

Continuum of Care Committee Meeting

February 22, 2018

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

United Way of York County

Attendance: Amy Hampson (Y/A HealthChoices), Vicki Klinedinst (United Way of York County), Colleen Clay-Schaumann (York County Human Services), Tina Beddia (YWCA York), Natalie Williams (United Way of York County), Barbara Leonard (Veteran's Affairs), George Barnock (York County Planning Commission), Jessica Mockabee (York County Human Services Department), Lori Leister (Bell Socialization), Melanie Hill (Valley Youth House), Amanda Harden (Valley Youth House), Harrison Fertig (Valley Youth House), Nancy Newton (WellSpan), Sara Keiser (Covenant House), Samantha Vollrath (Self Determination Housing Project), Crystal Ouedrago (Bell Next Door), Kelly Gollick (CONTACT Helpline), Hugh Organ (Covenant House), Jane Heller (Private Consulting), Kim Walson (YCPC), Marcella Kinard (Bell Socialization), Danielle Dennis (NAMI York County), Michelle Trout (YCPC), Kelly Blechertas (YCPC), Eve Gardner (Wellspan Health), Jamie Stevens (Bell Socialization), Bill Motsavage (Valley Youth House), Joaquin Calleo Guzman (IPT, CHOY) Elsbeth Bupp (Oldtowne East Neighborhood/York Cares), Sue Payne (Bell Socialization)

Welcome/Introductions: Colleen Clay-Schaumann, Chair, welcomed everyone and asked for introductions. The minutes from the January meeting were approved as submitted.

EFSP Update: Vicki Klinedinst reminded everyone about EFSP's Guidelines and local priorities. The priorities remain constant: Bell Family Shelter receives the bulk of the money for the emergency shelter, and there are some funds allocated for individual shelter nights, rental assistance and utility assistance.

A motion to approve the priorities was made by Nancy Newton and seconded by Tina Beddia. Motion voted on and carried.

Natalie Williams indicated that the second check requests have been submitted for ½ of the EFSP funds for Phase 34. Phase 33 & 34 final reports are not yet due.

Subcommittee Reports

CoC Application: No report

Review and Ranking: Nancy Newton reported that a survey has been sent out regarding barriers to applying for funds via Survey Monkey. There will be a preproposal question and answer session after today's general CoC meeting. The schedule for new submissions is as follows: 3/22 Proposals are due, 4/4 Meeting is scheduled for review of Proposals, 4/15 Response to proposals and 4/30 will be responses back to the committee.

HMIS: No report

Coordinated Assessment: Kelly Blechertas reported that the committee meets every two weeks to discuss the current housing situation.

Recuperative Care (Medical Respite): Hunter's Cottage has the ability to serve three male consumers and two female consumers currently. There are still challenges in helping the consumers find stable housing once they are discharged from this program.

Veterans: The committee continues to have monthly calls and review the by-name list, making appropriate referrals as necessary.

Point in Time Count: Jessica Mockabee shared that there were 33 unsheltered people the night of 1/31/18. More people were staying in vehicles this year than last year and there were more random locations that people were using. Last year even though the weather was about the same we had a count of 44 people.

Kelly Blechertas said that she was still compiling all her data; however, there were 286 people in shelters in 2018 and 278 last year.

SOAR Update: Jamie Stevens went to the academy for SOAR training and is now listed as the local lead. There will be a ten minute presentation about SOAR next month.

Case Management/Rental Assistance Programs: Crystal Ouedraogo shared that they have consumers that can't qualify for the HAP program because of the income guidelines and rental fees. Crystal proposed increasing the income limit from 150% to 200%. Crystal also proposed increasing the maximum allowable limit of rental assistance in a 24 month period from \$750 to \$1,000 for households without children and from \$1,000 to \$1,500 for a household that includes children. Crystal also stated that many landlords are now charging three times the monthly rent as a start-up fee which is impacting the consumers and that delinquencies are higher. A motion was made to make these changes. The motion was approved unanimously.

Monthly Presentation: George Barnock presented the York County 2018 Annual Action Plan to the group. As part of this presentation Michelle Trout explained the First Time Homebuyer Program. Kim Walston explained the Home Improvement Program and the Weatherization Program.

Upcoming presentations include: March-Shelley Peterson- Housing Programs offered by CPC

Agency Announcements

Crystal Ouedraogo reported that Bell's Next Door Program has hired its second bi-lingual case manager.

Kelly Gollick stated that 2-11 has started Coordinated Entry in thirty-three of its counties.

Covenant House is full and has had to start a turn away list.

Nancy Newton wanted to thank Jessica Mockabee and Jamie Stevens for seeing that Wellspring received the SOAR information that had been requested.

Jessica Mockabee reported that the Human Services Public Meeting will be held April 3rd at 3:00 p.m. at the LIU Learning Center located at 300 E. 7th Avenue, in North York.

Colleen Clay-Schaumann announced that she will be resigning as Chair of this committee. Natalie Williams will be stepping up to be Chair. Please submit your nominations for the Co-chair position at March's meeting.

Meeting Adjourned - **Next Meeting will take place on March 22, 2018 at 1:00 pm at the United Way Community Room, 800 E. King St., York, PA**