

Continuum of Care Committee Meeting
January 22, 2016 1:30pm – 2:30pm
Office of Emergency Management, Conference Room

Attendance: Michelle Keadle-Taylor (Bridges of Hope); De’Elzer O’Connor (Bell Socialization); Valerie Krug (YWCA York), Carol Hinkle (Hanover Area Council of Churches); Cindy Richard (Penn-Mar); Barbara Leonard (HUD/VASH Veterans Affairs); Missy Gosnell (Community Volunteer); Sonia Pitzl (ECYEH); Crystal Ouedraogo (Bell Socialization); Amy Hampson (York/Adams HealthChoices); Laura Ruhling (YWCA Harrisburg); George Barnock (Planning Commission); Robin Rohrbaugh (CPC); Stephanie McIlwee (Turning Point); Kelly Blechertas (Planning Commission); Valerie Conway (Prison); Eve Gardner (Healthy Community Network); Ben Murray (Noble City Church); David Pillette (Salvation Army); Karen McCraw (Family First Health); Nancy Newton (Wellspan); Vicki Klinedinst (United Way); Nate Rivera (YMCA); Tonya Thompson-Morgan (City of York HRC); Jessica Mockabee (Human Services); Bob Woods (United Way)

Welcome/Introductions:

Chair, Jessica Mockabee welcomed everyone and asked for introductions.

EFSP Update

No update since last meeting.

Subcommittee Reports

- **CoC Application**

No update – no news on approval of last application, nor a schedule for the FY2016 application.

- **Review and Ranking**

Nancy will be meeting with Kelly and George on Monday, 1/25, to begin the process of putting together a multi-county RFP/RFI, to gauge interest in organizations both inside York County and outside York County that may be interested in applying for housing projects through the CoC for FY2016.

- **HMIS**

AHAR: HUD has accepted all of York’s AHAR categories as usable data. This means the data will be included in the nationwide report on the state of homelessness that goes to Congress every year. Kelly shared numbers served.

Intake Forms: Kelly reminded agencies that detailed instructions on how to update their intake forms to match the HMIS questions were sent out in early January. She strongly recommends making changes to help cut down on the time it takes caseworkers to find and input the information in HMIS.

- **10 Year Plan**

- **Coordinated Assessment**

Robin reported that the group would be reconvening within the next month or so to pick this project back up.

- **Healthcare**

Eve reported that the subcommittee has scheduled a conference call with Supportive Housing Works, an organization in Bridgeport, CT that has opened healthy housing properties for the chronically homeless. She also reported that a community survey will be distributed regarding supportive housing.

- **Sheltered PIT County, 1/27/16**

Kelly reported that PIT packets were handed out at the meeting, and she'd be dropping off most of the rest after the meeting. Hanover participants not in attendance would have their packets mailed Friday, 1/22/16.

This year, HMIS participating agencies will be asked to complete their information in the HMIS software. Paper forms were still provided to collect the information from residents, if agencies felt it would be helpful to use those.

Information is due back to Kelly by 2/3/16.

- **Unsheltered PIT Count, 1/28/16**

The final organizational meeting for the unsheltered count will be Tuesday, 1/26/16 at _____, and held at _____.

If you'd like to help, please contact Jessica Mockabee jemockabee@yorkcountypa.gov – we anticipate a great coverage of our entire county this year.

Southern county coordinators are looking for some help covering the Dallastown Borough area – if you can help, please reach out to Cindy Richard or Rich Robinson at Penn Mar: crichard@penn-mar.org / rrobinson@penn-mar.org

- **SOAR Technical Assistance Application**

Jessica and Kelly shared information about an opportunity to apply for “free” SOAR training. SOAR is a program that increases case worker’s odds of gaining SSI/SSDI/Medical benefits for their clients on the first try. SAMHSA is offering assistance in paying for this training.

Bell Socialization has expressed an interest in applying on behalf of the York CoC. A request for more information will be sent to the grant application coordinator on 1/22/16. The 3-5 page application is due 2/5/16.

Next meeting will be held February 25th, 2016 at the United Way Community Room (800 East King Street, York), at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Blechertas