

Continuum of Care Committee
February 25, 2016 1:00-2:00 PM
United Way Community Room

Attendance: Eve Gardner (Healthy York Network), Laura Ruhling (YWCA Harrisburg), Stephanie McIlwee (Turning Point Interfaith), Colleen Clay (York County Human Services), Nate Rivera (YMCA of York and York County), Missy Gosnell, Sara Matthews (Volunteers of America SSVF), Laura Gleason (Volunteers of America SSVF), Kelly Blechertas (York County Planning Commission), Debbie Loucks (York Area Housing Group), Rich Robinson (Penn-Mar Human Services), Tiffany Raybin (YWCA York), Joiann Galiano (York County Planning Commission), Wanda Montalvo (York County Planning Commission), Wanda Miller, Brye Coles (York Housing Authority), Nancy Newton (Wellspan), Kimberly Preske (NAMIYC), Barbara Leonard (Lebanon VA), Robin Rohrbaugh (Community Progress Council), Crystal Ouedraogo (Bell Socialization Services), Valerie Krug (YWCA York), Carol Hinkle (Hanover Council of Churches), Lindsay Zeglen (United Way of York County)

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

EFSP Update

No update since last meeting.

ESG – Vote on additional allocation

Joiann Galiano reported that \$28,413.00 additional 2016 ESG funds have been received from HUD and discussed options the committee has to distribute them. The award now totals \$178,413.00. The following are the proposed amendments to the sub-awards for the 2016 ESG program. The allocation percentage for the shelter operations component (60%) and the administration components (7.5%) are the same as the CoC Committee approved allocation formula. The allocation percentage for the homeless prevention component is recommended to be decreased to 2.5% from the approved 30%. The percentage for the rapid rehousing component is recommended to be increased to 30% from the approved 2.5%. These changes reflect actual program expenditures.

Shelter Operations Component (maximum 60% or \$107,047.00):

\$83,497.00 - Bell Socialization Services, Family Shelter
\$5,352.00 - YMCA of York and York County, Men's Residence
\$1,000.00 - YWCA of Hanover, Safe Home Program
\$17,198.00 - YWCA of York, ACCESS-York Emergency Shelter

Homeless Prevention Component (2.5% or \$4,460.00):

\$4,460.00 - Community Progress Council, Rental Assistance

Rapid Re-housing Component (30% or \$53,527.00):

\$53,527.00 - Community Progress Council, Rental Assistance for Permanent Housing

Administration (maximum 7.5% or \$13,380.00):

\$13,403.00 - York County Planning Commission

Motion: Moved by Stephanie McIlwee, seconded by Wanda Miller, to amend the Emergency Solutions Grant program allocations and activity sub-awards for the 2016 program year as described above and be approved for recommendation to the York County Commissioners. Motion carried.

Subcommittee Reports

- **CoC Application**

No update since last meeting – no news on approval of last application, nor schedule for the FY2016 application.

- **Review and Ranking – RFP Packet Review**

Nancy Newton made a recommendation to allocate new money for a new project using the Housing First model parameters set out by HUD for the 2016 application process. The subcommittee reviewed the projects summary piece provided by Diana T Myers and created a “preliminary proposal” that will be distributed to agencies. On March 14th there will be a Q&A at United Way for agencies who would like to apply for a project. The proposals are due April 8th. Nancy emphasized that this will be very preliminary and just looking to see what agencies are thinking and to get a jump start on the timeline. The proposal will also be extended to Dauphin and Lancaster County as well since they currently have projects using the Housing First Model. This will give us the opportunity for additional funds.

The information is being sent to all agencies that currently receive CoC money, but is open to any agency and will be posted on the York County Planning Commission’s website.

Motion: Moved by Eve Gardner, seconded by Wanda Miller, to approve the release of the RFP for new projects for the 2016 CoC application. Motion carried.

- **HMIS**

In January, a recommendation was sent out to agencies to change their intake process in HMIS. Kelly has not heard from anyone and as a result the data quality is poor, which could affect CoC funding. Kelly stressed the importance of using the new intake forms with the new data questions. She will set up a mandatory training session to review these changes. There will also be additional changes coming this summer to be put in place Oct 1st, 2016.

- **10 Year Plan**

- **Coordinated Assessment** – no update since last meeting.
- **Healthcare** – Eve Gardner gave a brief summary on Supportive Housing Works from Bridgeport CT, who is the lead agency around housing and homelessness in Connecticut. Their focus areas are chronic homelessness, re-entry, families, and collaboration with healthcare systems to reduce re-admissions. They utilize a coordinated access network with one central registry for all of Bridgeport. The agency referred Eve to Montgomery County who is doing some housing/healthcare work using the Housing First model.

- **Sheltered PIT Count**

The Sheltered PIT Count took place on February 3, 2016. The final count was 495 individuals (up from 475 last year), however, we’ve added 2 programs to the count this year compared to 2015.

- **Unsheltered PIT Count**

Missy Gosnell reported the Unsheltered PIT was 72 individuals (up from 42 last year.) There were seven groups that participated in the count and did a much better job on expanding the areas covered and tracking homelessness which is why the numbers reflect such an increase. She noted there was a major increase in accompanied and non-accompanied youth – 21 unaccompanied youth and 14 students with homeless family units (10 from Red Lion SD.)

We collected a lot of cold weather gear and hygiene supplied to distribute. Missy is looking to get a storage spot to collect supplies throughout the year.

Other Business

Wanda Miller reported that the “Feeling Blue” website is now active, which shares information on depression. She is also in the process of talking with CSP (Community Support Program) to get it running in York. This would be a way to connect clients and providers with one another, specifically geared toward individuals with mental health issues.

Ms. Miller shared information on the Family Promise Program, which is a group that helps homeless families, based out of St. Matt’s Church. They provide transportation to families, shelter, food, support, etc. If anyone is interested in participating, the program meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7pm at St. Matt’s Church.

Program Updates

Community Progress Council - Rental Assistance Program is open and very busy. They also currently have 15 open positions at the agency.

Colleen Clay - York County Food Bank opens its doors to anyone on Fridays between 12:30pm-2:00pm to pick up any amount of food needed, including a good amount of nutritious food.

Volunteers of America - Resubmitted NOFA for 2017 to assist homeless veterans in finding permanent housing through Housing First.

Hanover Area Council of Churches – has opened its doors to a new recovery group, Smart Recovery. The group is exceeding attendance and doing very well, clients are very pleased.

Missy Gosnell – working with Hands on Helpers with RAYAC (now called HOPE- Homeless Outreach Project Event) on getting different sub-committees together to start the planning process for this event.

Next Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 25th @ 1:00pm at the United Way.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lindsay Zeglen