

Continuum of Care Committee Meeting  
May 26, 2016 1:00pm-2:00pm  
United Way Community Room

**Attendance:** Kelly Gollick (CONTACT Helpline), Barb Leonard (Lebanon VA), Laura Ruhling (YWCA Greater Harrisburg), Kimberly Preske (NAMI York), Debbie Loucks (York Area Housing Group), Val Krug (YWCA York), Melissa Page (YWCA Hanover Safe Home), Nancy Newton (Wellspan), Phil Cosden (TurningPoint Interfaith), Robin Rohrbaugh (Community Progress Council), Nora Carreras (Community Progress Council), Eve Gardner (Healthy York Network), Brye Coles (York Housing Authority), Matthew Cary (York Rescue Mission), Crystal Ouedraogo (Bell Socialization Services), Marcella Kinard (Bell Socialization Services), Ken Klein (Valley Youth House), Cindy Richard (Penn Mar Human Services Southern Community Services), Kelly Blechertas (York County Planning Commission), Jessica Mockabee (York County Human Services), Vicki Klinedinst (United Way of York County), Lindsay Zeglen (United Way of York County), Carol Hinkle (Hanover Council of Churches), Sara Matthews (Volunteers of America)

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

### **EFSP Update**

Lindsay Zeglen reported that Phase 33 funds have been released and York County was awarded \$183,876 for calendar year 2015. This is a decrease of \$12,204 from Phase 32. A grant notice will be published in Sunday's newspaper on May 29<sup>th</sup>. Applications are due by Noon Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. At that time, the Review and Ranking committee will meet to review the applications prior to the June CoC meeting.

### **Subcommittee Reports**

#### **CoC Application**

Ms. Mockabee reported that the National Alliance to End Homelessness announced areas to focus on in order to improve applications; review last year's application, identify next steps for coordinated entry, and evaluate the review & ranking process.

Kelly Blechertas reported HUD will provide us with feedback on the scoring of last year's application. The only section that received all points was HMIS. Ms. Blechertas will send the feedback to the committee via email.

She also announced that HUD is promising a shorter NOFA announcement, which should take place in June. Grant inventory is the first step in the process and will determine how much money is needed. The last date for this process is June 28<sup>th</sup>. A short turn-around could be possible (between 60-90 days.)

Performance measurements will be submitted this year. These submissions will be done through the same website that our Point In Time and AHAR information are conducted, resulting in three data collections throughout the year. This first year will be the base line for our

measurements so data should be as clean and accurate as possible. The measurements will include:

- Length of time homeless
- Exits to permanent housing with returns to homelessness
- Total number of homeless persons
- Income and employment growth (CoC funded programs only)
- Number of first time homeless
- Permanent housing placement retention

### **Review and Ranking**

Nancy Newton reported that the subcommittee followed up with their consultant on possibly performing site visits as part of the review process. Diana T Myers does not have any type of model on how this could be done. The subcommittee will look into this further.

Vicki Klinedinst reminded the committee that Review & Ranking is now incorporated in the EFSP process. Applications are due June 15<sup>th</sup> so the reviews must be completed prior to the June CoC meeting.

### **HMIS**

Ms. Blechertas noted that as part of the performance measurements mentioned earlier, individual reports for each of the areas is expected, but there has not been a timeline released yet as to how far back the data needs to be reported on. Make sure exit dates are up to date as this will impact our “length of homelessness” data. It is also important that the person’s “destination information” (where they are going after shelter) is recorded as accurately as possible.

**10 Year Plan** – No update since last meeting.

### **Coordinated Assessment**

Ms. Blechertas reported last month that we are going to have to take a fresh look at coordinated entry. Community Progress Council will no longer be the single point of entry we originally looked at. The subcommittee will meet on June 6<sup>th</sup> to look at new ideas. HUD is going to provide additional technical assistance during this meeting.

### **Healthcare**

On June 23<sup>rd</sup>, a community conversation will take place at the Realtors Association focusing on healthcare and homelessness. In attendance will be a speaker from Columbia House in New Haven, Connecticut, who has been running a successful medical respite program, as well as a speaker from North Carolina and some other round table discussions. Information will be sent out soon.

## **Veterans**

Sara Matthews reviewed and explained our Veterans Assistance Plan of identifying and naming homeless veterans. The goal is to compile a “by name list” of homeless veterans being served in York County. To do this, the subcommittee is asking programs to refer homeless individuals/families that have served in the military by using the Veterans Assistance Plan form. The information is brief, only asking for the person’s name, a way to contact them, a signature and brief information from the agency submitting the referral. The referral form will be sent out via email and intended for all community partners to begin using immediately. If there are any questions, please contact Kelly Blechertas.

## **Improved Response Committee**

Focus on Coordination, Communication and Consumer Satisfaction – Jessica Mockabee explained the purpose of this new committee is to become more aware and involved of the needs, questions and challenges of the homeless and of our current system.

Several CoC members volunteered to serve on the subcommittee. Ms. Mockabee will be in touch to plan an initial meeting.

## **South Central PA Regional Housing Summit – June 14<sup>th</sup> at Wyndham Garden Hotel, 2000 Loucks Rd.**

### **Agency Announcements**

An assembly will be held on June 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 10:00am focusing on Youth Homelessness and the initiative started by Mayor Bracey and Children, Youth and Families. Discussion will include current issues and possible projects and partnerships. This will be held at the Administrative Center, 28 E. Market St.

York County Human Services will be holding their annual public meeting on June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 2:00pm-4:00pm. The coordinated plan will be presented and how they plan to expend funds in various aspects of human services in York County. The meeting will be held at the York Learning Center, 300 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Southern Community Services will be holding a summer camp for homeless youth in the southern part of the county. Backpacks filled with food will be provided as well as various activities. The program has a capacity of 25 youth.

Kim Preske discussed a grant opportunity called Healthy Cities Challenge with 4 top-dollar prizes and 50 \$10,000 prizes. This could be a very attainable grant for many providers in the area. The grant is due May 31<sup>st</sup>. For more information or assistance with the grant contact Ms. Preske.

Deb Loucks reminded everyone that Dutch Kitchen has 59 single rooms available for homeless individuals (male and female) that are subsidized through the York Housing Authority. Currently there are 2 vacancies and the waiting list is never very long.

Carol Hinkle discussed two initiatives that Hanover Council of Churches is involved in; Healthy Community, which involves 7 garden sites available for New Hope Ministries’ Basic Needs Program, and a Non-Smoking initiative, working in conjunction with their Hispanic Initiative and the American Lung Association.

Vicki Klinedinst reported on the latest news from United Way of Pennsylvania on the state budget. It is moving along with many points of contention but they are fairly confident that the group negotiating will get it done and we should have a budget by the middle of July.

Meeting adjourned 1:50pm.

**The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 23, 2016 @ 1:00pm at the United Way.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Lindsay Zeglen