

Continuum of Care Committee Meeting
April 28, 2016 1:00-2:00pm
United Way Community Room

Attendance: Kelly Blechertas (York County Planning Commission), Missy Gosnell (Community Member), Nancy Newton (Wellspan), Sara Matthews (Volunteers of America PA), Lateisha Garrison (Valley Youth House), Jane Heller (Community Member), Stephanie McIlwee (Turning Point Interfaith Mission), Robin Rohrbaugh (Community Progress Council), Rexann Richardson (YWCA York), Valerie Krug (YWCA York), Laura Ruhling (YWCA Harrisburg SSVF), Barbara Leonard (Veterans Affairs – Lebanon), Brye Coles (York Housing Authority), Xiaomin Cai (HUD – Philadelphia Office), Paula Clymer-Moore (Bell Socialization), Crystal Ouedraogo (Bell Socialization), Amy Hampson (Y/A HealthChoices), Amy Evans (York County Planning Commission), Valerie Convoy (York County Prison), Cindy Richard (Southern Community Services), Nate Rivera (YMCA of York County), Tonya Thompson-Morgan (City of York Human Relations Commission), Ellen Carter-Nicholas (York County Office of Children, Youth, & Families) Robert Woods (United Way), Jessica Mockabee (York County Human Services), Vicki Klinedinst (United Way)

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

EFSP Update

Vicki Klinedinst reported that Phase 2 reports will be reviewed next week by Lindsay Zeglen and recipient agencies will hear from her if there are any final questions. Vicki reviewed the EFSP priorities and recommended a vote on approving those priorities for Phase 33. Voting members unanimously approved the priorities for Phase 33, with Nancy Newton making the motion, and Stephanie McIlwee seconding the motion.

Subcommittee Reports

- **CoC Application**

Kelly Blechertas reported that HUD has requested CoC's complete their CoC Registration by May 11th. This is out of order from the normal set of events. CoC's are still waiting to hear about Tier 2 grant awards from FY2015. Kelly will keep everyone in the loop when the NOFA is released and the application process formally begins.

- **Review and Ranking**

Nancy Newton reported that the Committee met and discussed 4 potential applications for new funds through the Preliminary Proposal process. Applications for new housing projects were received from Bell Socialization, Latter Christian Fellowship, Southern Community Services, and Valley Youth House. All proposals were strong, but the committee had additional questions and those were sent to the contacts for each proposal. Additional, more formal review will need to be conducted during the official application Review and Ranking process, but the preliminary proposal was successful in getting agencies thinking about new projects they'd be interested in pursuing.

- **HMIS**

Kelly Blechertas reported that mandatory HMIS re-training will be postponed until September, due to HUD issuing revisions to the data elements this summer. New data elements released in June/July should be programmed in the software by September, and will be mandatory for collection by October 1st.

- **10 Year Plan- Update on Process**

Bob Woods reported that he and George Barnock will get together soon to discuss the process moving forward.

- **Coordinated Assessment** – Community Progress Council has declined to house and maintain the Coordinated Entry process for York County. Kelly Blechertas reported that she and a small group will be talking with federal technical assistance providers to decide the best way to move forward.
- **Healthcare**- Nancy Newton reported that the medical respite team is moving forward with the help of a Wellspan consultant, Dianna Benaknin. An event will be held at RAYAC on June 23rd to bring community stakeholders together and review the best way to bring medical respite to York.

Nancy also reported on the healthcare questions asked during the 2016 Point in Time count. More people reported having insurance in 2016 than 2015, with a majority having Medicaid. Also, only about 25% of the homeless population reported using the Emergency Room as their primary source of health care.

- **Veterans** – Sara Matthews reported that the York veterans’ sub-committee has been formed and is tasked with organizing the process for ending veteran homelessness in York County. That group is finalizing the process for referring homeless veterans to appropriate housing services, and will release that information to the CoC as soon as it is available.

- **CJAB (Criminal Justice Advisory Board) Re-Entry Program Update – Amy Evans (YCPC)**

- Amy Evans from York County Planning Commission presented information to the group around the Re-Entry Organization planning process that CJAB is currently going through.

The planning process has five more meetings scheduled and anyone is welcome. The group is currently low on service and housing providers that will be necessary to make the re-entry organization successful in York.

Materials from the hands-outs, as well as the schedule of meetings, was emailed to all CoC members.

South Central PA Regional Housing Summit

The South Central PA Regional Housing Summit will be held on Tuesday, June 14th, 2016 at Wyndham Garden Hotel. Jessica Mockabee announced she has training dollars that could send approximately 10 people to the Summit. Please contact Jessica at the Human Services Department if you are interested.

Other Business

Ellen Carter-Nicholas from the York County Department of Children, Youth, & Families reported they are working with Covenant House, the Mayor's Office, and Bell to open a youth drop-in center. Funding doesn't begin until July 1, and there is currently no set open date, but Ellen will keep the group informed of their progress.

Hands on Helper Update – Missy Gosnell updated the committee on the planning of H.O.P.E (Homeless Outreach Project.) October 18th, 2016 is the potential date for the event. The group will be meeting at Asbury Church in May, as that is the tentative location for the event in October.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00pm.

The Next Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 26, 2016 at the United Way Community Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Blechertas