

Continuum of Care Committee Meeting

**October 24, 2018**

**1:00 pm – 2:00 pm**

**United Way of York County**

**Attendance:** Tina Beddia (YWCA York); Brye Coles (York Housing Authority); Kelly Blechertas (York County Planning Commission); Natalie Williams-Chair (United Way of York County); Crystal Ouedraogo (Bell Socialization Services); Dalynet Torres-Cruz (York/Adams MH-IDD); Shelley Peterson (CPC); Barbara Leonard (Lebanon VAMC); Marcella Kinard (Bell Socialization); Danyse Keiser (YMCA); Jessica Mockabee (York County Human Services); Dawn Squire (Contact Helpline/PA 2-1-1); Eric Chase (York CARES; Children's Aid Society); Dolores Pfeiffer (York CARES); Casey Darling-Horan (Family First Health); Joyce Santiago (York Area Housing Group); Eve Gardner (Wellspan); Shawn Myers (OCYF); Yolanda Finger (Recovery House of Worship – York)

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

**EFSP Update:** No update – the United Way hasn't had any update on Phase 36.

### **Subcommittee Reports**

**CoC Application:** Kelly Blechertas reported that Norm Schumar (HUD) reported that the CoC NOFA schedule will be set moving forward. Previous year application awards will be completed by December; new NOFA will be released between May-August.

**Review and Ranking:** No report.

**HMIS:** AHAR this year is being replaced by the LSA – Longitudinal Systems Analysis. This new format for data collection for HUD will still operate on a 10/1-9/30 year, but since a new report and a new submission website is being created, the report deadlines are different this year:

- 10/31/18: the new HDX 2.0 submission website will be open
- 11/9/18: CoC's must attempt to upload a data file from their HMIS by this date. HUD warns us this file will most likely fail, but we should attempt it
- 11/30/18: final successful upload of data from HMIS is required to participate in LSA
- December – February: HUD's data collectors will work with communities to ensure their data is accurate for LSA

**Coordinated Assessment:** There are 22 households on the homeless queue seeking housing. 3 are households with children; 19 are adult-only households (mostly single adults). Due to lack of housing resources, we've been having to remove people who've been on the queue longer than 60 days with no offer of housing assistance.

**Recuperative Care (Medical Respite):** No update. At last check, all 7 beds in the program are full.

**Landlord Network:** This group met in October to discuss the pros and cons of different models of housing navigation/location. Missy Gosnell and Kelly Blechertas met with case managers at Bell Next Door to find out from them which areas of housing location are most time consuming and difficult. That information will be shared with the Landlord Committee at the next meeting on

11/2 at 9:00 a.m. and the Committee will form a proposal of model to the YCPC to use for job description purposes.

**Veterans:** No update. The Veterans Committee has not seen new veterans in the HMIS solution in the last month.

### **Agency Presentation: Valley Youth House**

Valley Youth House presenters were tied up in travel and unable to make it. The CoC will offer another meeting time to present information in 2019.

### **Education/Awareness/Branding**

Natalie Williams and Kelly Blechertas discussed the need to move forward with branding the CoC process to make it more accessible and educational for the public. Kelly noted that the CoC branding process could be combined with the Coordinated Assessment branding process, to help the York community understand the good work the group is doing, and help us do more.

Since the group was small for the October meeting (due to rescheduling), Natalie proposed another discussion around the topic at the November meeting, and then pulling together a small task force to look at the process.

### **Agency Announcements**

Jessica Mockabee announced that October 25<sup>th</sup> would be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Homeless Outreach Program with the Realtors Association. This program will help the homeless to obtain birth certificates, food, haircuts and also identification.

Jessica Mockabee also reported that planning for the 2019 unsheltered Point in Time Count will begin soon – if anyone is interested in volunteering, please contact her. [JEMockabee@yorkcountypa.gov](mailto:JEMockabee@yorkcountypa.gov)

Natalie Williams reminded everyone that a new 3-year funding cycle will begin for the United Way, soon. Their last funding cycle provided \$2.5 million to 35 partner agencies. Agencies interested in applying for the next 3 year funding cycle should submit letters of intent.

Shelley Peterson reported that Covenant House is having a ‘Sleep Out’ at First Presbyterian Church at Market and Queen Streets on November 16<sup>th</sup>.

Shelley also reminded the group that there is a Sheriff’s Sale scheduled for 12/3 – we may see new households seeking housing help because their property has been sold. The group also held a discussion about the impact of tax sales on households in York. Natalie suggested we look at holding a training for the CoC about the Sheriff’s Sale and Tax Sale processes.

Casey Darling-Horan shared that Family First Health has expanded their pregnancy care program. They are now serving the following zip codes: 17401, 17402, 17403, 17404, 17408. They are also looking at bringing on more community health workers not associated with pregnancy only.

Eric Chase and Dolores Phifer reported that York CARES will be operating their services out of the Heidelberg United Church of Christ for the rest of the calendar year, to allow the Salvation Army more space for their holiday drives. The Coffee Spot will move to Heidelberg on November 15<sup>th</sup>. The York CARES group would like to find a more permanent space, and would like to have laundry and shower capabilities for those in need.

Meeting Adjourned - **Next Meeting will take place on November 15th at 1:00 pm at the York Learning Center (old Central High School in North York Borough) 300 East 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, York, PA 17404**

**Please make note of the date and location change.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kelly Blechertas