

Continuum of Care Committee Meeting
October 27, 2016
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
United Way Community Room

Attendance: George Barnock (York County Planning Commission), Joiann Galiano (York County Planning Commission), Stephanie McIlwee (Turning Point Interfaith), Shelley Peterson (Community Progress Council), Colleen Clay (York County Human Services), Sonia Pitzi (Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness), Missy Gosnell (Community Member), Nancy Newton (WellSpan), Vicki Klinedinst (United Way), Jessica Mockabee (Human Services), Robert Woods (United Way), Lateisha Garrison (Valley Youth House), Amy Hampson (York/Adams HealthChoices Management Unit), Patrice Green (YMCA), Tonya Thompson-Morgan (Human Relations Commission), Valerie Conway (York County Prison), Leslie Dietz (YWCA Hanover Safe Home), Kimberly Freese (NAMI York County), Barbara Leonard (Lebanon VA MediCenter), Kim Baker (York County Planning Commission), Valerie Krug (YWCA York), Carol J. Hinkle (Hanover Area Council of Churches) Crystal Ouedraogo (Bell Socialization Services), Ellen Carter Nicholas (York County Office of Children, Youth & Families), Michelle Keadle-Taylor (Bridge of Hope of York County), Marcella Kinard (Bell Socialization Services), Wanda Miller (Client/Advocate)

Welcome/Introductions: Chair, Ms. Mockabee welcomed everyone and asked for introductions. Last month's meeting minutes were approved.

Review and Ranking

Ms. Newton stated that there weren't any updates to give currently.

EFSP Update

Ms. Klinedinst reported that the second check requests for Local Recipient Organizations (LROs) funded for Phase 33 are being submitted. After review by the National Board, agencies should receive the second half of the Phase 33 award.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) – Update, Discussion, and Vote

Ms. Galiano is requesting proposed revisions to the sub-awards for the ESG funding. The requested changes in funding are as follows: Reduce and close out the 2014 YWCA of Hanover Safe Home Shelter Nights; to close out the 2015 YWCA of Hanover Safe Home Shelter Nights; increase the 2014 & 15 Bell Emergency Shelter Operating Costs; the 2016 Community Progress Council Homeless Prevention & Rental Assistance Program and to increase the 2016 Community Progress Council Rapid Re-housing and Rental Assistance program.

Motion: Ms. Clay made a motion, seconded by Ms. McIlwee, to approve the changes as recommended by the Planning Commission. Motion carried.

Subcommittee Reports

CoC Application: Mr. Barnock reported that the time frame for applications was moved up to this past summer. As a result of this time change Tier 1 awards may be released by HUD towards the end of this year. Tier 2 projects are new projects and are contingent upon the overall score as a CoC and the application. These awards should be released in the spring time.

HMIS: Mr. Barnock stated that there is mandatory training that needs to be completed for the new data elements with HMIS. Ms. Blechertas will be in touch if your agency has not completed the training.

The PATH report is due November 18th, Ms. Blechertas will be helping Bell Socialization. This will be the first time running the PATH report through the HMIS system.

Ms. Blechertas is working on the Annual Homelessness Assessment Report (AHAR) which is due in draft form by the end of the month. The final version is due in December. This is the information that HUD supplies to Congress for the national statistics on homelessness.

10 Year Plan – Theme 1 Discussion and Updates: Mr. Barnock reviewed theme one of the plan which is to increase leadership, collaboration, and civic engagement.

Ms. Mockabee suggested that the Homeless Outreach that was done October 18th should be added to the plan. It is something that can continue as an action step.

Next month we will discuss Theme 2 which will be to increase access to stable & affordable housing.

Coordinated Assessment:

Mr. Barnock stated that as of 12/1/16 new units should be reported to Ms. Blechertas, and the Prioritization & Referral Committee will provide referrals. Ten completed VI-SPDATs are in the HMIS system. Eight of them have a score of 13 which is very high and shows our community's need for permanent housing with services.

Medical Respite

Nancy Newton stated that Medical Respite is now known as Recuperative Care. There are currently three applications under review, decisions should be reached no later than Thanksgiving. The Golf Tournament raised funds that can be spent for mobile medical equipment, prescription medications and other costs associated with recuperative care.

Veterans

Biweekly conference calls continue with the YWCA of Greater Harrisburg, the Lebanon VA and Volunteers of America to identify veterans seeking assistance. There are eleven veterans listed on our active list, currently eight of them have been permanently housed. Those eight were housed within 35 days of identification far exceeding the 90-day national timeline.

Point-In-Time

Ms. Mockabee reminded everyone that the Point-In-Time will be held again in January, 2017. Over the next few months the planning process for the sheltered and unsheltered counts will be discussed at these Meetings.

Homeless Outreach Day

Ms. Mockabee stated that the Homeless Outreach Day was held on October 18, 2016. This event was planned by RAYAC with partnership of many of the members of the Continuum of Care. This day was a success and will hopefully continue in the future.

Rental Assistance Discussion – Program Rule Vote

Ms. Peterson discussed the Rental Assistance Program and its intent to prevent not just delay either eviction or foreclosure. In the past affordability was considered enough money to cover the rent & utilities. There needs to be a determination that includes costs associated with living expenses. If the affordability index is set at 70 % for housing that would leave 30% for other costs. The consumer would still need to avail themselves of the many other community programs available.

Motion: Ms. Newton made a motion seconded by Mr. Woods to approve the Community Progress Council using 70% as an affordability index for the Rental Assistance Program. There will be a report back to the committee in three months. Motion carried.

Agency Announcements

Sonia Pitzi announced that she is looking for videos for the #Iwillbeyourvoice campaign to help spotlight the homelessness of youth in the Community.

Colleen Clay announced that the Section 8 list will reopen on November 28th around 8:30 am and close on December 9th at 2:00 pm. Clients must apply online to join this list.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting will take place on November 17, 2016 at 1:00 pm at the United Way Community Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Baker