



CoC Work Group – Minutes
Wed. Oct 4, at 9:30AM-11:00AM
LifeWorks
3700 S. 1st Street, 2nd Floor Conference Room
Chair: Hosie Washington, SafePlace

Present: Stephanie Green (Caritas), Dylan Shubitz (HACA), Haggai Eshed (Front Steps), Greg McCormack (Front Steps), Darilynn Cardona-Beiler (ATCIC), Jim Ward (Caritas), Rick Rivera (TSA), Quentin Rodriguez (Caritas), Hosie Washington (SAFE), Melinda Cantu (SAFE), Natalie Meltzger-Smit (LifeWorks), Elvira Lathrop (HACA), Linelle Brown (HACA), Liz Baker (ATCIC), Joanne Lopez (HATC), Kathleen Ridings (TSA), Niki Paul, Casey Cork, Katy Manganella (ECHO Staff), Sam Woollard (Consultant)

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| 9:30-9:35 | WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION | Hosie Washington (Chair) |
| 9:35-10:20 | General Updates | Niki Paul/Katy Manganella |
- DV Awareness month, Paddle Parade 6pm tonight.
 - Locks on 7 -year grants coming to a close, but this does not appear to effect any of our grantees.
 - HUD Final Rule on Equal Access was released. Services should align with self-identified gender and move to not separate families.
 - 2016 ECHO Workgroup Updates
 - PIT Committee-Katy M/Casey Cork
 - Changes and volunteer recruitment- empowering team leads to take over training. Team Lead Round-Table scheduled for Oct. 18th to go over methodology and empower team leads to step up in their roles and recruit and train volunteers. Training will be web based to move away from ineffective, in person training. There is still a possibility of having an open house with PIT committee to ask ECHO questions.
 - Newsletter for team leads going out this week to streamline communication. 6 leads left to assign in rural areas.
 - CA more involved this year, improving extrapolation. Improvements around quality of interaction and making it more of an outreach event.
 - HMIS Committee-Katy M.
 - New data standards have been released. Website has overview of updates, including new conditional logic. This means more or less questions depending on response to living situation.
 - AHAR coming up- This contributes to congress's nationwide report on homelessness. Thus, it is important that we participate/perform well. Final draft due in December. Data quality already being addressed among programs.
 - HMIS Team released E-Learning training on website that reviews the different points-entry/exit/interim and how to enter data accurately.

10:20-11:00 HUD Continuum of Care

Niki P. / Sam Woollard/Katy M.

- Performance Score Card Updates
 - Revised Version
 - Quarterly Scorecard due 10/31/16
 - Need to remove screening criteria that is not housing first (criminal background) unless your project is site based serving families with children.
 - Screening should be used to identify the most appropriate housing option, not to screen out an otherwise eligible candidate.
 - State of CA has required housing first across the state for homeless funding.
- Required HUD FY15 Start Up Training-Oct 18th-19th
 - Register through HUD Exchange; Program and Leadership staff are required to attend.
- HUD FY14 Extended APR due 11/30/16
 - Extension for APR's from E-SNAPS technical issues is coming to a close. Eligible extension applies to the scorecard as well.
- FY16 HUD NOFA Debrief and Discussion
 - 2D-1: Destination is biggest area of improvement. This is primarily due to the way the day resource center operates. This is being addressed. Clients will stay open for 30 days with daily interactions being recorded in service transactions.
 - 3A-1a: Increase in sheltered and unsheltered count due to our improvement in PIT methodology. Increase in volunteers, shelter capacity, and increase in general population growth were all mentioned in the application.
 - 3A-4a: 91.51% successful exits to permanent housing!! 94.21% successful retentions/ exits to housing projects!
 - 3B-1.1: Chronic number increased.
 - 3B-1.2: A bit of confusion- appears to have a decrease in permanent beds, but really some beds were dedicated to Veterans. There was actually an increase in beds, however the category associated with those beds was not all encompassing. Next year, the beds will count as both Veteran and chronic beds.
 - Also an increase in families with children.
 - Increase in Veterans from PIT Count (decrease in identified Veterans).
 - Full points for mainstream benefits and low barrier.
 - Housing First- needs to be at 75%, we are at 71%.
 - Length of time homeless will be focus for review in next quarter.
 - New emphasis on early education- parenting/childcare, college, etc. and connection to community resources.
 - Our hope is that the 100 day challenge and youth NOFA will strengthen next year's NOFA application.
- Thoughts/Feedback:
 - The process was smoother than last year- less emails and follow up for more information or clarification.

- What will it take for more applications for new projects? Some may be scared off by match and leverage, as well as, not having the infrastructure for this kind of funding. Perhaps explore partnership options with programs that are more experienced and provide training for partnerships on what that collaboration would look like.
- Suggestion to provide more transparency in CoC WG as to who is applying for funding (expansion vs new projects).
- Suggestion to develop a community risk mitigation fund to encourage new partners.

NEXT MEETING: November 2, 2016 9:30-11am, LifeWorks, 3700 S. 1st Street