affordable units set aside in the apartment complexes there remain challenges: not being able to meet the income threshold, the amount of time it takes to retrieve all necessary documents; preparing individuals to be ready when an opportunity becomes available, trying to secure permanent residency, finding affordable units in decent locations, the waiting lists are extremely long.

- . Malika suggests using HTFTF funding to rehab existing properties and making them affordable housing.
- a. Bill Harris states he has 2 properties that will be available for low-income housing and Claudine Archer states she knows a Pastor that owns 3 homes that are available to rehab for affordable housing.
- b. Malika briefly explains how the Task force may utilize the Homelessness Trust Funds

2.Code Blue: The Model has changed. There will be one secure sight owned by the County. It will be secured by the Burlington County Sheriff Department. It will still be led by a non-profit organization. Shuttle transportation will be provided to and from the location.

a. Funds used from the Code Blue line were discussed.

V. Public Comment - No public present

VI. Adjournment Motion made to adjourn made by Marge; Holly 2nd the motion; Meeting adjourned at 11:56am.