

Continuum of Care Committee Meeting

November 16, 2017

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

York County 911 Center

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), Kelly Blechertas (York County Planning Commission), Brye Coles (York Housing Authority), Eve Gardner (Healthy York County Coalition), Steve Brubaker (Life Path Christian Ministries), Chuck Maxfield (Crispus Attucks), Jessica Mockabee (York County Human Services Department), Jamie Stevens (Bell Socialization), Kelly Gollick (Contact Helpline), Dawn Squire (Contact Helpline), Sara Matthews (Volunteers of America PA), Heather Buhl (York County CYF), Lori Leister (Bell Socialization), Harrison Fertig (Valley Youth House), Melanie Ifill (Valley Youth House), Amanda Harden (Valley Youth House), Dalynet Torres-Cruz (Y/A MH-IDD Program), Deb Loucks (York Area Housing Group), Wanda Miller (Client/Advocate)

Welcome/Introductions: Chair, Ms. Clay-Schaumann welcomed everyone and asked for introductions. A motion was made to approve last month's meeting minutes by Eve Gardner. Motion carried.

EFSP Update: Ms. Williams stated that an email was received stating that January 8, 2018 is when the interim reports are due from the EFSP participants.

Subcommittee Reports

CoC Application: Ms. Blechertas reported that no news was received from the submitted CoC Application. The Consultant has been in contact to suggest the group work on specific areas of next year's application. The information suggested would make for a stronger application at the next submission.

Review and Ranking: Nothing to report on Review and Ranking

HMIS: Ms. Blechertas reported that the second draft of AHAR data was submitted. Overall things are looking good. The YM has had some issues with data but new staff is correcting this information.

Coordinated Assessment: Ms. Blechertas stated that there are three lists of eligible people. The first is the group that meets HUD's Homeless definition, the HUD ineligible group that are doubled up but may be eligible for HAP, and the third group are the people who are in the eviction process. The Rental Assistance Program that is funded with state Homeless Assistance Program money is on hold currently. We are waiting for the state to respond on how to allocate funds with our coordinated entry process and the required CAO coordinated payments. The other two streams of rental assistance funding are the ESG and the Continuum of Care. ESG funds are usually released in August but Congress has not released the funds this year.

Recuperative Care (Medical Respite): Ms. Gardner stated that issues have arisen with the new program and are being addressed. Ms. Clay-Schaumann stated that it is possible that the women's facility may open sooner than was originally estimated.

Veterans: Ms. Matthews stated that there is a list of homeless veterans in York County. This list is reviewed weekly and the plan is for rapid rehousing for these homeless veterans.

Point In Time Count

Ms. Blechertas stated that the sheltered count for the Point In Time will be conducted the evening of January 31, 2018. The unsheltered count is scheduled for February 1, 2018. Ms. Gosnell and Ms. Mockabee will be heading up the unsheltered count and are currently working out the details. Ms. Mockabee stated that the unsheltered count will ask participants where they slept last night meaning January 31. A sign-up sheet is available to participate in the unsheltered count.

There is a need for hygiene products and cold weather gear for the homeless. If possible, please do a drive in your agency that can be distributed during the unsheltered count.

SOAR Update: Ms. Stevens stated that the application technical assistance project was turned in this week. A response should be received around December 8th. Ms. Stevens will be managing the SOAR program.

Case Management: Ms. Leister reported that Case Management is proceeding despite having lost a case manager. Bell is hiring to replace this position. All homeless/near homeless who are asking for assistance must enter through the coordinated assessment process and be assessed with the VI-SPDAT.

York County Bar Foundation Presentation

Ms. Black discussed the various legal resources available in York County. This organization is the largest funder of legal initiatives and some programs include: York County's drug, DUI, mental health and veteran's treatment courts. There are services for low income people through the Modest Means program through the Bar Foundation. There will be an expungement clinic in early 2018 focusing on juvenile expungements.

Agency Announcements

Ms. Mockabee stated that she had been asked to remind everyone that Friday is ECVYEH Red Shirt Day. Please wear red in support of the youth and students experiencing homelessness in York County.

Ms. Gardner reminded everyone that Open Enrollment for the ACA ends on December 15th. If you need help you with this process, please contact Family First Health Clinic. There are reasonably priced programs out there for everyone.

Ms. Miller shared that Covenant House is holding a vigil at York City Hall. At the CCBH Board meeting, there was discussion to offer smoking cessation programs for consumers in housing programs. While smoking may calm some consumers, there are other health effects that need to be taken into consideration.

Ms. Kinard reported that the shelter is at capacity. Families are struggling to find the funding needed to move out of the shelter. Some are going back to a doubled up situation because they can't afford to move into a place of their own. Currently, there is a need in the shelter for towels and blankets. They can be dropped off at the shelter during normal business hours.

Ms. Gollick introduced Dawn Squire. Ms. Squire will be contacting York County providers to make sure that they have current information to load into the PA 211 Contact Helpline Resource for the database.

Mr. Brubaker stated that Life Path will be doing an agency day in January. The open house is scheduled from 10:30 a.m. to noon on January 18th. Staff will explain the many changes in their programming that has taken place.

Valley Youth House is now open at 137 W Market Street. They will be working with adolescents from 14 – 21 years old to achieve independence. Valley Youth House will also begin their COC-funded Rapid Rehousing Program for transitional age youth in the near future.

Ms. Clay-Schaumann stated that the CSG Partial Hospital Program will open on November 27th, but will begin taking referrals on November 20th. The phone number to register for the program is 1-877-907-7970. These referrals will need to be made by a Case Manager.

Meeting Adjourned - **Next Meeting will take place on December 21, 2017 at 1:00 pm at the York Learning Center, 300 E. Seventh Ave. (Old York Central HS)**

***** Enter at Door 1 (at the flagpole). Room 320 is behind the larger gym at the end of the hall on the west side.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim Baker