



CoC Work Group – Minutes
Wed. Dec 6, 2017 at 9:30AM-11:00AM
LifeWorks
3700 S. 1st Street, 2nd Floor Conference Room
Chair: Liz Baker, Integral Care

Present: Melinda Cantu (SAFE), Kate Bennett (LW), Liz Baker (IC), Helen Eisert (IC), Elvira Lathrop (HATC), Lauren Katz (ASA), Haggai Eshed (FS), Stephanie Green (Caritas), Greg McCormack (FS), Hosie Washington (SAFE), Christa Noland (Green Doors), Naomi Tejero (TC), Niki Paul, Casey Soberon, Laura Evanoff (ECHO Staff)

- 9:30-9:35 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS Liz Baker, Chair
- 9:35-10:00 General Updates Staff
- Special thank you to Liz for service!
 - Position changing- no longer CoC business
 - Workgroup Updates
 - PIT Committee (Casey Soberon)
 - 180 General Volunteers- hoping for Dec media push instead of January
 - Send out contact info for Mike Arellano
 - Confirm January start date for 183 and 35
 - HMIS Committee (Katy Manganella)
 - Ethics refresher training deadline Dec. 15th
 - Upcoming PIT/HIC
 - Send reminder- follow up with Melissa
- 10:00-10:35 Performance Scorecards Katy M.
- Discuss increase income metric.
 - 2 annual assessments- program entry and lease renewal
 - Concern over documentation for income growth -needed for HMIS? Notarized statement.
 - Do non-cash benefits count?
 - Consider child support, financial assistance (utility or otherwise) that are given directly to the client – not to the provider
 - TDHCA every other month, lunch and learns about documentation, eligibility requirements – First Thursday, must register thru Eventbrite, next one in February
 - Current partnerships
 - CoC getting VISTA from THN to build relationships with employers
 - Struggle when multiple providers have to be used for resume writing, skill building, job search, and actual employment
 - Goodwill works well when program has a single point of contact
 - TX CenterPoint for Vets
 - Avanse – works with kids on education and work for adults
 - Employment first model would require competitive service package and formal agreements with employers to provide training and employee homeless or recently housed persons
 - Individual Placement and Support model – supportive employment
 - AARP employment program – tax exempt and does not count against rental subsidy
 - Earned income allowance 0 Stephanie can answer questions

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- AHAR Review
 - Family size increasing- utilization across programs is higher
 - Shift from families to individuals largely in part to coordinated assessment
 - RRH not included, but expected to be in next year's revision along with the grouping ES, SH, and TH
 - Loss in PSH beds due to differing definitions of PSH from HUD vs the NHCD beds that were being counted

10:35-11:00 Continuum of Care Business

Niki Paul, Liz Baker

- YHDP Timeline
 - Community plan approved
 - Finalizing the plan for HUD and publication and submitting necessary waivers
 - RFP process to start in January; three projects: Diversion, RRH Plus, and TH-RRH joint project
 - Review (IRT) in February, selection process in March, TA with collaboration and governing bodies on operationalizing projects
 - RFP process modeled after CoC process
 - HUD has deadline to have contracts by July and running by August
 - Evaluation of projects will be local and national (by Westaff)
 - Two 24-month contracts- when up for renewal, tear II will be bigger during NOFA; think about local policies to be in place now that CoC Funds will be almost doubled
- City Manager and City Audit review of homeless services
- HUD Notice CPD-17-11 Determining Program Participant Rent Contribution in the CoC Program.
 - Update on backpay allowance
 - Can bill back during current grant year for utility debt/program payments that accrued during that "freeze"
- GPD has new contract despite 34% decrease in programs nationally
- Music from the Streets looking for additional locations

NEXT MEETING: January 3, 2017 9:30-11am, LifeWorks, 3700 S. 1st Street

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