

Continuum of Care Committee Meeting

May 25, 2017

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

United Way Community Room

Attendance: Jessica Mockabee (York County Human Services), Amy Hampson (Y/A HealthChoices), Vicki Klinedinst (United Way of York County), Colleen Clay (York County Human Services), Nancy Newton (WellSpan), Shelley Peterson (York CPC), Stephanie McIlwee (Turning Point Interfaith Mission), Danielle Dennis (NAMI York County), Laura Ruhling (YWCA Harrisburg SSVF), Valerie Krug (YWCA York), Tina Beddia (YWCA York), Robert Woods (United Way of York County), George Barnock (YCPC), Eve Gardner (WellSpan/HCN), Crystal Ouedraogo (Bell Socialization), Lori Leister (Bell Socialization), Casey Darling Horan (Family first Health), Kelly Gollick (CONTACT Helpline), Leslie Dietz (YWCA Hanover Safe Home), Missy Gosnell (LIU -12 ECYEH) Sonia Pitz (LIU-12 ECYEH) Marie Drawbaugh (Wellspan) , Felcicia Bellow (CONTACT Helpline), Kelly Blechertas (YCPC), Wanda Miller (Client/Advocate) Brye Coles (York Housing Authority), Samantha Vollrath (Self Determination Housing Project), Arley Lawson (YWCA TIP), Debbie Loucks (York Area Housing Group & York Housing Coalition), Ellen Carter Nicholas (York County OCYF), Chuck Maxfield (Crispus Attucks Center for Employment & Training), Patrice Green (YMCA)

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

EFSP Update: Ms. Klinedinst stated the Phase 34 monies are to start in October when previously they have always been on a calendar year.

Subcommittee Reports

CoC Application: Mr. Barnock stated that the Federal budget has passed and that Tier 2 funding may be available through NOFA. This would be a similar timeline to last year.

Review and Ranking: Ms. Newton reported that the ESG grant applications will be presented to Review and Ranking on June 21st.

HMIS: Ms. Blechertas stated that the Mason Dixon Community Center will be joining HMIS. They have an office in Maryland as well as Pennsylvania.

Coordinated Assessment: Ms. Blechertas stated things are going well with a relatively smooth process. Eventually, the goal is to include transitional and emergency shelter services in the coordinated assessment process.

Recuperative Care (Medical Respite): Ms. Newton stated that the men's shelter should be open in two weeks.

Veterans: Ms. Blechertas stated that Veterans Homelessness usage states that a community ends Veteran homelessness by having resources and units for Veterans to use while homeless. There will be a usage meeting in June to meet about the application process and then reapply for the status of ending veterans homelessness.

SOAR Update: Ms. Mockabee reported that 6 out of 18 people have completed the course. Twelve people are still working on completing the course. It has been determined that this is a greater commitment of time than was originally thought.

Chair and Vice-Chair Voting

A motion was made to approve Collen Clay as Chairman and Natalie Williams as Vice-Chair of the CoC by Ms. Miller. The motion was seconded by Ms. Newton, voted on and carried as stated.

Agency Announcements

Ms. Mockabee reported there will be a public meeting for the Human Services Block Grant on June 6, 2017 at 2:00 pm at the York Learning Center, located at 300 East Seventh Avenue, York, PA.

Mr. Barnock stated the release of the 2017 budget. Details are still not available on all of the programs.

Ms. Gardner reported that Wellspan has hired a hearing-impaired case manager by the name of Nicki Moran.

Ms. Thompson-Morgan stated that the HRC location is currently homeless until the lease is signed and approved by the West York Borough Council. They are looking for space in the City of York that can accommodate their office.

Ms. Ouedraogo stated that she is excited for the new program to begin at Bell. There is a new Executive Director and a new Director coming into positions at Bell. Supportive Housing has put together backpacks and will going out on a regular basis to try to connect with the homeless population.

Ms. Dennis stated that there is a monthly newsletter for NAMI if you are not receiving it; please give her your contact information. There is a ten-week PEERS course being offered for consumers.

Ms. Miller stated that she is still doing her Cable Access show to promote the message of diversity and poverty in our area. Over the next several weeks, the subject matter will address the LGBT population and the housing issues encountered. Wanda also regularly participates in the CCBH Board Meetings, and is looking to increase consumer involvement and help individuals become involved so they learn to advocate for themselves.

Ms. Gollick stated that on June 1st there is a regional PA 2-1-1 meeting. This statewide meeting will discuss ways to collaborate with 2-1-1.

Ms. Drawbaugh stated that she works to promote smoking cessation at Wellspan. There is documented evidence that it costs 2-3 times more to ready a rental unit that a smoker moves out of than a non-smoker.

Ms. Newton reported that Wellspan has an executive director position for the Health Foundation available. This position would help to manage staff and board relations.

Ms. Clay stated that the SOAR program while time consuming does provide a lot of useful information. During a home visit, she was able to help a consumer when she contacted Social Security since she knew what forms to request.

Ms. Pitz reported that the hashtag campaign for "I will be your voice" is starting in November. Ms. Pitz is trying to have students write their experiences and have others read the experience with the ending of "I will be your voice".

Ms. Klinedinst stated that the United Way made their allocation decisions in May and have contacted the agencies.

Ms. Peterson reported that CPC will be closing down their programs and that they are currently not taking any new applications for HealthChoices and HAP Rental Assistance. CPC will be working with the PHFA on foreclosure and budgeting matters.

Ms. Loucks stated that the York Housing Coalition is the name of the organization now instead of the York Housing Advisory Commission. She said the York Housing Authority has posted their Agency Plan on their website. Comments are due June 21st. A public meeting will be held June 21. In the Plan it states there are 15,041 applications on the public housing wait list.

Mr. Maxfield stated that the Summer Work Experience Work sites have been found and the wages will start at \$9.75 an hour. Flyers and applications will be available until June 9th. Older kids will have the opportunity to train for CNA, welding, and various automotive skills. Anyone in the County is eligible for this plan.

Meeting Adjourned - Next Meeting will take place on June 22, 2017 at 1:00 pm at the United Way Community Room.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim Baker