

Continuum of Care Committee Meeting
September 24, 2015 1 – 2 PM
United Way of York County Community Room

Attendance: Debbie Loucks (York Area Housing Group), Brye Coles (York Housing Authority), Colleen Clay (York County Human Services), Stephanie McIlwee (TurningPoint Interfaith), Kim Preske (NAMI York), Laura Ruhling (YWCA Greater Harrisburg), Dalynet Torres (York County MH-IDD), Jessica Mockabee (York County Human Services), Sue Payne (Bell Socialization Services), Nancy Newton (Wellspan), Ike Hileman (Bell Socialization Services), Vicki Klinedinst (United Way of York County), Missy Gosnell (Community Progress Council), David Pillette (The Salvation Army), Kelly Blechertas (York County Planning Commission), Tiffany Raybin (YWCA York), Val Conway (York County Prison), Marcella Kinard (Bell Socialization Services), Steve Warren (York/Adams MH-IDD), Nate Rivera (YMCA York Men's Residence), Melissa Page (YWCA Hanover), Eve Gardner (Healthy York Network), Crystal Ouedraogo (Bell Socialization Services), Michelle Shearer (TrueNorth Wellness Services), Amy Hampson (York/Adams HealthChoices), Bob Woods (United Way of York County), Lindsay Zeglen (United Way of York County)

Welcome/Introductions: Chair, Jessica Mockabee welcomed everyone and asked for updates on agencies effected by the budget impasse.

- United Way has put together an advocacy letter with the York County Economic Alliance emphasizing the impact on human service programs and the business community. Their Board of Directors has discussed options on what they United Way can do to help their partner agencies and will all send letters to their individual legislators.
- York YWCA's funds are still not coming at the rate they normally would.
- The Salvation Army has only seen an effect on funds for food assistance.
- Community Progress Council has had to start using its line of credit.
- Bell Socialization Services sent advocacy letter template to its employees to send to legislators.
- TurningPoint Interfaith is meeting with legislators and sending advocacy letters.
- York/Adams MH-IDD is managing resources they have available and approving payments for essential services only. Those funds will only last through October.

It was emphasized that all agencies should be advocating to legislators. If there is a federal shutdown, everyone will be affected.

Governance Charter Review

Last August a Governance Charter was completed, outlining how business is conducted as a CoC. HUD requires that it is reviewed and approved annually. No changes have been made this year.

Motion: Moved by Stephanie McIlwee, seconded by Missy Gosnell, to re-adopt the Governance Charter. Motion carried.

EFSP Update

Lindsay Zeglen reported that agencies still have not received their second half of Phase 32 funding. She will get in touch with the National Board and touch base with those agencies.

Subcommittee Reports

- **CoC Application**

Kelly Blechertas reported the NOFA was released on Friday, September 18th. The final due date for application submission is November 20, 2015, including rankings. By October 9th, programs must email a copy of their application from e-snaps to Barbara, but should not actually be submitted. Assume that by mid-October, review and ranking will take place which will include a short interview process with individual programs. By October 28th, projects will receive a final review as well as a request to change budget amounts, if necessary, depending on projects and review and ranking findings. By November 13th, project applications must be submitted in e-snaps.

This year the NOFA was vaguely written, causing many people trouble. We are still required to conduct tiered review and ranking, based on a point calculation. Tier 1 will be 85% of ARD (\$843,172) and Tier 2 is the remaining 15% (\$148,795.) Under Tier 2, the score on the application will determine whether or not those projects are approved. This year there is a bonus amount of 15% of final pro-rata need (\$247,542), which we are encouraged to apply for. These funds can only be used for new projects in Permanent Supportive Housing for chronic homeless or Rapid Re-Housing. Reallocation is a possibility again this year however it can only go toward chronic homeless permanent supportive housing, Rapid Re-Housing, HMIS, or Coordinated Entry. Priorities are essentially the same, with a huge emphasis on Housing First. Points will be awarded on the application if 75% or more of Permanent Housing programs are using the Housing First model. If they are not, zero points are awarded. None of our programs are using this model, currently.

Ms. Blechertas announced that programs can start working on leveraging letters, which must be dated within 60 days from application due date (11/20/15.)

Ike Hileman asked the committee what kind of new projects do we, as a CoC, want to see.

He suggested that a sub-committee meet to develop ideas on new programs and what needs are not being met with current programs. Ms. Mockabee will coordinate a meeting and send details to the committee asking for involvement. Data should be pulled together as far as what we have and what we need in York.

- **Review and Ranking**

Nancy Newton reported it is still uncertain when Review and Ranking will take place. This year the committee would like 10-15 minute time slots to interview each program.

- **HMIS**

Ms. Blechertas reported she is operating under the assumption that AHAR reporting period will start October 1st however no info has been released yet.

- **10 Year Plan**

- **Coordinated Assessment**

Ms. Blechertas reported the sub-committee had a phone call with Leigh Howard from Diana T. Myers at their last meeting. The committee now has more of an understanding of the direction they need to go and should be back on track next meeting. Missy Gosnell has been in contact with an agency in Bucks County that has been using a coordinated assessment system fairly successfully that she suggested we take look at.

- **Healthcare**

Eve Gardner reported the sub-committee has not met since last month. They are planning to put together a more defined process of how to make referrals from the prison to human services in the community.

They had a phone call with 2 consultants and individuals from the hospital on challenges with medical respite and the prison population. The consultants are looking at our community data and will create a work plan for next steps with medical community and prisoners.

Ms. Newton announced there is a National Health Care for the Homeless Conference in Philadelphia on October 15-16, 2015. She will send information out to committee.

Other Business

Registration is now open for the Housing Alliance Conference on November 16th-18th, 2015.

The November meeting needs to be rescheduled in order to get approval from the Commissioners for the CoC Application on November 19th.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 12, 2015 at 12:30pm at the United Way Community Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lindsay Zeglen