



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

Present: Liz Baker (IC), Caitlin Bond (Green Doors), Sandra Chavez (ASA), Hosie Washington (SAFE), Melinda Cantu (SAFE), Naomi Tejero (HATC), Dylan Shubitz (HACA), Haggai Eshed (Front Steps), Erin Whelan (Lifeworks), Niki Paul, Casey Soberon, Katy Manganella (ECHO Staff)

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| 9:30-9:35 | WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS | Liz Baker, Chair |
| 9:35-10:00 | General Updates
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECHO Fall Meeting-November 16th, 2017, City Hall 3-5PM • Workgroup Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PIT Committee (Casey Soberon) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ General volunteer recruitment starts today ▪ Still need roughly 12 team leads ▪ Looking for someone to head the survey return room ▪ Let Katy or Casey know if you would like to join the PIT Committee- starting to define roles and looking for fresh members ○ HMIS Committee (Katy Manganella) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Did not meet last month ▪ PSH programs working with client before Oct. 1, but not housed- backdate to the time you started working with them. | Staff |
| 10:00-10:20 | Performance Scorecard Revisions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action Item <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Proposed scorecard modifications; Only 2 returns to homelessness for CoC-funded programs. ○ If program is less than 2 years old (the lookback period), no proactive action is necessary for documentation. ○ Consider differences between persons that exit with a subsidy vs without and how that is tracked. ○ Consider the changes when doing an annual assessment- no longer done at recertification date, but rather the enrollment date. ○ Returns to homelessness equals 12 points- consistent with successful housing placements. ○ To make room for those 12 points, Housing first questions have been reduced from 4 metrics to 1 metric (and 8 points) because it is threshold criteria and not technically a performance metric. Should be admission AND discharge policies. ○ Project start date as defined by HUD for PSH - client has indicated they are eligible with information provided, the client wants the program, and housing placement is imminent. ○ May see discrepancies in lease date and move-in date. ○ Motion to approve scorecard revisions as is by Sandra Chavez. Second by Kathy Ridings. Approved 11-0. ○ Agenda item for next meeting to discuss increase income metric. ECHO will receive VISTA to specifically focus on connections to income. | Katy M. |

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10:20-11:00 Continuum of Care Business

- Opening Doors Update Public Comment Niki Paul
 - Feedback from several workgroups will be compiled by ECHO to submit on behalf of CoC.
 - Updating the date for Chronic Homelessness
 - Logic behind this as a benchmark in relationship to coordinated assessment, when chronic homelessness is not necessarily an indicator of vulnerability
 - Need more resources for chronic population in order to meet benchmark
 - More emphasis on prevention institutions to participate
 - More emphasis on diversion/family reunification- diversion as allowable expense
 - Follow up and accountability for education and employment (and sustainable employment)
 - Follow up and accountability for financial security
 - Send feedback to Niki P and Casey S before Thanksgiving
- HUD Notice CPD-17-11 Determining Program Participant Rent Contribution in the CoC Program. Liz Baker
 - CPD regarding utility payments/Effective October 23rd/RRH, PSH, TH- it IS OKAY to provide utility payments to the companies or directly to the client for **zero income clients**
 - Waiting for response to see if backpay is allowable if expenses have incurred since “the finding”
 - Put on agenda for RRH Sub-Committee

NEXT MEETING: December 6, 2017 9:30-11am, LifeWorks, 3700 S. 1st Street

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