



**CoC Work Group – Minutes**  
**Wed. Oct. 4, 2017 at 9:30AM-11:00AM**  
**LifeWorks**  
**3700 S. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room**  
**Chair: Liz Baker, Integral Care**

**Present:** Casey Soberon, Katy Manganella, Laura Evanoff (ECHO Staff), Sam Woollard (WN Assoc.), Sandra Chavez (ASA), Lauren Katz (ASA), Rick Rivera (TSA), Hosie Washington (SAFE), Elvira Lathrop (HACA), Helen Eisert (Integral Care), Stephanie Green (Caritas), Mary Stahl (Caritas), Caitlin Bond (Green Doors), Naomi Trejo (Travis Co.)

- 9:30-9:35 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS Liz Baker, Chair
- 9:35-10:00 General Updates Staff
- Workgroup Updates
    - PIT Committee
      - Team Lead Recruitment is underway. Still need about 40 leads. Service providers are encouraged to register.
      - Small changes to the registration form to make it easier to understand the available sections and their shifts.
      - General volunteer recruitment will be available within the next week or so.
    - HMIS Committee
      - Changes to PSH workflow in HMIS
        - Data standards changed on 10/1. Issues with disability, income visibility. The bug is being fixed, the data is still there.
        - Continue to put end dates on old data when doing updates.
        - Biggest change in PSH projects- housing move-in date to signify someone is housed. PSH entry indicates the program is working with the program.
        - For questions, there are materials and training available in HMIS and on ECHO website, but feel free to contact ECHO HMIS Team.
        - What about clients with vouchers before 10/1 that are not housed yet? –This seems like a HUD question. Katy to follow up.
- 10:00-10:35 Continuum of Care Business Sam W./Katy M.
- NOFA Submitted on Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>. (eight days early)
    - New request for SAFE Alliance- total submittal was for \$6,036,667
    - Tier II- Front Steps First Steps, Samaritan and SAFE Rapid Re-Housing
    - Priority listing distributed to workgroup and also available on ECHO website. Based strictly on performance score rather than project type.
    - Strengths in housing authorities, data entry, successful PSH placements, returns to homelessness improved, as well as, CH beds, RRH beds, and 100% low barrier/HF.
    - Opportunities to improve: first time homeless increased, length of time homeless increased, engage and serve LGBTQA individuals, ensure broad outreach for RFP, reallocate projects underperforming- IRT recommends under 70% performance be locally monitored, confusion around dedicated and dedicated plus beds, reduced # of RRH beds for families, need formal agreements with childcare/early education providers.
    - Concern that RRH may get hit hard in terms of performance while they are enrolling clients that are scoring in PSH range.
  - YHDP Drawdown Process

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- Feedback from HUD in August. Revisions due 10/15. Can't start drawing down funds until plan is approved by HUD. Demonstration is two-year long program- funds would be available to CoC agencies.
- Overseen by membership council and youth leadership board. Funding will be a competition with RFP. YHDP is more prescriptive- projects are already defined in action plan and agencies can choose which project they'd like to apply for.
- ECHO submitting waivers for projects that are not currently CoC allowable expenses. Ex: RRH extension to three years of service instead of two years. Diversion program.

10:35-11:00 Performance Scorecard Revisions

Katy M.

- Changes to be voted on for Membership Council
  - Looking into putting HUD system performance measures on performance scorecard to prepare for future NOFA expectations.
    - Recommend to put **returns to homelessness** on scorecard- look back is two years.
      - Exception for DV programs that cannot use HMIS and cannot share client info.
      - This metric is different from successful housing placements.
      - Change would not go into effect until next quarter. Would need to be officially voted on in November meeting in order to be voted on in November by Membership Council.
      - Katy to play with weight of "new" data element and will bring back to November's meeting to vote.
    - **Length of time homeless**- calculates the average number of nights spent in ENS, Safe Haven, TH.
      - Recommended to not include as it only applies to SAFE.
    - **RRH Specific Benchmarks**- lower the threshold for success due to the difference in nature between RRH and PSH success rates. **Motion to adopt national standard of 80% successful housing placement by Sandra C. Second by Helen E. Approved 10-0.**
    - **Data quality reports**- recommended to not adopt because it is not applicable to our programs.

NEXT MEETING: November 1, 2017 9:30-11am, LifeWorks, 3700 S. 1<sup>st</sup> Street

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