

Continuum of Care Committee Meeting
October 22, 2015 1 – PM
United Way of York County Community Room

Attendance: Lindsay Zeglen (United Way of York County), Dalynet Torres-Cruz (MH-IDD), Colleen Clay (York County Human Services), Nancy Newton (WellSpan), Kelly Blechertas (York County Planning Commission), Laura Ruhling (YWCA Greater Harrisburg), Sara Matthews (Volunteers of America SSVF), Anne White (Volunteers of America SSVF), Stephanie McIlwee (Turning Point Interfaith Mission), Carol Hinkle (Hanover Area Council of Churches), Valerie Krug (YWCA York), Sonia Pitzi (ECYEH), Missy Gosnell (Community Progress Council), Marcella Kinard (Bell Socialization Services), Rich Robinson (Penn-Mar Human Services), Val Conway (York County Prison), Wanda Miller (Client), Bob Woods (United Way of York County), Vicki Klinedinst (United Way of York County), Tony Schweitzer (Bell Socialization Services), Tonya Thompson-Morgan (York City Human Relations), Melissa Page (YWCA Hanover Safe Home), Robin Rohrbaugh (Community Progress Council), Nora Carreras (Community Progress Council), George Barnock (York County Planning Commission), Nate Rivera (York YMCA) Crystal Ouedraogo (Bell Socialization Services), Kathy Wolf (York Housing Authority)

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

Vicki Klinedinst reported on the United Way of PA survey on non-profit organizations across the state that went out in August. Most organizations said that due to the budget impasse they were beginning to access lines of credit and reserves but minimal impact on staff. An updated survey went out in the middle of September. Thirteen agencies responded from York revealing that the impasse is now impacting client services and staff lay-offs. By mid-November a few agencies indicated they may close. In Washington, there is still no Speaker of the House, resulting in a possible shut down by December 11th. She stressed to continue to write to your legislators about the affect this has on your agency.

EFSP Update: No update since last meeting.

Subcommittee Reports

- **CoC Application**

Kelly Blechertas reported that the application is being worked on and is very different from last year. There is a strong focus on Point in Time numbers. The application is due November 20th, including renewals. It must go before the County Commissioners on November 18th so next month's CoC meeting has been changed to November 12th @ 12:30pm to approve the application. Ms. Blechertas will release a draft of the application to the committee prior to approval.

As part of the push to end homelessness in accordance with the federal *Opening Doors* policy, HUD is requesting CoC's implement a chronic prioritization policy. This implementation is part of the CoC application which is currently being completed. In order to receive maximum points, York needs to approve a policy by which individuals and families are prioritized based on their need, not the "first come first serve" waiting lists that many programs currently use. We will

see a lot more of this moving forward, becoming a key component in the coordinated assessment.

Motion: Moved by Vicki Klinedinst, seconded by Stephanie McIlwee, to approve the York Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Prioritization Policy. Motion carried.

- **Review and Ranking**

Nancy Newton distributed a summary of the FY 15 CoC Application Tier 1 and Tier 2 projects that were reviewed and ranked October 9th. Each applicant presented individually to the subcommittee. This year, funding in Tier 2 is no longer guaranteed. This also includes the available Bonus Funding (\$247,542). If York does receive Tier 2 funding, the Bonus amount will become part of our annual renewal demand, which is currently just under \$1million.

Tier 1: \$843,172.00

1. HMIS - \$147,842.00
2. Rapid Re-housing Renewal - \$49,430.00
3. Rapid Re-housing Expansion - \$19,672.00
4. YWCA York Still Waters - \$145,026.00
5. York YMCA - \$40,000.00
5. Bell Apartments - \$29,745.00
7. Turning Point - \$282,449.00
8. Housing Authority - \$129,368.60

Tier 2 + Bonus: \$396,337.00

1. Housing Authority - \$53,740.00
2. Rapid Re-housing - \$247,542.00 (Bonus Funding)
3. Coordinated Assessment - \$95,055.00

Total Tier 1 & Tier 2: \$1,239,509

The YMCA reduced by 50% because services budget is unreasonably high compared to the funds spent on housing for the program. Bottom 3 ranked projects each reduced by 10%. The lowest ranked split with a portion in Tier 2.

Project rankings will no longer be voted on separately. This will be voted on with the application in November.

- **HMIS**

Ms. Blechertas is still working on AHAR. Draft data is due December 2nd and final data is due December 12th.

- **10 Year Plan**

- **Coordinated Assessment**

Robin Rohrbaugh reported that CPC submitted an application to be the host site for Coordinated Assessment. Moving forward, the subcommittee will shift its focus towards Permanent Supportive Housing since this is HUD's priority.

- **Healthcare**

The Theme 4 subcommittee has not met since last meeting. Consultants are currently looking at trends within hospitalization and homelessness. A survey was provided to both housing providers and healthcare providers.

Point-in-Time

Jessica Mockabee reported that an unsheltered Point-in-Time Count must be conducted in order to receive planning funding in 2016. This will take place Thursday, January 28th, 2016. Last year at Our Daily Bread winter apparel was distributed to homeless individuals. Agencies/churches are encouraged to conduct a fundraiser for cold weather items (gloves, socks, coats, blankets, etc.) and they can be dropped off at CPC.

Bonus Funding Discussion- Update

A small committee met on October 1st to discuss options for bonus funding. The Housing First model is the optimal project moving forward which is the direction HUD is forcing us in. Marcella Kinard discussed a program from Philadelphia using the Housing First model that she found very enlightening and could possibly be replicated in York. The agency stated they are willing to help York get a similar project started. The relationship with landlords is a key component of the program's success. If anyone is interested in taking a visit to the agency, email Marcella at Marcella@bellsocialization.org.

Mainstream Resources Review- MATP

Ms. Mockabee discussed details on the Medical Assistance Transportation Program offered in York through rabbittransit. She will be providing a mainstream resource each month.

York Area Housing Group Video

The meeting adjourned at 2:00pm.

The next meeting has been rescheduled from its normal third Thursday due to required approval of the CoC Application. **The meeting will be held Thursday, November 12, 2015 @ 12:30pm at the United Way Community Room.**