

**Camden County Homeless Trust Fund Advisory Board**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**December 1, 2022**  
**Meeting held via Conference Call**

Mr. Jakubowski called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

The following voting members were present on the conference call: Wendy Alexander, Anthony Bianco, Rob Jakubowski, Gino Lewis, Sharrae Mormon, John Saban, and Alex Staropoli. Also present was Jim Rhodes and Digna Townsend.

It was noted that quorum had been attained.

A motion was made by Mr. Lewis to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2022, with a second by Mr. Bianco. Minutes were approved.

The trust fund balance was reported as \$693,374.91.

#### New Business

Mr. Jakubowski introduced three items for consideration by the Task Force.

1. The HTF previously approved Welcome Home Vouchers for those receiving Emergency Housing Vouchers. These funds have not been spent so it was suggested to expand the potential recipients to include Domestic Violence survivors with RRH vouchers, fire victims without renters' insurance and guests at the Regan Shelter moving into new housing. There were no additional funds to be added to this program.

Mr. Lewis motioned to approve expanding the recipients for the Welcome Home Vouchers. Ms. Alexander 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion which was approved by a roll call vote.

2. It was suggested that we again purchase items to assist homeless outreach efforts.

Mr. Lewis motioned to approved \$30,000 for homeless outreach materials. Mr. Saban seconded the motion. It was approved by a roll call vote.

3. Mr. Jakubowski presented an outline of a Diversion Program the State Office on Homelessness will be releasing soon. It was suggested we have funds made available for a Diversion program.

Ms. Alexander motioned to approve \$50,000 for a Diversion program that will be leveraged with the State program when they release it in 2023. Mr. Lewis seconded the motion. It was approved by w roll call vote.

#### Homelessness Initiative

Mr. Bianco reported on an initiative started by Commissioner director Cappelli to address street homeless. The plan by the Office of Community Development included increasing Work Now, County ID's, outreach trailers and more. He will update the HTF as progress is made.

Mr. Jakubowski reported that Regan Shelter has a 70% positive exit rate. Social Services for Homeless grants will be awarded in December. Point in Time is being planed for January. And he reported that several new initiatives are coming from the State, and we have been talking with the State regularly to be prepared to bring these new resources to Camden County.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:50

Next meeting on February 2, 2023