

Continuum of Care Committee Meeting

January 25, 2019

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), David McCollum (Veteran's Affairs), George Barnock (York County Planning Commission), Brye Coles (York Housing Authority) Steve Brubaker (Life Path Christian Ministries), Jessica Mockabee (York County Human Services Department), Lori Leister (Bell Socialization), Kallie Shutz (Contact Helpline), Melanie Hill (Valley Youth House), Amanda Harden (Valley Youth House), Melody Hoffman (Valley Youth House), Harrison Fertig (Valley Youth House), Missy Gosnell (LIU ECYEH), Shelley Peterson (CPC), Stephanie McIlwee (Turning Point Interfaith Mission), Nancy Newton (WellSpan), Sara Keiser (Covenant House), Janelle Black (York Bar Association), Samantha Vollrath (Self Determination Housing Project), Susan Bowen (Mason-Dixon Community Services), Cindy Abbott (Mason-Dixon Community Services), Nicole Witmer (York County Human Services), Carol Hinkle (Hanover Area Council of Churches), Danielle Dennis (NAMI), Courtney Biehl (York County Assistance Office), Wanda Montalvo (York County Planning Commission), Crystal Ouedrago (Bell Next Door), and Eric Chase (Children's Aid Society/YorkOne)

Welcome/Introductions: Natalie Williams, Vice-Chair, welcomed everyone and asked for introductions. The minutes from the December meeting were approved as submitted.

EFSP Update: Natalie indicated that they are working to submit the 2nd check requests electronically, but there currently are issues with DocuSign. She will keep all of the recipients updated. Also, there are no due dates yet for Phase 33 and 34, but they will be due at the same time. Natalie stated that she will likely plan face to face meetings with EFSP recipients, due to reporting for two phases.

Subcommittee Reports

CoC Application: George shared that the CoC award announcements were made last week, which was earlier than expected. Kelly sent an email to the group last week with York County's award. York County received the bonus for our new project, which increased our Annual Renewal Demand by approx. \$100,000. Our pro rata is capped at \$1,800,000, so there is room to gain more bonus funds in upcoming years. HUD has not released our score yet, but once they do, we will review with the group for feedback to determine how we can improve for the next application cycle.

Review and Ranking: Nancy shared that the Review and Ranking Subcommittee has been revising the Preliminary Proposal Application for COC funds. The proposal has been revised to include the new program categories that were added last year. Nancy asked participants what the barriers are in expanding existing projects and/or applying for new projects. If anyone has any feedback, please provide it to Nancy. The Preliminary CoC Application will be sent out in the beginning of February, and proposals will be due by March 22nd. If anyone has any questions about the proposal, feel free to reach out to Nancy or members of the Review and Ranking subcommittee.

HMIS: George asked that all HMIS participating agencies have their annual consumer assessment information updated for 2017 ASAP.

Coordinated Assessment: Jessica shared that the group continues with Monday morning calls and making referrals to the various programs.

Recuperative Care (Medical Respite): Hunter's Cottage has the ability to serve three male consumers and will be able to serve two females in the near future.

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

ESG Budget Revisions: Wanda Montalvo from the Planning Commission shared that YWCA's Safe Home Program in Hanover relinquished their \$1000 ESG allocation. A motion was made to reallocate the \$1000 to YWCA's ACCESS Shelter. The motion was unanimously approved.

Point in Time Count: Jessica and Missy shared that the Unsheltered PIT count will be conducted on February 1st. There are 11 groups that will be canvassing the York area streets. In addition, various case management agencies and other entities, such as the Human Services Center departments, will be conducting the survey on location. The Unsheltered PIT training is immediately following today's meeting. After the training, the groups will receive their assignments and donated hygiene items/cold weather gear to hand out on Feb. 1st.

SOAR Update: Lori reported that there have been a few technical difficulties, but there are 20 people currently taking the SOAR training. Bell has set a goal to start the next round of sign-ups for a spring training in March.

Case Management/Rental Assistance Programs: Crystal shared that a case manager position will be opening up at Bell's Next Door Program. Please contact Crystal for more information.

Monthly Presentation: Missy presented information on the McKinney-Vento Act, protecting the rights of homeless students, and also shared information about new requirements schools and OCYF must follow when children are involved in the foster care system.

Courtney Biehl from the County Assistance Office also presented on the various programs administered by the CAO. Reminder: The best way to apply for services is through the COMPASS website.

Upcoming presentations include: February- George Barnock- the County's Annual Action Plan and March-Shelley Peterson- Housing Programs offered by CPC

Agency Announcements

Valley Youth House announced that they are now accepting referrals through the coordinated assessment process for their COC-funded rapid rehousing program geared toward transition age youth. The first couple served is a referral that originated from Covenant House.

George Barnock shared that County Planning Commission is in the process of developing their Annual Action Plan.

Vicki Klinedinst announced that the United Way is beginning its allocation process. Vicki also asked that every agency take the time and update their agency information in the 211 system.

Danielle Dennis from NAMI announced that there will be free education classes offered in March. Please check out namiyork.org for more details.

Carol Hinkle from Hanover Area Council of Churches shared that her agency turns 50 next month.

Jessica Mockabee shared that York County Human Services has been meeting with the faith-based community to discuss ways we can partner. The faith-based group has indicated that one of their priority areas is working with homeless individuals and families. As a result of these discussions, the group will be hosting a Community Café, focused on homeless issues. The goal will be to identify barriers, brainstorm solutions, and create next steps to work together to better serve the homeless population. Information will be sent out regarding the event in the near future.

Sara Keister from Covenant House said that the shelter has been open for two months now. At the time of the meeting, the shelter could accept one additional female and one additional male. As a reminder the shelter serves ages 18-21. If an un-emancipated child under 18 comes to the shelter, Covenant House is required to notify OCFY. Covenant House can be a resource for children under 18, however.

Janelle Black from the Bar Association indicated that the Bar Association is interested in doing a service project, collecting travel size toiletry items for the homeless. If your group is interested in receiving these toiletry items, please contact Janelle Black at: Janelle.Black@yorkbar.com

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