

Continuum of Care Committee Meeting  
December 17, 2015 1:00pm – 2:00pm  
United Way of York County Community Room

**Attendance:** Lindsay Zeglen (United Way of York County), Missy Gosnell (Community Progress Council), Nancy Newton (Wellspan), Eve Gardner (Healthy York Network), Rachel Miller (YCOCYF), David Mattern (YCOCYF), Colleen Clay (York County Human Services), Kelly Blechertas (York County Planning Commission), Stephanie McIlwee (Turning Point Interfaith), Carol Hinkle (Hanover Area Council of Churches), Valerie Krug (YWCA York), Tiffany Raybin (YWCA York), Kimberly Preske (NAMI York County), Laura Ruhling (YWCA Harrisburg), Brye Coles (York Housing Authority), Kathy Wolf (York Housing Authority), Steve Warren (York/Adams MH-IDD), Joiann Galiano (York County Planning Commission), Rich Robinson (Penn-Mar Human Services), George Barnock (York County Planning Commission), Kristal Abenshon (York County Prison), Michelle Keadle (Bridge of Hope York County), Jessica Mockabee (York County Human Services), Vicki Klinedinst (United Way of York County)

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

#### **EFSP Update**

No update since last meeting.

#### **ESG Program Vote**

Joiann Galiano reported on a change request for the Emergency Solutions Grant. In May, 2015, the CoC approved revisions to the 2015 sub-recipient awards approved for the 2015 ESG program as part of the 3-Year Project Plan. When it was modified, there was a low funding amount in Rapid Re-Housing and a large amount in Homeless Prevention. Based on the projected funding needs for 2016, adjustments to 2015 program year funding between Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing components are suggested. The proposal is to reduce HP funding by \$48,613 for a new account balance of \$5,000 and increase the RRH funding by \$48,613 for a new account balance of \$53,081.

In the spring, the CoC will look at funding for the second half of 2016. It may be necessary to review the 2016 sub-recipient grant amounts when HUD announces the County's ESG entitlement amount.

**Motion:** Moved by Vicki Klinedinst, seconded by Eve Gardner, to approve changes to 2015 ESG program sub-awards by reducing the Homeless Prevention component to \$5,000.00 and increase Rapid Re-Housing component to \$53,081.00, for recommendation to the York County Commissioners. Motion carried.

#### **Subcommittee Reports**

- **CoC Application**

Kelly Blechertas reported that on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> HUD released the final rule on the definition of chronic homelessness. Much of it is the same but has been narrowed down and acknowledged that the number of chronic individuals will most likely decrease, making it more difficult to track. The

rule starts Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> and housing providers must comply by Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Blechertas will send a full definition and rules to the committee.

- **Review and Ranking**

No update since last meeting.

- **HMIS**

Ms. Blechertas is working on AHAR which is due Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>. She reported that York's homeless veteran numbers have decreased since last year. Once finished she will provide information comparing this year's numbers to last year's. In January, Kelly will send out requests for providers to change their intake forms to include new questions authorized by HUD. She will also hold trainings again on intake.

She reported that Mayor Bracey attended a meeting at the VA Lebanon office to agree to end veteran homelessness in York County. This paper work has been completed and sent to D.C. to be reviewed. York County is doing an excellent job, in large part because of the partnerships and communication among agencies.

- **10 Year Plan**

- **Coordinated Assessment**

Continued planning for implementation.

- **Healthcare**

Sub-committee is in the process of creating surveys (similar to the PIT) for providers and hospitals about their homeless clients.

- **MA funding for Housing First**

Eve Gardner reported that some states, through the Affordable Care Act, are using their MA funding towards housing. Bridgeport, CT developed a funding collaborative (public and private sectors) toward some Housing First projects that include healthcare services. Amy Hampson reported that the HealthChoices Housing Program does something similar in that it is a reinvestment project to use leftover medical assistance dollars that weren't used, including several years of funding.

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

Organizational Meeting – January 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm at CPC Case Mgt. Office (1600 Roosevelt Ave.)

Ms. Mockabee and Missy Gosnell attended Hands on Helpers event on November 20<sup>th</sup> with a group from RAYAC. They are interested in holding something similar in York County in 2016.

## **Mainstream Resources Review – Case Management Services**

Ms. Gosnell discussed the Case Management services provided at Community Progress Council which offers comprehensive, strategic help to homeless or low-income individuals who face multiple challenges. They offer two kinds of services; 1) adults age 18-59 who meet federal poverty income guidelines who may have budget issues, are unemployed, need guidance to other services in the community and 2) individuals who are homeless/near homeless. Services are provided throughout the County.

**Next meeting will be held January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 at Office of Emergency Management (911 Building – 120 Davies Drive) at 1:30pm in main conference room.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Lindsay Zeglen