

Continuum of Care Committee Meeting

March 22, 2018

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

United Way of York County

**Attendance:** Tina Beddia (YWCA York), Natalie Williams (United Way of York County), Barbara Leonard (Veteran's Affairs), David McCollum (Veteran's Affairs), Brye Coles (York Housing Authority) Steve Brubaker (Life Path Christian Ministries), Jessica Mockabee (York County Human Services Department), Lori Leister (Bell Socialization), Melanie Hill (Valley Youth House), Amanda Harden (Valley Youth House), Harrison Fertig (Valley Youth House), Missy Gosnell (LIU ECYEH), Stephanie McIlwee (Turning Point Interfaith Mission), Samantha Vollrath (Self Determination Housing Project), Cindy Abbott (Mason-Dixon Community Services), Jamie Stevens (Bell Socialization), Debbie Loucks (York Area Housing Group), Crystal Ouedraogo (Bell Socialization), Danyse Keiser (York Co. YMCA), Heather Seton (YWCA York), Ruth Robbins (CPC)

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

**EFSP Update:** Providers have until April 3<sup>rd</sup> to get their reports for Phases 33 & 34 to Natalie so she has time to organize the information. The report to the government is due April 9<sup>th</sup>. Natalie reminded providers to submit their reports on time, or there will be a risk of a delay in funds. No date has been given for Phase 35.

#### **Subcommittee Reports**

**CoC Application:** HUD has indicated that their goal is to have the CoC NOFA out in May and have the applications due back in August or September. However, they may miss their target.

**Review and Ranking:** Pre-proposals were due at noon on March 22, 2018. However, Nancy indicated that Review and Ranking would extend the deadline until close of business on March 23, 2018. On April 4<sup>th</sup>, the Review and Ranking Committee will review the proposals and submit any feedback to providers who have submitted.

**HMIS:** The VA changed the information that is collected through HMIS for SSVF providers. The change allows SSVF to possibly serve people who made it through basic training. This may lead to entries in HMIS for SSVF that include a non-veteran status. Kelly reminded the group that system performance measures are due in May. The critical data elements are: changes to income, first time homeless, and recidivism rate. Kelly must submit the PIT results to HUD by the end of April.

**Coordinated Assessment:** Kelly reviewed the current Coordinated Assessment statistics. There were 78 current assessments with the following breakdown: 10 doubled-up, 29 being evicted, 4 in hotels paid for by self, and 35 met HUD's homeless definition. A committee had been formed to develop coordinated assessment policies. The proposed policies were sent to the committee prior to today's meeting. A motion was made to approve the policies drafted by the committee. The motion was seconded and with no further discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

**Recuperative Care (Medical Respite):** No Update.

**Veterans:** The committee continues to meet. However, there is a lack of substantial data sharing through the VA. For example, we do not know how many veterans from York County have VASH vouchers. Brye reported that the York Housing Authority was recently awarded six vouchers, however, they do not all have to be used in York or for York County residents.

**Housing Navigator:** The CoC was awarded funds to hire a Housing Navigator. The funds are not in, and the Planning Commission projects that the funds will come late in the calendar year. With that timeline, the goal is to hire someone in early 2019. There has been no decision regarding where to house the position. A main goal of the position will be to create a landlord network. In the meantime, Kelly will be creating a committee to help create start-up information for the information. If you are interested in being on the committee, please let Kelly know. Natalie indicated the Housing Advisory Group is planning another Housing Summit for fall of 2018, and she would like to have a housing navigator best practices session at the event.

**SOAR Update:** Jamie indicated that so far, three people from her current cohort completed SOAR training and are certified, and many others will compete this in the next few weeks. Jamie encouraged participants to not get too concerned about meeting the original timeframe- there is no hard deadline, but she would like everyone to be completed by the end of April.

**Case Management/Rental Assistance Programs:** Crystal shared that the program is fully staffed.

**Monthly Presentation:** Jamie presented on SOAR and the SOAR training process. CPC's presentation will be rescheduled due to illness.

### **Agency Announcements**

The Vice Chair position is open. If you are interested in the position, please notify Natalie. We will vote at the next meeting to appoint the vice-chair.

The Human Services Division is hosting its annual public meeting on April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 3-5 at the LIU's Learning Center (old Central York High School). Please attend if possible.

CPC is offering Financial Literacy Programs.

Valley Youth House currently has three transitional-age youth housed in their RRH program, with 2 openings. Valley youth House is participating in the Give Local York event, which is taking place on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Bill Motsavage will be interviewed by Fox43 to promote their program.

Samantha invited members of the CoC to a Train the Trainer session on PREP (Prepared Renter's Education Program). The goal is to teach consumers information on how to be a good tenant and protect their rights. The session will be capped at 20. Please contact Samantha for more information.

Meeting Adjourned - **Next Meeting will take place on April 26, 2018 at 1:00 pm at the United Way Community Room, 800 E. King St., York, PA**