

Continuum of Care Committee Meeting  
September 8, 2016 1:00pm-2:00pm  
United Way Community Room

**Attendance:** Lindsay Zeglen (United Way of York County), Casey Darling-Horan (Family First Health), Missy Gosnell (Community Volunteer), Carol Hinkle (Hanover Council of Churches), Shelly Peterson (Community Progress Council), Colleen Clay (York City Human Services), Valeria Conway (York County Prison), Vicki Klinedinst (United Way of York County), Nancy Newton (Wellspan), Valerie Krug (YWCA York), Tina Strausbaugh (YWCA York), Stephanie McIlwee (Turning Point Interfaith), Laura Ruhling (YWCA Harrisburg), Amy Hampson (York/Adams Health Choices), Lateisha Garrison (Valley Youth House), Marcella Kinard (Bell Socialization Services), Crystal Ouedraogo (Bell Socialization Services), Brye Coles (York Housing Authority), Barb Leonard (Veterans Affairs), Tonya Thompson-Morgan (Human Relations Commission), Kelly Blechertas (York County Planning Commission), Jessica Mockabee (York County Human Services), Bob Woods (United Way of York County), Nate Rivera (YMCA of York and York County), Ken Klein (Valley Youth House)

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

#### **EFSP Update**

Lindsay Zeglen reported that the Phase 33 Board Plan has been processed and approved. The first half of funding will be available shortly.

#### **Subcommittee Reports**

##### **Review and Ranking**

Nancy Newton reported that Bell Socialization has withdrawn their application for a Rapid Rehousing project. As a result, \$39,474 must be re-allocated under Tier 2. Barbara Hodas was consulted on our best possible options. Review and Ranking suggested that the project be selected based on their priority rankings and acceptance from the provider. If the top ranked project declines, the funding will be offered to the subsequently ranked project, and so on down the list. The rankings from highest to lowest are as follows: Valley Youth House, Southern Community Services, Letter Rain, and lastly Coordinated Entry. While awarding the funding to Coordinated Entry would allow enough funding to hire a full-time person, applying for only two grants in Tier 2 limits our scoring options and risks funding.

**Motion:** Moved by Nancy Newton, seconded by Stephanie McIlwee, to approve the Review and Ranking recommendation to reallocate the \$39,474 Tier 2 funding based on priority ranking. Motion carried.

All projects have previously applied for funding but were not awarded it so applications will need to be updated. An acceptance of the funding is needed by 10:00am Friday, September 9 and a completed application by 8:00am Monday, September 12. All final applications are due Wednesday, September 14.

Ms. Newton noted that in the future, it will be required for a project to notify the committee of an application withdrawal within 48 hours of the funding announcement or the project will be penalized the following year.

### **CoC Application**

Kelly Blechertas sent out a draft of the CoC Application, excluding the project priority listing. The application appears to be much stronger this year. Once voted on, it will be sent to the County Commissioners and submitted.

**Motion:** Moved by Nancy Newton, seconded by Vicki Klinedinst, to approve the CoC Application for submission. Motion carried.

### **HMIS**

Ms. Blechertas reported that on August 29, HUD released version 5 of the HMIS standards. Trainings should take place at the end of September. A few major changes include: collecting disabling conditions information for everyone in the family, new options on tracking health insurance, collecting the last grade the individual completed, employment status, and general health status.

Ms. Blechertas distributed new System Performance Measures which is what we will be graded on during the CoC application starting this year. Ideally these are items we should be improving on from year to year, based off of our own benchmarks. Kelly suggested providers, especially permanent housing, to focus on Measure 4 and keeping up with data input. This report will be run every 6 months to track how we are performing.

### **10 Year Plan**

The 10 Year Plan will start to be updated in October.

### **Coordinated Assessment**

Ms. Blechertas reported the subcommittee met to finalize forms for agencies to use during this process. The hope is that enough assessments are completed in October that we can start using the prioritized waiting list rather than individual in-house waiting lists.

Trainings will take place at the United Way on September 22 at 2:00pm and September 27 at 9:30am. A webinar is scheduled for September 29 @ 10:00am.

### **Medical Respite**

Ms. Newton reported an RFP for the housing component is being released on Monday, September 12 and is due by October 21. Requirements needed include 5 beds, meals, 24-hour supervision, secure medications, and handicap access. Anything within a 5 mile radius of York Hospital will be considered. The goal is to go live with the project on January 2.

## **Veterans**

No update since last meeting.

## **Improved Response Committee**

Missy Gosnell and Colleen Clay visited Our Daily Bread, the Food Bank, and the bus terminal. A majority of the individuals they spoke with were homeless. Surveys were completed and they received good feedback. Many said the length of stay at the Rescue Mission was not enough time to get back on their feet, they were not aware of services at CPC and 2-1-1, several were concerned about the length of time to get approval for SSI and SSDI, and the difficulty finding decent and affordable housing in York.

The plan for the committee is to continue these efforts and visit different areas of the County collecting information and data.

## **Mainstream Resource Discussion- SOAR- SSI/SSDI Outreach Access and Recovery**

Ms. Blechertas discussed that the State is offering a free online SOAR training course. The class takes approximately 16 hours and can be done at your own pace, but is recommended to be completed within 30 days. Completion of the course gets you a certificate and 16 Continuing Education Units (CEU's) from the National Association of Social Workers. The course appears to be very doable and comprehensive. It was discussed having a joint training for all those interested to work on the training as a group.

## **Agency Announcements**

Kelly Blechertas announced there has been discussion at the Planning Commission to use CDBG dollars for affordable housing options.

Nancy Newton announced that Wellspan is currently hiring a Grant Officer.

Colleen Clay announced that Bridges to Health is hiring a Certified Registered Nurse and a Program Director.

Bob Woods announced there will be a public hearing about CDBG funds on September 21.

The Human Relations Commission has launched Landlord University starting September 15, which is an 8-week training course running on consecutive Thursdays from 6-8pm. The training will be comprised of information for landlords and potential landlords and will also include a piece on fair housing. A Tenant University will hopefully launch before Christmas.

**Next Meeting will take place on October 27, 2016 at 1:00pm at the United Way Community Room.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Lindsay Zeglen