

Continuum of Care Committee Meeting
June 23, 2016 1-2 PM
United Way Community Room

Attendance: Lindsay Zeglen (United Way of York County), George Barnock (York County Planning Commission), Kelly Gollick (CONTACT Helpline), Bill Wormley (Community Progress Council), Brye Coles (York Housing Authority), Stephanie McIlwee (Turning Point Interfaith), Patrick Keenan (Pa Health Access Network), Barbara Leonard (Veterans Affairs), Lateisha Garrison (Valley Youth House), Karlie Gipe (NAMI York County), Crystal Ouedraogo (Bell Socialization Services), Kimberly Preske (NAMI York County), Nate Rivera (YMCA of York and York County), Robin Rohrbaugh (Community Progress Council), Ellen Carter-Nicholas (York County Children Youth and Families), Marcella Kinard (Bell Socialization Services), Eve Gardner (Health Choices Network), Kelly Blechertas (York County Human Services), Vicki Klinedinst (United Way of York County), Bob Woods (United Way of York County), Jessica Mockabee (York County Human Services), Tonya Thompson-Morgan (Human Relations Committee), Val Krug (YWCA York), Jane Heller (Community Member), Missy Gosnell (Community Member)

Welcome/Introductions: Chair, Jessica Mockabee welcomed everyone and asked for introductions.

EFSP Update – Review and Ranking

Vicki Klinedinst reported that Phase 33 funding dropped to \$183,876 for calendar year 2015. The Review and Ranking Committee met with LRO's to make funding decisions. Mass shelter congregation is still our top priority. She reminded everyone that this is money that has already been spent in 2015. The recommendations are as follows:

- Bell Socialization Services – Emergency Mass Shelter – \$130,538
- Community Progress Council – Individual Shelter Nights – \$8,000
- YWCA York – Emergency Mass Shelter – \$22,250
- Salvation Army – Utility Assistance – \$17,000
- United Way – Administrative – \$1,838
- York YMCA – Emergency Mass Shelter – \$4,250

Ms. Klinedinst explained that the funding decision for York County was based off of the current unemployment rate in York.

Motion: Moved by Nancy Newton, seconded by Eve Gardner to approve funding recommendations for Emergency Food and Shelter Program Phase 33. Motion carried.

Subcommittee Reports

CoC Application

George Barnock reported that we successfully registered for the 2016 application. We may see a NOFA shortly after July 4. The 2016 application should be similar to 2015. Another funding cut is expected in Tier 1, which is for our renewals. However, the cut funds can be applied for by a new project in Tier 2. Kelly Blechertas reminded the committee that after the NOFA is released and key areas of the application are highlighted, the Review and Ranking Committee

will then pull together their final ranking sheet. 80% of our applications must be Housing First and 90% must be Low Barrier. If you wish to continue to receive CoC funding you must implement these changes if you have not done so already. These are major points within the application. Diana T Myers Associates has reached out to all renewal projects to review updated information. Bonus Funds are expected to return which focus on Rapid Rehousing and Permanent Supportive Housing for chronic homeless.

HMIS

The Path Program at Bell Socialization will be part of HMIS starting July 1. This is not a HUD program but a part of SAMSA at the federal level. Staff has been trained on how to input data into the system.

10 Year Plan

Bob Woods reported that a proposal is being prepared to update the 10 Year Plan. Five individuals are needed to step up and share the various divisions of the plan. If anyone would like to volunteer let Mr. Woods know.

Coordinated Assessment

Ms. Blechertas reported that a small group has been meeting to discuss the next steps of coordinated entry. She passed out a timeline of key dates for the process. There will be a soft launch by October 1 and a full launch by January 1. This process only includes permanent and transitional housing at this point since there is no particular funding for coordinated entry. Eventually emergency shelter will be included once we get a handle on the process. The HMIS software and VISPDAT will be utilized since they are already implemented. We will be using the "No Wrong Door" policy, which means there is no 'one point of entry' and anywhere an individual goes they will go through the same process. All client information will be assessed using the same tool at every organization and everyone will be ranked based off of their need. Communication among the agencies will be a huge factor in this process. Staff training will be held in September. Nancy Newton and Ms. Blechertas are working on a short descriptive document outlining the entire process and will send out to the committee once it's complete.

Medical Respite

Eve Gardner reported on the session held this morning at RAYAC. Two presentations were set up from two communities currently using a medical respite program. The session was very informative and she believes we are ready to take the next steps, which is rounding out the needs assessment.

Veterans

Ms. Blechertas reported that a By-Name list of veterans is currently being populated by YWCA Harrisburg, Volunteers of America and Veterans Affairs. This lets us keep track of the homeless veterans in York and know that they are being made aware of and offered services. The same process will be mandated for chronically homeless individuals in the future. Forms have been sent out for agencies to use when they come across homeless veterans.

Improved Response Committee

Focus on coordination, communication and consumer satisfaction – Meeting on June 27th @ 1:00pm at United Way.

Agency Announcements

2016 ESG funds have not been released yet.

Human Relations Committee of York City – Landlord University will start September 1. This is an 8-week program for current and new landlords and costs \$100. Topics covered will include fair housing, zoning, construction, etc. The next step will be to hold a Tenant University, free of charge.

The York NAMI office has moved to suite 105 in the same building at 140 Roosevelt Ave. They are currently working with various agencies on the Memorial Hospital grant to start a healthy housing program.

A new initiative has started in York called Fixing York, sponsored by the York Daily Record. It will involve events held around York with the goal to help people understand York City better and all it has to offer.

The next Hands on Helper meeting will be held July 13.

Meeting adjourned at 2:05pm.

Next Meeting will be held on Thursday, July 28, 2016 at 1:00pm at the United Way.