



CoC Work Group – Agenda
Wed. February 1, 2017 at 9:30AM-11:00
LifeWorks
3700 S. 1st Street, 2nd Floor Conference Room
Chair: Liz Baker, Integral Care

Present: Niki Paul, Casey Cork (ECHO Staff), Hosie Washington, Melinda Cantu (Safe Alliance), Liz Baker, Helen Eisert (ATCIC), Quentin Rodriguez, Jim Ward, Stephanie Green (Caritas), Elvira Lathrop, Dylan Shubitz (HACA), Greg McCormack, Haggai Eshed (Front Steps), Rick Rivera (TSA), Sandra Chavez (ASA), Erin Whelan (Lifeworks)

9:30-9:35 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Liz Baker, Chair

9:35-10:20 General Updates

Niki Paul/Casey Cork

- Workgroup Updates
 - PIT Committee- Casey Cork
 - Initial report out
 - Data team is working hard to de-duplicate and analyze census forms.
 - Numbers, at this point, are looking pretty consistently to last year.
 - Successful magnet events in Rural Travis County and youth magnet event (20 youth and 7 for rural).
 - Next steps
 - Data team is entering locations and descriptions into the shared google doc for next year.
 - Next step is entering all data into HMIS to be able to report out on demographics.
 - HMIS Committee-Niki (sub for Katy M.)
 - HIC and Sheltered HMIS data clean up
 - Working to clean up date and will report out on sheltered data/system capacity.
 - Previous confusion on how to report out on VASH vouchers as well as which grant cycle to report on.
 - These will be corrected for this year.

10:20-11:00 HUD Continuum of Care

Niki Paul

- A Way Home America-100 Day Challenge
 - Met and exceeded goal- 53 housed by the end of the 100 days.
 - Working to identify sustainability options. February 8th (9am-1pm; Lifeworks East), Austin will host another stakeholders workshop to discuss sustainability and the new HUD award.
- Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Award
 - Selected for highly competitive grant- \$5.2M for Austin/Travis County.
 - 130 applications submitted; national youth team reviewed applications.
 - A chance to try new and innovative projects with the resources necessary. There is a strong emphasis on trying new things and asking for exemptions to get rid of bureaucratic challenges.
 - 6-month planning period before HUD approves said plan and will start distributing project funds.
 - Advisory council of stakeholders as well as the Youth advisory council will oversee decision making.
 - Under 18 and other categories of homelessness to be included in planning (doubled up, etc.).
 - ECHO and Lifeworks has staff that will be dedicating their time to this grant.
- Performance Score Card Updates
 - Due date was 1/31/16
 - Issue with Annual Assessment Calculator-scorecard will have N/A for this Q

- Bug with this feature- programs will not be impacted by this field.
- **2017 CoC WG Timeline**
 - 2017 application is contingent on the 2017 budget being approved by congress, which has not happened yet.
 - Several offices (SNAP, etc.) pushing hard for approval so that communities can move forward.
 - For next month, review count results and system performance.
 - New APR requirements/reporting system starting April 1. Possibly review available trainings as a group.
 - Question around the new implementation of Bowman and ART tools and what that timeline looks like in comparison to APR reporting.
 - Confirm HUD priority funding in May, as well as, independent review of applications.
 - Now is the time to start thinking about and exploring new project ideas for bonus funding- keeping in mind HUD priorities for subpopulations, housing first, and RRH/PSH projects. These should also be projects that can implemented in that grant cycle.
- **Grant Inventory Worksheet-Preparations for FY17 HUD CoC Application**
 - ECHO will continue to hire consultant for IRT. As a grantee, it would be a conflict of interest not to.
 - Communicate to agencies the consequences of having not expended funds- 10% threshold.
- **Discussion: Community-defined Performance Measures**
 - Possibility to add an additional accountability measure to system performance measures. Currently, retention and overall/earned income. If it strengthens our application, then the group agrees to add more. However, if we are already struggling to meet the existing ones or cannot find a new measure that would benefit the system as a whole- then now does not seem like the right time.
 - Suggestion to survey other CoC's to see what they have decided to include, i.e., prioritization, vulnerability, coordinated assessment.

Are there any issues that we could stand together on/advocate for?

- Safe Alliance is partially funded through VAWA- several hundred thousand dollars and multiple programs.
- A lot up in the air around refugee services for Caritas.
- No further discussion, but agencies will communicate these needs as they arise.

NEXT MEETING: March 1, 2017 9:30-11am, LifeWorks, 3700 S. 1st Street