



# Conference Call Minutes, NJVOAD

Friday, November 20, 2015

10:00 AM

Present: Brenda Beavers (Salvation Army), Kelly Higgs (NJVOAD/NJ 2-1-1), Ben Haygood (Housing Community Development), Rachel Ianieri (CHLP), Keith Adams (ERD), Kelly Mead (Heart 9/11), Meghan Sullivan, Anthony Luchino (Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton), Shari Silverman (GSART), Bryan Everingham (State OEM), Kristen Sabenero (GSART)Themba Johnson (NJVOAD), Anne Goodman (VISTA), Bob Berardo (VISTA), Sarah Jacob (VISTA), Linda Hardy (VISTA), Marc Santiago (VISTA), Dennis Dura ( ) Kate Dischino (Americares), Falon Alo (Hearts and Hands).

## Updates

**Dennis Dura** - Bill Schaffer, Director of the Department of Human Services Office of Emergency Management is retiring at the end of this year. A retirement farewell party is scheduled for January 7<sup>th</sup>. More information to follow in the electronic newsletter.

Bryan Everingham – Working with private sector to meet with analytical folks that work on the intelligence side. Would like to bring OEM and intelligence together. They are discussing several programs with them. EMAC

**Anthony Luchino** – DCM statewide grant ended on 10/30/2015 but they have transitioned under the Robert Wood Johnson grant which is set to end March 2016.

Provided a statewide report on DCMP state grants:

1. # of referrals received as of end of Sept. 2015
  - 15 – Camden
  - 4 – Metuchen
  - 1 – Newark
  - 25 Trenton
2. Cases that are open and active
  - 131- Camden
  - 59 – Metuchen
  - 22 – Newark
  - 470 Trenton
  - Total = 682 open and active cases
3. # of referrals (cumulative)
  - 157 – Camden
  - 664 – Metuchen
  - 870 – Newark
  - 6798 – Trenton
  - Total = 8492

4. # of closed cases
  - 603 – Camden
  - 305- Metuchen
  - 611 – Newark
  - 39 – Paterson
  - 2362 – Trenton
  - Total = 3920
5. DCMs state wide currently
  - 3 – Camden
  - 2- Metuchen
  - 2 – Newark
  - 2- Trenton
6. Average Case load/DCM
  - 44 – Camden
  - 30 – Metuchen
  - 11 – Newark
  - 47 – Trenton

**Brenda Beavers** - S.A. will be open and active through 6/2016 with a couple of staffing changes.

**Falon Alo** – Still working in Monmouth and Ocean counties predominately. Still getting some referrals that are “mold need.” Falon believes that there may be another 2 years of recovery.

**Frankyn Casmir** – nothing new to report

**Bobbie Ridgely** - Future with Hope, ERD, SA, Ocean County LTRG and Lighthouse Alliance are sponsoring are sponsoring a lunch (12:30pm) and welcome home (3pm) on Thursday, October 29 (the anniversary of Hurricane Sandy) to be held in Tuckerton.

**Bryan Everingham** – participated in a full Nuclear Device training exercise in conjunction with Atlantic County. Planning for the PGA Golf Tournament (7-25-7/28). Currently doubling up their efforts with the private sectors particularly in the supplier readiness programs. Conducted interviews for a position in the support services unit. Attending an EMAC training in November which will focus on best practices and lessons learned on Hurricane Joaquin planning.

**Thomas Mergola** – due to Hurricane Joaquin NJ 2-1-1 reviewed their disaster protocol and activated their back up system with NC 2-1-1.

**Giovanni Catesano** – **Giovanni** was energized after yesterday’s program. **Giovanni** shared information regarding the Led Hazard Reduction program. They have received funding from the Department of Community Affairs to implement the Led Hazard reduction program. The focus of the program is to protect families from exposure to Led. Target areas that they serve are Atlantic and Cape May Counties who were affected by Hurricane Sandy. There are eligibility requirements (HUD income requirements). Will provide services to homeowners and landlords. Giovanni stated that there are a number of other agencies (3-4) that are providing these services as well.

**Candance Crane** – This is Candace’s last call as Middlesex LTRG will come to a close on October 30, 2015. They will be transferring and closing all of their cases. Middlesex has a very active COAD.

**Keith Adams** - many thanks go out to Creative NJ, Keith was very impressed with the meeting. A big thank you goes out to Kelly and her team. Keith will be attending National VOAD meeting next week so if you have an issue you would like discussed at the national level, please send him an email.

**Next Call:**

Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 10am

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