

Continuum of Care Committee Meeting
July 23, 2015 1-2pm
United Way of York County Community Room

Attendance: Bob Woods (United Way of York County), Vicki Klinedinst (United Way of York County), Lindsay Zeglen (United Way of York County), Nancy Newton (WellSpan), DeElzier O'Connor (Bell Socialization Services), Stephanie McIlwee (Turning Point Interfaith), Kelly Blechertas (York County Planning Commission), Melissa Page (YWCA Hanover Safe Home), Barbara Leonard (Veteran's Affairs), Valerie Krug (YWCA York), Laura Ruhling (YWCA Greater Harrisburg), Brye Coles (York Housing Authority), Debbie Loucks (York Area Housing Group), Robin Rohrbaugh (Community Progress Council), Missy Gosnell (Community Progress Council), Amy Hampson (York/Adams HealthChoices), Rich Robinson (Penn-Mar Human Services), William Cambley (Penn-Mar Human Services), Steve Warren (York/Adams MH-IDD), Kimberly Preske (NAMI York County), Crystal Ouedraogo (Bell Socialization Services)

Welcome/Introductions: Bob Woods welcomed everyone and asked for introductions and a statement on how the state budget impasse will impact their programs.

- Wellspan- their tobacco cessation grant ended June 30th and has not yet been renewed. The money is there but they're not distributing it yet.
- Bell Socialization Services- no impact right now, but lack of funding coming in will affect them down the road.
- Veteran's Affairs- \$1.4 billion dollar cut in VA funding will have major impact.
- YWCA York Stillwaters- PCADV funds will be affected.
- Community Progress Council- most of their funding flows through state budget. They are talking with vendors to hold payments in order to save money and have negotiated their line of credit by a significant amount in attempt to not cut back services. If budget standoff goes into September/October, there is a possibility of delaying the start of some child care services. Payroll will also be affected.
- York/Adams MH-IDD- totally dependent on state funding. They are beginning to prioritize budget. Projections show funding will run out by September if they continue to run as is.

EFSP

Lindsay Zeglen reported that 2nd Check Requests have been sent to the National Board. She is unaware of when that funding will be available. This phase funding covers January 1-December 31, 2014.

Subcommittee Reports

- **CoC Application- NOFA Updates**

Kelly Blechertas reported the NOFA should be released in July. HUD released a SNAPS email stating how the 2014 funding process went. The 2013 application and score rolled over to 2014. The 2015 NOFA will be different. She cautioned everyone that this year will be more competitive than previous years and there will be pressure to focus on HUD priorities. Again, a percentage of our funding will be required to be cut from an existing project and be reallocated to a new project. In past years the cut was 3-5%, this year it will be higher. Some new projects are: permanent supportive housing for chronic homeless (individuals or families), rapid re-

housing, HMIS, and supportive services for coordinated entry. Another change with HUD is that the money we provide to projects can no longer be seen as the “agencies money” but rather “money for the CoC to fulfill the task of ending homelessness.”

HUD defines *chronic homelessness* as “either (1) an unaccompanied homeless individual with a disabling condition who has been continuously homeless for a year or more, OR (2) an unaccompanied individual with a disabling condition who has had at least four episodes of homelessness in the past three years.”

- **Review and Ranking- Leveraging Letter**

Nancy Newton reported updating the Review & Ranking documents by adding a rapid re-housing section. For the 2015 application, agencies will be asked to provide copies of leveraging letters, which must be dated within 60 days of submission of application. They also will need to provide intake forms and process. She stressed to make sure there is more than one person authorized to use e-snaps. The committee will hold a conference call on new guidelines before application is released.

- **HMIS**

AHAR, Annual Homeless Assessment Report will take place from October-December. Two forms have been added for HMIS which include both Southern Community Services and ECYEH. She will send new forms out electronically.

- **10 Year Plan**

Coordinated Assessment

Theme 5 sub-committee has met several times to plan coordinated entry activities. The beginning of the process is set up with a preliminary screening at the shelter. The individual/family will then be sent to CPC for a more in depth assessment of needs and will work with them to be placed appropriately. Their goal is to have something developed by the time NOFA is released.

Healthcare

Theme 4 sub-committee has not met since last meeting. They plan to meet at York County Prison to discuss a better discharge process.

Other Business

Missy Gosnell met with York County Prison and they are very open to being involved with the CoC. A major concern is their discharge process and where individuals are placed when released.

Next Meeting will be held on August 27, 2015 at 1:00pm at the United Way Community Room.