

Homelessness Trust Fund Task Force Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

10:00 a.m.

WebEx Virtual Meeting Only

Members in Attendance: Bill Harris, Joyce Paul, Marge McKinley, Madelyn Sutton, Claudine Archer, Malukah Morris, Darlene Trappier, Shirla Simpson, Sharon LeCompt

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 10:08am by Malukah Morris

II. Sunshine Law Statement: Notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by publishing notice of the meeting in the Burlington County Times as well as posting on the Burlington County website at least 48 hours in advance of this meeting.

III. Homelessness Trust Fund Task Force Update

a. Planning Update

Malukah Morris reviewed funding priorities previously identified by the Task Force. Gap Emergency Shelter remains primary.

b. Finance Update

Trust Funds closing balance and Code Blue received for 2023 were shared.

IV. Funding priority

1. An amended motion was requested by Malukah to include a gap emergency shelter for persons with limited income and no income.
 - a. Madelyn Sutton requested following the same language of the SSH guidelines.
 - b. Madelyn makes a motion to amend the 1st motion to include gap funding for those not illegible for assistance with the Burlington County Board of Social Services- Bill Harris 2nd the motion, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carries.
2. Malukah requested a \$3,000 stipend from the Code Blue Trust, be granted to providers, for the Code Blue fees incurred throughout the season that are not reimbursable through Community Development and Housing. *** Code Blue Providers have left the discussion for voting/discussion purposes***
 - a. Joyce Paul moved that a Code Blue stipend, in the amount of \$3,000 be given monthly to local providers. Marge Mcginley 2nd the motion, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carries.

3. Malukah speaks on transitioning into the spring/summer and the concerns for the Housing Hub and their needs for essential items. Specific items, the costs, the frequency of use, what is needed and so on, were discussed to come up with a dollar amount to purchase these items.
4. The committee agreed that \$3,000 a month for a 6-month period was a good place to start, beginning immediately, to allow for purchasing. Will revisit at the next meeting.
5. Motion made by Marge McGinley that the Housing Hub is given \$3,000 a month to assist in Essential items distribution for the homeless and the committee will revisit at the next meeting. Joyce Paul 2nd the motion, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carries.

V. Public Comment- No public present. Members ask questions.

VI. Adjournment -Motion to adjourn, Bill Haris 2nd the motion, meeting adjourned at 11:03am