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Member Meeting

06.28.2017

# Mission

The mission of the CoC is to coordinate community resources to build a collaborative system that addresses core issues of homelessness and poverty.



# Approval of Minutes

Please see [www.NWACoC.com](http://www.NWACoC.com) for copies of minutes from last meeting.

# Treasurer's Report

# New Board Leadership

Angela Belford, Chair

John Gallagher, Vice Chair

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# Announcement from 7hills Homeless Center

# MOU Approval

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# Goals to be accomplished by August 31, 2017

1. Our community includes all individuals experiencing chronic homelessness on **by-name list**
2. Has a documented and implemented **inactive (no-contact) policy** for individuals experiencing chronic homelessness
3. At least 75% of housing providers serving people experiencing chronic homelessness in your community report data into your community's BNL using a **common assessment tool**.



# Goals to be accomplished by August 31, 2017

4. Chronic BNL include an HMIS ID or other **unique identifier** to prevent duplication of client records and facilitate coordination between HMIS and BNL
5. Has **process** for adding individuals experiencing chronic homelessness to the By-Name List who **refuse services or are unable to undergo the full assessment**

# Change ideas – By Name List

- Develop a **release of information form and data-sharing agreements** in order to share identifying information between projects
- Keep a list of agencies contributing data to HMIS and your by-name list, plus another list of non-contributing agencies so that you can continually encourage them to begin participating

# Change Ideas – Common Assessment Tool

- Ensure all agencies approve Vi-Spdat as common assessment
- Host regular, ongoing trainings for agencies serving as access and assessment sites; trainings increase adoption and ensure consistent usage
- Develop additional questions or assessments needed to determine eligibility and priority for the housing resources and programs in your community

# Coordinated Entry Committee

From May CoC General Meeting:

Use the PDSA cycle to plan a test that can be implemented on a very small scale, then expanded further and further until we are ready for system wide roll out

Results from first two pilots

Policies and Procedures Status

Next meeting: Tuesday, July 11, at 9:30 AM in the United Way Community Room (100 West Parkwood St, Lowell, AR)



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# Strategic Planning Committee

- Primary focus has been on how best to staff the CoC because we believe that creating a strategic plan without a plan and staffing to execute the plan for the next several years is only a partial solution
- Options include:
  - Create a new organization similar to Mobile, AL and many others
  - Pay for a staff member within an existing CoC member organization – similar to now except adding a dedicated staff member
  - Hire staff member as an employee of the NWA CoC (already a federally recognized 501(C)(3))
- Next meeting: July 11 – 4:30-6:00pm; location: Arkansas Support Network



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# Potential Committee: Communication

- Email newsletter, website, media relations, reminders

# Collaborative Applicant Report

Debbie Martin, Havenwood - Formerly known as Lead Agency



# Board Nominations are open Vote held at September Meeting

- Per by-laws membership shall submit nominations for board appointment



# Upcoming events and meetings

- CoC Board meeting - August 2 from 9:30-11 am (location to be announced – probably Arkansas Support Network)
- Strategic Planning meeting - July 11 - 4:30-6 pm (location to be announced)
- Coordinated Entry Committee Meeting - Tuesday, July 11, at 9:30 AM (United Way Community Room, Lowell)
- CoC General meeting – September 6 from 9:30-11 am (Schmeiding Center)