

CPAC: The Community Planning & Advocacy Council



Creating Community Solutions

Presentation on Mergers of Multiple Homelessness Continuums of Care

October 11, 2013

ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY

- **Founded in 1935 – 70 years ago.**
- **Serves Camden County and Southern New Jersey.**
- **Board of Trustees composed of community and religious leaders, consumers, and members of the business community.**
- **United Way agency – 60 years**
- **Works with over 350 health and human service agencies throughout the region.**
- **Works with over 800 volunteers.**

CPAC's Vision

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- ***All individuals and families in greater Camden County live in communities that are strong and compassionate, protect the quality of life of their residents, and promote social, racial, and economic justice.***

CPAC's Mission

- ❑ Is a catalyst in greater Camden County for creating community solutions to address social, health, and mental health wants and needs;
- ❑ Advocates and actively promotes individual, family and community empowerment and organizational capacity building; and
- ❑ Works with government and public officials to positively impact public policy.

Since 1983: CPAC CONVENES State Mandated Programs on behalf of Camden County Government :

- **County Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC) and its various sub-committees**
 - **County Homelessness Continuum of Care– the Homeless Network Planning Committee (HNPC)**
 - **Management Assistance Program (MAP)**
 - **Camden County Mental Health Board (MHB)**
 - **County Youth Services Commission (YSC)**
 - **Juvenile Multi-disciplinary Team (JMDT)**
 - **Camden County Mental Health All Hazards (Bio-terrorism) Planning Committee**
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CPAC CONVENES on behalf of Camden County/City Government:

- **Children's Inter-Agency Coordinating Council (CIACC)**
 - **Partnership Quality Assurance (QA)/ Implementation Team (Children's Mental Health)**
 - **Commission on Child Abuse & Missing Children (COCAMC)**
 - **Youth Education & Employment System (YE²S)**
 - **Aging & People w/ Disabilities Subcommittee**
 - **Camden County Covenant for Children, Youth & Families**
 - **Community Parent Advisory Council**
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COMPONENTS OF CPAC

- Advocacy

- Intermediary

Planning

Procurement

Coordination of Service Delivery

Continuous Quality Improvement

Components of the Camden County Covenant for Children Youth & Families

- ❑ Early Childhood Success
- ❑ Positive Youth Development
- ❑ Strong Families/Strong Communities

Camden County's Homelessness Continuum of Care

The Homeless Network Planning Committee – H.N.P.C.

- The Homeless Network Planning Committee (HNPC) develops and monitors the comprehensive continuum of care for the homeless in Camden County (shelter, feeding programs, permanent & transitional housing, case management, treatment services, and housing vouchers).
- HNPC is structured according to the guidelines detailed within the Homeless Emergency Assistance & Rapid Transition to Housing Act or the **HEARTH Act**

HNPC Subcommittees

Governance Committee: Chair & Cochairmen of the HNPC and all Subcommittees

Housing: Permanent Affordable Supportive Housing – PASH Subcommittee

Outreach & Institutional Discharge: Coordination & Collaboration Subcommittee

Data Entry & Tracking through **HMIS** (Homeless Management Information System): Systems Evaluation Subcommittee

HNPC Ad-Hoc Committees

Nominating Committee – Responsible for electing Chair & Cochairmen of the full committee (subcommittees hold their own elections)

Point in Time – Responsible for planning and facilitating the HUD-required, annual count of the homeless

Southern New Jersey Continuum of Care

Merger of Three Continuums

Camden County

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Cumberland County

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Gloucester County

All Continuums must be in compliance with the
HEARTH Act by August 2014

Why would Camden merge?

- All Continuums must be in compliance with the HEARTH Act by August 2014
- Of the three County Continuums; Camden is the only one that is in compliance with the HEARTH Act due to the structure and function of the HNPC
- Camden also receives the greatest amount of funding

Why would Camden merge? (cont'd)

Lead Role

- Camden is in prime position to take the lead role in the merger at this time; and will likely be in the best position to do so in the event that other counties merge at a later time.

Why would Camden merge? (cont'd)

Funding

- A merged Continuum will open the door to a possible increase in HUD funding and will allow us to pursue private dollars. These dollars can be obtained and used across the newly merged Continuum counties.

Why would Camden merge? (cont'd)

Housing Vouchers

- An expanded region of service will also allow Camden to use housing vouchers with greater flexibility

Why would Camden merge? (cont'd)

Prevention

- Data has shown that many of the homeless who present and utilize services in Camden County did not originate in Camden County.
- Shared services across Continuums may enable people who are at risk of becoming homeless to remain in their homes and their communities.

Why would Camden merge? (cont'd)

Strengths

- Although Camden is highest performing Continuum; the areas in which it could use the most improvement happen to be areas of strength in Cumberland & Gloucester Counties

Lead by Example

Eventually the Southern NJ Continuum of Care will mimic the structure of Camden County's HNPC. Complete with Bylaws, an Executive Board, and a system of subcommittees as outlined under the HEARTH Act.

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