

Continuum of Care Committee Meeting

March 23, 2017

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

United Way Community Room

Attendance: Jessica Mockabee (York County Human Services), Amy Hampson (Y/A HealthChoices), Missy Gosnell (LIU 12 ECYCH), Tina Beddia (YWCA York), Vicki Klinedinst (United Way of York County), Shelley Peterson (York CPC), Nancy Newton (WellSpan), Barbara Leonard (Veteran's Affairs), Lateisha Garrison (Valley Youth House), Colleen Clay (York County Human Services/Bridges To Health), Stephanie McIlwee (Turning Point Interfaith Mission), Sue Payne (Bell Socialization), Anita Sumner (Bell Socialization), Wanda Miller (Client/Advocate), Crystal Ouedraogo (Bell Socialization), George Barnock (YCPC), Brye Coles (York Housing Authority), Kelly Gollick (CONTACT Helpline), Kevin Smyers (York County Veterans Affairs), Ike Hileman (Bell Socialization), Sara Keister (Covenant House), Laura Ruhling (YWCA Harrisburg SSVF), Debbie Loucks (York Area Housing Group), Sonia Pitzi (LIU 12 ECYCH)

Welcome/Introductions: Chair, Ms. Mockabee welcomed everyone and asked for introductions. Last month's meeting minutes were approved.

Subcommittee Reports

CoC Application: Mr. Barnock stated once the Federal budget is passed in April the NOFA funds will be released in May or June. The RFP out for preliminary proposals is due 4/7 at noon.

CoC ESG Funding: Mr. Barnock reviewed the President's proposed HUD budget, and there isn't much information. The CoC and ESG programs were not specifically mentioned in the budget so hopefully they will avoid a funding reduction, but nothing is guaranteed.

Review and Ranking: Ms. Newton reported that the Review and Ranking will meet on April 13th to look at the RFP preliminary proposals that were submitted on April 7th. The committee will then get back to the applicants about new projects and help them refine their applications for these projects.

HMIS: Mr. Barnock announced that the HUD Exchange has issued an announcement about SAGE HMIS. This is a new system which CoC funded agencies will be using for their APRs going forward. This system will be a replacement for E-Snaps for the APRs.

Coordinated Assessment: Mr. Barnock reported that there will be a meeting in May with the Consultant for Coordinated Entry to see what needs to be tweaked in the program since the program launched in December.

Shelley Peterson reported that the CoC medium-term rental assistance program has provided rental funds for three families, with six families in process, the short-term program has provided for five families with four in process, and the ESG funds have provided for seven families.

Recuperative Care (Medical Respite): Ms. Newton stated that the Hunter Cottage was formerly known as Jihra Meadows and is located at the corner of Cottage and Duke Street. Since they operate as a non-profit, Ms. Newman helped write a grant to cover the costs needed to open the medical respite facility.

Veterans: Ms. Ruhling reported that the bi-weekly phones are continuing. The calls are used to share information about the Veterans that the different agencies encounter. There has been a huge increase in the amount of homeless Veterans in York. These Veterans are a mix of both local and transient people. Mr. Sandy's is currently being used as a drop in center until staffing can be found for overnight stays. They provide the Veterans with meals and once a month there are food distributions for the Veterans.

Sheltered Point-in-Time Survey: Mr. Barnock stated that the figures given last month are holding true although they did need to be cleaned up by the consultant. The results show a lower number of homeless this year over the last year. This lower number may help to raise our application scores

SOAR Update

Ms. Mockabee reported that 19 people are in training for the SOAR program. We are trying to keep everyone on the same schedule so they it is easier for someone from the State to troubleshoot and provide assistance. The training schedule should wrap up on May 3rd.

The 19th person is Margaret McGann Fitzpatrick, who is a legal advocate for people looking to sign up for benefits or on the appeal process. Ms. Fitzpatrick covers several counties in south central PA and will support clients as they appear before the judges.

Smoke-free Policy

Mr. Barnock reported that the Consultant is trying to research several communities that have CoC wide policies on smoking bans. We haven't heard anything back from HUD so hopefully, the Consultant will be able to provide us with several examples.

Training

Next month there will be a training for Fair Housing with Tanya Thompson-Morgan. The training will cover fair housing and rules and will begin immediately following the April CoC meeting, and will conclude by 2:30 pm.

Agency Announcements

Wanda Miller announced that Put People First is doing a Campaign for Guaranteed Healthcare on April 8th. The organization is trying to organize a speak-out here in York.

Amy Hampson announced that she would review Shelter Plus Care applications for applicants who are homeless and have a serious mental health condition.

Kelly Gollick stated that 2-1-1 could now take text requests. The text number is 898-211. This permits those who have used their minutes to still receive services. The zip code will need to be texted so that the 211 office knows the location for referral purposes.

Kevin Smyers announced that the York County Veterans Affairs has four service officers. This allows services to the County areas outside the City. There is an outreach calendar available on the York County Veterans Affairs website that states the locations and times that the service officers are available.

Sarah Keister said that Covenant House has increased their hours. They are now available on Monday and Thursday from 8:00 am – 8:00 pm.

Shelley Peterson announced that the restriction on HAP has been lifted. Adult only households can apply for rental assistance now.

Sonia Pitzi stated that she would like to do another Students Experiencing Homelessness Week this November. Sonia is interested in collaborating with other organizations.

Vicki Klinedinst stated that EFSP fund amount is \$188,000 but she is not sure when the materials will be available from Washington. Vicki also shared that there is a 2-1-1 Regional meeting on April 28th for the York area. This meeting will be held in Harrisburg.

Debbie Loucks announced that she is still looking for applications for the Dutch Kitchen. Applicants can apply to the Dutch Kitchen or the Housing Authority.

Meeting Adjourned - **Next Meeting will take place on April 27, 2017 at 1:00 pm at the United Way Community Room.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim Baker