

Steering Committee Conference Call Agenda
April 12, 2007, 10:30 a.m.
Conference Call (309-298-3681)

Participants:

Abbey Lesko, Western Illinois University
Barb Hicks, Madonna House
Cheryl Petterson, Bridgeway
Dave Farkas, Adams County Parole
Glenda Farkas, YWCA of Quincy
Jane Lear, HUD

Jeff Cozadd, Western IL Regional Council (WIRC)
Julie Entrup, YWCA of Quincy
Lori Sutton, Western IL Univ.
Suzan Nash, Western IL Regional Council (WIRC)
Tammi Lonergan, MCS Comm. Services

1. Welcome (Suzan Nash)
2. Housing Provider Update
 - a. (Glenda) There is one current opening in permanent housing. There will be a few openings within a year. A case manager has been assigned to one of the clients for financial purposes. Please forward any information regarding case management with financial issues to Lynnette Conchright.
 - b. (Tammi) There were two openings due to people moving out. One was recently filled and the other will be filled as soon as it is cleaned and prepared completely.
 - c. (Jeff) There is one opening in Monmouth in transitional housing. There is nobody currently on the waiting list. Starting Point and Housing Authority will be contacted to see if there is anyone they would like to refer.
3. 2007 HUD Grant Application
 - a. (Tammi) MCS is still currently working toward completion of grant.
 - b. (Jeff) WIRC is still currently working toward completion of grant.
 - c. (Suzan) The dates are:
 - i. May 7, draft of projects need to be submitted to Lori for prioritization
 - ii. May 10, Full Continuum meeting to discuss projects
 - iii. May 21, final submission of projects needs to be submitted to Lori to put into grant application
 - iv. June 6, mail grant to HUD
 - v. June 8, C of C grant due to HUD
4. New Business-
 - a. (Cheryl) Bridgeway's plans to build a place in Monmouth are currently on hold. Bridgeway is reviewing budget and service needs before they proceed.
 - b. (Glenda) Glenda's last day is today at the YWCA. On 4/16/2007, Glenda will be the executive director of the West Central Illinois Center for Independent Living. Julie Entrup, business manager for the YWCA is the person to contact until a new executive director is hired at the YWCA.
 - c. (Jane) There currently are no HUD housing counseling agencies in the west central area. People have been referred to places that are not centrally located. There were over 80,000 foreclosures in Ohio, so Illinois should be similar. Many of these foreclosures could be prevented if there were housing counseling agencies available. It is not a requirement to be approved by HUD to provide housing counseling. However, before an agency can apply for HUD funding through the SuperNOFA, the agency must be HUD approved. The agency may apply for more than one county also.

- d. (Suzan) There is a developer currently looking to build 40 units outside of Macomb. The application for tax credit has been sent in. If funded, WIRC will be a part of this project. Part of the housing will be required to be for people with disabilities and Bridgeway is being considered as a resource to place people.
5. Future meetings/conference calls (normally 2nd Thursday of month)
 - May 10, 10:30 a.m., Full Continuum Meeting at Western Illinois Regional Council in Macomb.
 - Sept. 13, 10:30 a.m., WCICCC Steering Committee conference call
 - Oct. 11, 10:30 a.m., WCICCC Full Continuum conference call
6. Training Opportunities
 - a. HUD's start up training and technical training are in the planning process, dates to be given at a later date by Darrell in the Chicago HUD office.
 - b. Please send dates to Lori to be posted in minutes.

Making the Connection: ***Accessing Public Benefits for Low Income Persons***, various dates between August 2006 and May 2007 – see meeting minutes for September 7, 2006 for copy of brochure -- http://www.wciccc.com/MeetingSchedule/docs/1152722400_28747.pdf.