

Continuum of Care Committee Meeting

August 31, 2017

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

United Way Community Room

**Attendance:** Amy Hampson (Y/A HealthChoices), Vicki Klinedinst (United Way of York County), Colleen Clay (York County Human Services), Nancy Newton (WellSpan), Stephanie McIlwee (Turning Point Interfaith Mission), Tina Beddia (YWCA York), Samantha Vollrath (Self Determination Housing Project), Sara Matthews (Volunteers of America PA), Natalie Williams (United Way of York County), Barbara Leonard (Veteran's Affairs), Jamie Stevens (Bell Socialization), Dalynet Torres-Cruz (York MH-IDD), Danyse Keiser (YMCA of York), David McCollum (Veteran's Affairs), Steve Brubaker (Life Path Christian Ministries), Donna Zmijewski (Public), Janelle Black (York County Bar), Victoria Connor (YCBA.YCBF), Norman Pfeiffer (Valley Youth House), Ken Klein (Valley Youth House), Melanie Hill (Valley Youth House), Sara Keister (Covenant House), Heather Seton (YWCA of York), Kelly Blechertas (York County Planning Commission), Kelly Gollick (CONTACT Helpline), Brye Coles (York Housing Authority), Eve Gardner (Healthy York County Coalition)

**Welcome/Introductions:** Chair, Ms. Clay-Schaumann welcomed everyone and asked for introductions. A motion was made to approve last month's meeting minutes by Vicki Klinedinst, seconded by Stephanie McIlwee. Motion carried.

**EFSP Update:** Ms. Williams stated that the first payments for EFSP were completed. This payment will be half of the funds for the year. Phase 33 final still has no date.

**CoC Directive Update:** Ms. Blechertas reported the changes to the Governance Charter for the Continuum of Care Committee. A motion was made to accept the changes to the CoC Governance Charter by Nancy Newton, seconded by Vicki Klinedinst. Motion carried. Ms. Blechertas reported the changes to the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Governance Charter. A motion was made to accept the changes to the HMIS Governance Charter by Nancy Newton, seconded by Vicki Klinedinst. Motion carried. Ms. Blechertas reviewed the CoC Policies document and explained changes made for the upcoming year. A motion was made to accept the changes to the CoC Policies by Vicki Klinedinst, seconded by Amy Hampson. Motion carried

### Subcommittee Reports

**CoC Application:** Ms. Blechertas explained that there are multiple parts to the application this year the questionnaire is shorter but the questions are more involved. Ms. Blechertas is writing the grant application for all services and the way this committee handles homelessness.

**Review and Ranking:** Ms. Newton explained the review and ranking for the PA-512 Results for FY 2017. Ms. Newton explained that YWCA York, Still Waters A Safe Place program (which was transitional housing for domestic violence victims) declined to renew their project in FY2017 and completed paperwork with the CoC Lead to have their renewal funding reallocated to new projects. Ms. Newton explained that the Review & Ranking Committee prioritized three types of projects for Tier 1: Projects that had not yet completed a full year of performance to be scored on, performance process projects (such as HMIS and Coordinated Entry) which are vital to successful reporting to the CoC and HUD, and renewal projects. Ms. Newton explained that in order to maintain all renewal projects in Tier 1, a funding cut of \$18,479 to the lowest ranked project, Turning Point Interfaith Mission's Permanent Housing for Persons with Disabilities

project. Tier 2 held 2 new projects – one for the Permanent Housing Bonus and one for reallocation dollars. A motion was made to approve the ranking and tiering of FY 2017 CoC projects by Review and Ranking through Nancy Newton, Vicki Klinedinst seconded. Motion carried.

**HMIS:** Ms. Blechertas stated that the annual homeless assessment report (AHAR) will cover 10/1/16 to 9/30/17. Providers are responsible for the accuracy of their information for the report that must be generated.

**Coordinated Assessment:** Ms. Blechertas stated that this group meets every Monday to make referrals to Medium Rapid Rehousing (the only currently available rental assistance). Rental Assistance is usually how we do this; however, there is currently a waiting list for this service. This waiting list is limited to the number of people that have scored appropriately for Rapid Rehousing.

**Recuperative Care (Medical Respite):** The men's facility is now open and 2 out of the 3 beds are filled. People will be prioritized for these beds and stay up to 45 days. Currently there is no cost for this service because the goal is to provide self-sufficiency for consumers upon their release from the recuperative care. The women's facility is still being worked on but the hope is to have 2 beds for females available upon completion.

**Veterans:** Ms. Matthews reported that the biweekly meetings are continuing by phone. Life Path Ministries has been working with the Veterans they encounter and encourage them to meet with the Veterans Affairs people. Every other Wednesday there is outreach for people through Veterans Affairs.

**SOAR Update:** Ms. Clay reported that on August 29<sup>th</sup> there was a training held at the United Way that included two state people familiar with the SOAR program and six SOAR trained people that were then certified by the end of the training. The participants were given the name and contact information for a person in the local Social Security Office for their questions. It was determined that each provider with SOAR certified people would be concentrating on helping their particular organization.

**Case Management:** Ms. Stevens reported that they have been very busy trying to connect with everyone. The hope is to have all of the case managers SOAR certified. There will be a ribbon cutting at 8:30 am on September 1<sup>st</sup> for the building at 16 West King Street. They will be doing a sock drive for the homeless at this time.

### **Agency Announcements**

Ms. Zmijewski stated that she has had problems using the COMPASS application software. The documentation required could not be electronically attached. A discussion followed and it was suggested that you might be able to take a picture of documentation and attach it to the application.

Ms. Gardner stated that open enrollment for the ACA is from November first through December fifteenth. If you know of someone having problems with their enrollment, please have them contact the Healthy York Coalition for help.

Ms. Connor stated that she will be sending out a "save the date" for an upcoming event.

Ms. Keister stated that Covenant House now has a youth shelter for 18-21 year olds. They have available spaces for five females and five males. There is a defined 30 day stay period unless there is a special exemption granted.

Ms. Gollick reported that the Eastern Regional CoC which comprises 33 counties in the region excluding York County. They have issued an RFP for Coordinated Assessment. They are looking for a call center that can address all homeless needs. PA -211 has applied for the grant, if the grant is received it may impact York County. The grant would mean that PA-211 will be able to administer the VI-SPDAT to callers.

Meeting Adjourned - **Next Meeting will take place on September 20, 2017 at 1:00 pm at the United Way Community Room.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kim Baker