

Continuum of Care General Meeting

Date: May 3, 2017

Time: 9:30am

Location: Schmieding Center

Board Members Present: Tim Ensley, Nancy Kahanak, John Gallagher, Cari Bogulski, Karen Slater, Harvey McCone, Layza Lopez-Love, Billy Rader, Cheryl Sharman, Yolanda Fields, Angela Belford, Debbie Martin, Greg Chambers, Teresa Mills

Board Members Absent: Raymon Carson, John Cloyed, Joy Shirley

Other Guests: Margaret Reid (U of A), Kim Tisdale (Souls Harbor), Jeff Glover (VA), Amy Cash (VA HUD), Sherry Braslavsky (VA), Brenda Hodges (Ozark Guidance), Clint Schnakloh (Good Shepherd Lutheran), John McGee (NWAWS), Donna Johnston (City of Rogers), Melody Timinsky (United Way), Dan Holtmeyer (NWA Democrat-Gazette), Mike Bradley (CUMC), Katherine Krueger (7Hills), Erin Newell (Souls Harbor), Deniece Smiley (Fayetteville Housing Authority), Chrystal Thomas (Micah 6:9 Initiative)

Call to Order: 9:30am – Welcome by Angela Belford and introduction, mission of CoC is presented, Powerpoint will be on the CoC website the following day

Minutes of 3/29/17 Board Meeting presented. Margaret Reid motions to accept, Tim Ensley seconds. All say I, minutes approved. In the future minutes will be posted as pending.

- Joy Shirley and Yolanda Fields are welcomed to the board.

Committee Reports

- Built For Zero team report: Angela Belford met with the mayor about the strategic planning committee.

Community Solutions: From April 2017 – May 2018 Community Solutions is bringing together communities to help accelerate the end of homelessness. The cost is \$30,000 and the Center for Collaborative Care has agreed to put up the money. A group of seven (7) went to Washington to train. Goals are set in 100-day action cycles. Community Solutions has 55 communities, 25 of those are reducing homelessness, 7 of those are nearing functional 0. Functional 0 is defined as community systems in place to make sure someone who is homeless has the resources available to make it a one-time event.

Diversion Tactic – how can you help yourself so you don't have to get in the system?

Chronic Homelessness Definition – The federal definition states that a person is considered chronically homeless when he spends over a year in a state of homelessness or has had a minimum of four episodes of homelessness over a three-year period.

- Goals to be accomplished by August 31, 2017 – listed on CoC website
- Denise Bradley has contacts with law enforcement and would be happy to reach out to get them involved.
- Strategic Planning needs to be working on discharge planning as part of CoC (from substance abuse rehab, hospitals, etc.)
- Margaret Reid did a study on the cost of homelessness, but it needs to be updated.
- John Gallagher suggests we look at national numbers.

- Jeff Glover – is there a difference between chronic homelessness and veteran homelessness? Katherine Krueger says the framework looks the same.

- Change Ideas – Common Assessment Tool – on website
- VI-Spdate Vulnerability Index – ranking

- SPdate (Service Prioritization decision assistance tool) tool to make better decisions
- Erin from Souls Harbor – would we be giving VI-SPDATE on site and is it complicated? Angela says not at all.
- John Gallagher – do communities using the Google VI-SPDATE feel comfortable using it? Especially with SS#'s?
- Theory of Change – on website
 - Do not roll out plan until you have a high expectation for success and low expectation of failure.

Katherine Krueger – MOU & ROI – what are the privacy regulations for data sharing? Katherine created a MOU that will be shared via Google Docs with the entire membership.

Debbie Martin – Coordinated Entry Committee -working on implementation of inactive status, policies and procedures

- HUD has policies and procedures in template form so we can use what works for us
- VI-SPDATE – do NOT have to give SS# or birthdate, just need name and contact information
- Collaborative Applicant and Lead Agency is the same thing. Probably going with CA.
- PIT count is completely done. This final count is going to state there are 66 homeless which doesn't include domestic violence and children. This number is just what HUD considers chronic homeless.
- CoC registration has been completed. We need this to apply for capacity grants and individual projects. This has been sent to HUD.
- NOFA (Notice of Funding Availability) – will let us know what we can apply for

Strategic Planning Committee – on website

New Business:

- Potential Committee – Communication
- E-mail newsletter, website, media relations, reminders

Upcoming Events:

CoC Board Meeting – June 7, 2017 and August 2, 2017 9:30am-11:00am (location to be announced)

CoC General Meeting – June 28, 2017 9:00am-11:30am (Schmieding Center)

There is a new tab on the website for upcoming events.

Meeting adjourned: 11:00am