

Homelessness Trust Fund Task Force Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 18, 2024

11:00 a.m.

WebEx Virtual Meeting Only

Members in Attendance: Bill Harris, Marge McGinley, Madelyn Sutton, Malikah Morris, Darlene Trappier, Shirla Simpson, Sharon LeCompt, Jennifer Hiros

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 11:05am by Malikah Morris

II. Approval of March Meeting Minutes

1. Malikah states to approve minutes from March's meeting. Bill Harris motions to approve the March meeting minutes. Madelyn 2nd the motion. Marge presents corrections to be made. Her last name is McGinley not McKinley.
2. Malikah motions the board, all in favor to the changes presented. All in favor, non-opposed, no abstentions. Motion carries.

III. Discussion of Members re RFP

1. Malikah stated the HTFTF legislation reads that the committee must include a representative from the Municipalities, in Burlington County, with the highest populations of homelessness. Malikah contacted both Mt. Holly and Mt. Laurel Mayors to see if they would participate or appoint someone to represent their municipality. Malikah is still waiting for a response to properly appoint someone in that role.
 - a. Madelyn states Pemberton Township and Browns Mills have two separate zip codes but are the same township and should be counted together. Malikah confirmed they are aware of that Municipalities unique set up and adding both zip codes together still doesn't place them in the top 3 municipalities.
2. Malikah states she is working on the RFP with the purchasing department. Gap Emergency Shelter remains primary. Following our last meeting Malikah conducted research of the motels on the 211 annual list, to see what the monthly rates looked like. Daily and weekly rates were provided. Riverfront, with the best rate, quoted a weekly rate of \$250.00. Nightly rates averaged about \$100.00, averaging around \$2500-3,000 a month, per household. That would allow services to be provided to 150-200 households on a 30-day limit.
 - a. Madelyn suggests the Hotel location to be near NJ Transit, public transportation, and possibly include a bus pass. Pastor Darlene suggests giving passes for the 30-day period. Marge suggests making it an and/or placement for clients depending on their transportation needs.
 - b. Malikah states it will take about 2 ½ -3 months to advertise. Following the meeting she will follow up with purchasing agent with the specs. outlined today.

IV. Public Comment - No public present.

V. Adjournment -Marge makes motion to adjourn, Pastor Darlene 2nd the motion, meeting adjourned at 11:20am.