

Full Continuum Conference Call
February 14, 2008, 10:30 a.m.
Conference Call

Attendance:

Anne Lobdell, Western IL Regional Council
Barb Baker Chapin, Transitions of Western Illinois IL
Barb Hicks, Madonna House
Cheryl Esselman, Two Rivers Regional Council
Glenda Farkas, West Central IL Center for Independent Living
Jane Lear, HUD Springfield
Kathy Citro, Quincy Public Schools
Lori Miller, Mosiac
Lori Sutton, Western IL Univ.
Melissa Holden, YWCA of Quincy
Mimi Chedid, Housing Action Illinois
Royal White, Western IL Regional Council
Suzan Nash, Western IL Regional Council

1. Welcome (Glenda Farkas)
2. Housing Provider Update/Personnel Changes (varies)
 - a. YWCA of Quincy (Melissa Holden): The YWCA is at capacity. A part-time administrative assistant has been hired. Lori Sutton will contact Melissa later to get the new person on HMIS.
 - b. Western Illinois Regional Council (Royal White): There have been two successful transitions in this past month. Moved two new clients into vacant openings. Currently there are four of the six units are full. There are open units in Monmouth and Bushnell. Ann Lobdell is taking on case manager responsibilities. Royal is handling supervising the program.
 - c. Transitions (Barb Baker Chapin): Transitions will be building two new HUD-funded group homes. One replaces an existing home that houses adults with developmental disabilities. The other home is new and will provide six new beds to the area.
 - d. Madonna House (Barb Hicks): Three clients left last month, two were successful transitions. Thanks to the Tracey Foundation grant, Madonna House was able to put new carpet in some of the rooms. A past resident was put on staff part-time.
 - e. Mosiac (Lori Miller): There is four open beds, with one bed being spoken for by a returning client. They are screening some DCFS clients from the Peoria area that may fill the openings.
3. DHS Homeless Prevention Application (Suzan Nash & Lori Sutton): The funds available is the same as last year, \$181,500. Two Rivers Regional Council, MCS Community Services, and Western IL Regional Council will need to submit their portions of the application packet to **Lori Sutton by Monday, March 3, 2008**. Lori will compile the information and submit it to DHS by the March 14, 2008 deadline.
4. Point-in-Time Shelter Counts (Lori Sutton): The continuum has received eight of the ten point-in-time surveys. Lori needs to contact QUANADA and Starting Point. Glenda suggested contacting the new director at QUANADA, Jerry Gilles.
5. New Business
 - a. 2008 Policy Update by Housing Action Illinois (Mimi Chedid): Please see the attached handout. Mimi is the new Policy Coordinator for Housing Action Illinois. Questions

about the handout can be e-mailed to Mimi at mimi@housingactionil.org. Jane Lear provided additional information on the Rental Housing Support Program.

- b. HUD Debriefing (Jane Lear): The HUD debriefing broadcast for the 2007 competition is scheduled for Thursday, February 21, 2008 at 10-11:30 a.m.. It will include an oral debriefing on the five major scoring factors of the 2007 CoC application, as well as an overview of the 2008 CoC competition and discussion of the registration process. HUD will not be taking live questions from the audience during the broadcast. Please visit HUD's webcast website for information about satellite coordinates:
<http://www.hud.gov/webcasts/schedule/>
Lori will contact Darrell Bugajsky, HUD Chicago, to see if continuum debriefing sheets will be available prior to the broadcast. Glenda reminded everyone to get registered with grants.gov, in case the 2008 application is electronic this year.
 - c. Leadership to End Homelessness Audio Conference, Strategies for Ending Rural Homelessness, Feb. 14, 2 p.m. Please see e-mail sent 2/14/08. E-mail attached to minutes.
 - d. Center for Independent Living in Quincy has been select by the Department of Justice to have a open forum, March 12, 1 – 2 p.m. for women with disabilities, of any nature, that have some experience with sexual violence (doesn't have to be firsthand knowledge). The purpose of the forum is trying to get information how communities/agencies can better provide respond and services to women with disabilities who have come in contact with a sexual violence encounter. If you have a client that can provide positive or negative input, the Department of Justice is interested in hearing from them. Quanada and the Department of Rehabilitation Services will be part of the forum.
6. Future meetings/conference calls (normally 2nd Thursday of month)
- March 13, 10:30 a.m., WCICCC Steering Committee conference call
 - April 10, 10:30 a.m., WCICCC Steering Committee conference call
 - **Tentative date is May 8 in Jacksonville**, WCICCC Full Continuum meeting, location and date to be announced after HUD CoC application due date announced.

HOUSING ACTION ILLINOIS 2008 STATE PUBLIC POLICY AGENDA

Affordable Housing in Capital Budget

Secure \$100 million annual allocation in capital budget for creation and preservation of affordable housing. Affordable housing is a long-term asset that serves a public purpose. Affordable housing is part of our basic infrastructure—just like roads, bridges, and schools—on which businesses and communities depend. Housing construction and rehabilitation create good high-wage jobs around the state.

Homeless Service Provider Funding

Service providers are seeking \$11.8 million in funding for the Emergency Food and Shelter Program for FY09 to restore cuts in prior years. Funding in FY08 is \$9.4 million. With increased funding, the City of Chicago and the 88 private agencies currently funded in the rest of the state will better assist people to move back into permanent housing.

Safe Homes Act Amendment

Restrict landlords from disclosing identify of tenants who made use of Safe Homes Act. The Safe Homes Act provides protections for survivors of domestic and sexual violence who live in rental housing. Under certain circumstances, the Safe Homes Act allows survivors to have their locks changed and/or end their lease.

Slumlord Accountability Act

Require landlords to provide relocation assistance to tenants forced from their homes when there is a court order to vacate a building due to dangerous and unhealthy conditions caused by the landlord.

Legislation to Expand Protections Against Tax Scavengers

Create additional notice requirements and remedies for homeowners, particularly for elderly and disabled homeowners, who lose their home to tax purchasers and tax scavengers who purchase homes for unpaid property taxes.

Legislation to Preserve Rental Housing in Condominium Complexes and Other “Common Interest Communities”

Protect owners who are currently renting their units from having their association impose new rules restricting their ability to rent their own unit.

Predatory Lending Database Program

Work with state agencies to build capacity of HUD-certified housing counseling agencies to implement mandatory loan document file review required under Predatory Lending Database Program, which goes into effect in Cook County on July 1, 2008. We also will work to ensure that the program receives adequate appropriations for fiscal year 2009.

Rental Housing Support Program Appropriations

This program, which provides rental subsidies and operating support for rental housing affordable to extremely low-income households, will be implemented statewide in 2008. We will work to ensure that any fund balances from the program’s dedicated revenue source are appropriated for the program.

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Fw: Upcoming Audio Conference: Strategies for Ending Rural Homelessness Wednesday, February 13, 2008
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I thought some of you might be interested in participating, given the topic.

I apologize for any cross postings.

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Rapidly re-housing homeless families is critical to ending homelessness. In communities where there is a lack of affordable housing and no infrastructure to triage and assess housing needs, rapid re-housing is challenging. Is rapid re-housing in rural areas possible? Hear from one service provider about how to create a rapid re-housing program in a rural community, why it's important to engage partners, and where to find affordable housing resources.

Featured Speaker

- Kay Moshier McDivitt, Vice President for Programs, Tabor Community Services, Lancaster, PA

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May 8, 2008 | Emergency Prevention Programs

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June 12, 2008 | Family Preservation for Older Youth



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