

Continuum of Care Committee Meeting  
August 27, 2015      1-2 PM  
United Way of York County Community Room

**Attendance:** Tonya Thompson-Morgan (City of York), Valerie Conway (York County Prison), Colleen Clay (York County Human Services), Crystal Ouedraogo (Bell Socialization Services), Co-Trika Malone (Crispus Attucks), Missy Gosnell (Community Progress Council), Nora Camra (Community Progress Council), DeElzier O'Conner (Bell Socialization Services), Laura Ruhling (YWCA Harrisburg), Stephanie McIlwee (Turning Point Interfaith), Barbara Leonard (Veterans Affairs), Eve Gardner (Healthy York Network), Kelly Blechertas (York County Planning Commission), Nancy Newton (Wellspan), Tiffany Raybin (YWCA York), Val Krug (YWCA York), Debbie Loucks (York Area Housing Group), Steve Warren (York/Adams MH-IDD), Nate Rivera (YMCA York), Sue Payne (Bell Socialization Services), Brye Coles (York Housing), Lindsay Zeglen (United Way of York County), Vicki Klindedinst (United Way of York County), Bob Woods (United Way of York County), Jessica Mockabee (York County Human Services)

**Welcome/Introductions:** Chair, Jessica Mockabee welcomed everyone, asked for introductions and how the State Budget impasse has affected their programs.

- YWCA Harrisburg- Does not directly affect the housing program but does affect the child care and domestic violence programs.
- YWCA York- There is no money for Victim Services and their state funding will not continue at this time.
- York/Adams MH-IDD- Significant impact especially on service providers. They are only approving payments for central services. If they continue at this pace, funds will run out by the end of September.

#### **EFSP Update**

Lindsay Zeglen reported that all 2<sup>nd</sup> Check Requests have been submitted for Phase 31. There is no news on Final Reports.

#### **Subcommittee Reports**

- **CoC Application**

Kelly Blechertas reported there is still no update on the NOFA, which was stated to be released by the end of July.

- **Review and Ranking**

**Leveraging-** Ms. Blechertas refreshed the leveraging process for the committee and reminded everyone that this process did occur last August and it has not changed since then. A sample letter was provided as an example of what needs to be included. Nancy Newton emphasized there needs to be a time frame of services and how much it costs for an individual to be served during that specified time period. Ms. Blechertas also provided a detailed PowerPoint document of Match and Leveraging from Diana T. Myers and Associates. For maximum points on the application, the leveraging amount should equal at least 150% of the overall CoC grant request. Please let Ms. Blechertas know what you have leveraged in the past so programs get

new ideas of what they could be leveraging. Anything you don't provide on your own and have someone else provide funding for should be leveraged.

**Formalized Process and Monitoring-** Ms. Newton reported on updates of the formalized review and ranking process. The subcommittee is comprised of people who are not providers, reviewing applications for CoC, ESG and EFSP funding. Expectations are going to be greater this year, having to cut low performing programs and looking at gaps not being funded. HUD is becoming much more particular in making sure their money is being well spent. This year they are asking for intake forms and procedures of all funded providers. The evaluation form has been revised to include Rapid Rehousing and applicants will be reviewed separately instead of all together as a group. A survey has been sent to providers who receive CoC funds on how the chronically homeless are being prioritized. Ms. Blechertas will be asking this information on a regular basis so please save this form. Ms. Newton will send an email with notes on these changes to the entire committee.

Ms. Blechertas emphasized that these funds do not belong to the agency or the program but are the Continuum of Care's money and the committee needs to make sure each program is specifically doing what they need to in accordance with HUD's criteria. This is very important to continue getting funds into York County.

- **HMIS**

AHAR begins October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. Ms. Blechertas will be collecting data on who everyone has served over the past year. Please make sure all your data is cleaned up and exit dates are entered correctly.

- **10-Year Plan**

Theme 5 subcommittee has been working on a universal coordinated assessment tool for all individuals going through the homeless system. This is a very complicated system. The subcommittee will be talking with Leigh Howard of Diana T. Myers and Associates to make sure they are on track. Progress is being made and they are very close to completing an assessment.

Theme 4 subcommittee has been looking at the discharge process and working with the York County prison. They have discussed issues the prison encounters, issues housing & healthcare face and how they can help each other to make the process smoother. In some instances, it is a very short notice of when the individual is being discharged so it is difficult to put a solid plan together. Eventually, this discharge process will utilize the coordinated assessment to determine where individuals should go. There will be a conference call on Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> with a health consultant incorporating supportive housing and prisoner re-entry.

The meeting adjourned at 1:55pm.

**Next meeting will be held on September 24, 2015 at 1:00pm at the United Way Community Room.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lindsay Zeglen