

CoC Steering Committee Meeting

July 15, 2019

10:00 am CT online via Zoom

Present: Katie Jo Amburst, David Klein, Cody Schuler, Andria Ellard, Erin Dahl, Darianne Johnson, Brandy Yant, Joey Huber

Absent: Sarah Hasbargen, Cassie DuBray, Lana Bonnet, Molly McDonald, Sandy Wilson, Jill McDonald

Guests Present: Emily Schwartz, Alicia Rixen

Katie Jo called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

Roll Call

Review of Agenda. Dave made motion to approve the agenda, Erin seconded. All in favor, motion passes

Review and approval of previous meeting minutes- Waiting for April meeting minutes until next time. June meeting changes- call to order at 8:40 am, Erin joined at 8:43 am, Loraine joined at 9:05 am, Jill joined at 9:38 am, Cody left at 10 am, Darianne at 10 am. **Cody made a motion to approve the minutes, Dave seconded. All in favor, motion passes.**

Partner updates- Move forward options of host for CoC.

NDCHP- Collaborative applicant lead agency move in to the CoC. Met with ND Housing and Finance to see if they would be interested. They would like to take a month or two to run things through their board. There is planning for the quarter three meeting August 13th. Working on the NOFA

ICA- Sandy and Brandy were in Fargo last week to go over their next step. Meeting went very well. Sandy sent memo to continue to work with us for the next three months.

HUD/CoC Governance Compliance- Emily contacted HUD TA to see what they can help with. They can help with Steering committee and membership, they can help get finances in order, organizational structure, governance changes/charter What areas do we want clarified before another agency is to move into this roll. Katie Jo would like to know if the Steering Committees make their own decisions with out collaborative members? Brandy indicated that CoC has paid staff to guide collaborative members on application. It has been a partnership. When the general membership comes together, what happens? What does it mean for the subrecipients? Is the CoC separate from the lead entity? How does membership voting work? Will HUD TA in steering committee meetings? Work on a time basis – they could give an update on progress.

Regional Updates

Region 8 (Darianne)

A lot of drug and alcohol issues. Difficult to case manage, a lot of the time resources to deal with these clients. 31 people in shelter and getting thinned out. A lot of grants due rights now. Seeing human trafficking, labor trafficking to be specific lately.

Regional 7 (Joey)

Community Action is busy. Homeless vets trying to be housed. Mark- CARES meeting a couple of weeks ago- coordinated entry.

County stop taking referrals and Community Action are taking them. They are mandated to pull from list, but they don't have funds to pay for permanent housing vouchers. So, they aren't pulling from the list. United way will be moving their location and adding 40 beds (Edwards).

Region 6 (Dave)

Summer has seen a lot of clients who are getting themselves into trouble. First link- track and fine homeless. Large gap with law enforcement to find help. Vouchers are available but landlords don't want to work with us because they don't want to update their rentals. Support services not always available. NARO – go over NOFA to get main stream vouchers (which are different than normal vouchers). September Vita Services Conference.

Region 5 (Sara, Erin, and Cody)

First week of August the VA announce where resource center will be (downtown). Created a task force on ending homelessness. Metro TF that is working on getting up and running. Fundraising- landlord mitigation. New Life Center- new grand opening (renovation). YWCA is busy with Grace Garden opening August 13th. DV Bonus dollars getting program up and running. Andria- Priority list management- CARES committee changing to the regional planning committee. Other group looking for access shelter bed and prioritization and working on plan for stabilization.

Regional 4 (Katie)

Had local CARES meeting last week. SANSA Grant (2.5 million), hired mobile case managers that go out to address mental health and or drug issues. Glaring gaps in shelter and need for low barrier shelter, a family shelter and day shelter. Coordinated entry down to two agencies. Northland Rescue Mission and Spectra Health. We are working on getting Red River Community Action, Salvation Army and St Joes. Working together to get more access and assessment. Schools are saying uptick in homeless youth. Discussion that private landlords pulling from the list. Mainstream vouchers are full. Having a discussion to apply for more.

Region 3 (Molly)

A lot of drug use along with abandonment of children. A log of referrals from DV shelters but actually a homeless situation because there is a history of drug use. Case of human trafficking very difficult to call them that. Able to get client in to permanent housing but some have had issues that gave sour image to landlords. Clients have had damage to property and demand that they pay for it. Housing in metro plains and LSS.

Region 2

NA

Region 1

NA

BREAK

Members present: Joey, Erin, Brandy David, Mark, Darianne, Cody, Andria, Emily, Molly

Ranking Committee- We would like to see one person from each region on the Ranking Committee. We also need a committee chair; Dave will think about it.

Time line (Emily)- There will be a NOFA lab session in the east and west. This will give everyone a chance to gather in one room to work on your applications to get 90% of the questions answered. Any questions that you have that the room can't help with, we will send to HUD TA to assist us with. The Bismarck session will be held at the Department of Commerce. The Fargo session will be held in the YWCA Butler Room.

Letter of intent- New projects, who wants to apply? Renewed projects to be in compliance what NOFA require. Letter goes out to everyone. Intent to apply will be filled out on Google Forms as a "pre application". (Mark would like to see the form to be less invasive- too time consuming. But NOFA requires a threshold of applications).

Molly out at 11:44 am

Reviewing the Pre Application and Assessment Form

Second line "must be completed"

The Intent to apply- change the date

Annual projects reports add "NA"

HUD TA able to help up with ranking tool

Add APR line

Katie will put in Google Form

Dave made a motion was made to approve the preapplication with changes discussed with updates to include HUD deadline, Erin seconded it.

Time line move ranking committee orientation to the 22nd of July. Dave made a motion, Joey seconded it.

Checked for quorum, no quorum.

Collaborative Applicant- Mark assigned himself to the youth questions (4.B, 5.C.1-4)

Please send to Alicia when you have completed your sections. She will collect them and put them on the Dropbox. Alicia will also take the new NOFA and put it into a new form and send to Katie Jo and Emily.

New Business- None

Next Meeting- Scheduled August 19th.

Adjourn at 12:14 pm