

Continuum of Care Committee Meeting

May 24, 2018

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

United Way of York County

Attendance: Danielle Dennis (NAMI York County); Norma Escobar (Salvation Army); Tina Beddia (YWCA York); Shelley Peterson (Community Progress Council); Steve Brubaker (Lifepath Christian Ministries); Amy Hampson (York/Adams HealthChoices); Jamie Stevens (Bell Socialization Services); Harrison Fertig (Valley Youth House); Kelly Gollick (CONTACT Helpline); Dawn Squire (CONTACT Helpline); Danyse Keiser (YMCA of York County); Bill Motsavage (Valley Youth House); Jessica Mockabee (York County Human Services); Cindy Sindlinger (York County Office of Children, Youth, & Families); Samantha Vollrath (Self Determination Housing Project); Wanda Montalvo (York County Planning Commission); Brye Coles (York Housing Authority); Kelly Blechertas (York County Planning Commission); Barbara Leonard (Lebanon VA); Vicki Klinedinst (United Way of York County); Nancy Newton (Wellspan); Stephanie McIlwee (Turning Point Interfaith Mission); Natalie Williams-Chair (United Way of York County); Crystal Ouedraogo (Bell Socialization Services)

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

EFSP Update: Phase 35 funding was announced and Board Plans are due June 8, 2018. York County received \$196,633, which is \$8,861 more than Phase 34. The CoC Review & Ranking Committee met to review applications and approve funding levels – details provided under the Review & Ranking heading of these minutes.

Subcommittee Reports

CoC Application: Current estimated dates from HUD for the FY2018 NOFA indicate an early June release, with a due date in late August or early September. Kelly Blechertas reminded everyone that if summer vacations are planned, ensure that someone at your organization can act on NOFA requests from the CoC in your absence, as we anticipate a short turn around again this year.

Review and Ranking: The Review and Ranking Committee met today to review and approve funding levels for EFSP funding. York County received \$196,633 and agencies requested \$204,494. All programs received a small increase, with the exception of the YMCA of York County, who received their full requested amount, which was level with their Phase 34 funding. The Review & Ranking Committee made a motion to the CoC to fund the following programs at the following levels. This was seconded by Stephanie McIlwee, and passed.

Phase 35 Funding Levels for EFSP

Bell Socialization Services – 006 Emergency Mass Shelter	\$131,538
Bell Socialization Services – 006 Individual Shelter Nights	\$7,500
ACCESS-York, a program of the YWCA of York – 020 Emergency Mass Shelter	\$30,000
Salvation Army – 013 Utility Assistance	\$20,139
United Way – 005 Administrative Costs	\$1,956

York YMCA Men’s Residence Emergency Mass Shelter – 016	\$4,500
Total Funding	\$196,633

HMIS: Kelly Blechertas reported that she is finishing up data quality reviews of the HUD System Performance Measures (SPM) and will have those submitted in advance of the 5/31/18 deadline. She reminded HMIS users to make sure their annual assessments of income and benefits on individuals in programs longer than 1 year coincide with that individual’s anniversary date to ensure that data is captured in the SPM reporting.

Coordinated Assessment: Kelly Blechertas reported that Mason-Dixon Community Services has been trained to complete VI-SPDAT and York Best Housing Survey housing assessments and will be completing them on their clients requesting housing assistance. She also reported that in the last month, the Coordinated Entry process saw 155 assessments completed, and 117 referrals to housing programs made. Over the last month, 51% (60) assessments were for people in the eviction process, 29% (34) were literally homeless, and 20% (23) were in doubled up situations.

Recuperative Care (Medical Respite): Nancy Newton reported that Hunter’s Cottage is full at 3 males and 2 females. The program has remained full since opening, which is a good indicator of need in the community. Kelly Blechertas requested a new contact for the project, since Ms. Colleen Clay left, to ensure those exiting Hunter Cottage with no housing supports are captured early enough to be assessed and referred before their stay is over.

Landlord Network: Kelly Blechertas reported that the Landlord Network Committee had begun meeting and was going to be working on putting together a Landlord Networking event before the end of the calendar year, as well as looking at Housing Navigator models to see what fits best in York County. Laura Willmer from Lancaster County’s Tabor (Community Housing Solutions) will be attending the next meeting to talk about housing navigation options in that community.

Veterans: Kelly Blechertas reported this Committee continues to meet biweekly and is successful at quickly serving veterans seeking housing. She reminded the group that there is veteran outreach available at Lifepath Christian Ministries on West Market Street every Wednesday from 9am-11am. Any veteran seeking help can attend (not just those who are homeless). The outreach hours are staffed by representatives from the Lebanon VA Medical Center, County Veterans Affairs, SSVF providers, and a veteran representative from Careerlink.

SOAR Update: Jamie Stevens reported that SAMHSA will be writing an article about York County to share the successes this county has had with certifying new case workers in SOAR. York County had the largest number of certifications in Pennsylvania in the last 3 months. She also reported that she is speaking with Michelle Baxter about an opportunity to become a statewide trainer.

Case Management/Rental Assistance Programs: Crystal Ouedraogo reported that Bell Next Door is fully staffed. They will begin providing two workshops per week to get people enrolled in housing programs – one on Wednesday and one on Friday. Her office has been assisting the families displaced by a roof collapse on an apartment building in Glen Rock.

Monthly Presentation: Kelly Gollick presented information on CONTACT Helpline/2-1-1. She provided a sneak peak of the new web-based searches available for 2-1-1 that will be rolling out in July. The new website is more user-friendly and easier to complete searches.

Agency Announcements

Danyse Keiser reported that the YMCA Men's Residence is at a record-breaking 111 rooms full (of 120 total). She also noted that 4 of them were discharges from Hunter Cottage.

Brye Coles reported that the York Housing Authority will be pulling people from the waiting list for vouchers – the agency has a goal of housing 395 households before the end of July.

Nancy Newton offered all CoC members free signage for their housing programs (or offices) showing the building is smoke-free. They are available free of charge, as part of Wellspan's Smoking Cessation grant. If your organization is interested, contact Nancy: nnewton@wellspan.org

Meeting Adjourned - **Next Meeting will take place on June 28, 2018 at 1:00 pm at the United Way Community Room, 800 E. King St., York, PA**

Respectfully Submitted,
Kelly Blechertas