

Steering Committee Conference Call
May 8, 2008, 10:30 a.m.
Conference Call

Attendance:

Barb Baker Chapin, Transitions
Cheryl Esselman, Two Rivers Regional Council
Glenda Farkas, West Central IL Center for
Independent Living
Kelly Deason, Western IL Regional Council

Lori Sutton, Western IL Univ.
Melissa Holden, YWCA of Quincy
Suzan Nash, Western IL Regional Council
Tammi Lonergan, MCS Comm. Services

1. Welcome (Glenda Farkas)
2. Housing Provider Update/Personnel Changes
 - a. MCS Community Services (Tammi Lonergan): Two units occupied and one vacant, hopefully the vacant unit will be filled this month. Jacksonville is the location of the open unit.
 - b. Western Illinois Regional Council (Suzan Nash): One unit open in Monmouth, the larger size unit. The non-CoC-funded units are full.
 - c. YWCA of Quincy (Melissa Holden): One transitional client will be graduating in December. Melissa is seeing more people with desperate medical conditions and are unable to work, SSDI is a long way off.
 - d. Transitions (Barb Baker Chapin): They are waiting for final closing on their HUD project, which is a six-bed facility for adults with developmental disabilities.
 - e. Glenda Farkas reported that the Quincy Housing Authority has a short waiting list, compared to past, for main stream housing vouchers. The Housing Authority had some vouchers come back to them for reissuance due to rule violations by clients.
3. CoC Registration and Upcoming Grant (Glenda Farkas): The CoC Grant will not be released until after July 1. Jane is willing to meet with us to go over the changes in the grant. We can schedule a meeting with her after the grant is released.

Lori Sutton completed the CoC Registration process, this is the first step in the grant process. Glenda was set up as lead contact and Lori as secondary contact. The only people that need to be listed as contacts are the ones that work on Exhibit 1.

According to the registration process, these are the amounts that our continuum qualifies for: Hold Harmless \$620,870; Samaritan Housing Bonus: \$55,183; Rapid Re-housing \$110,365 The Samaritan Housing Bonus is for a project that serves chronically homeless individuals. The rapid re-housing is a new area and there is limited information on this topic. The U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, e-Newsletter 1/2/08, had a brief article on rapid re-housing. "The FY2008 HUD homeless budget includes \$25 million for a demonstration program for rapid re-housing of homeless families...A limited number of sites will be chosen based on experience in rapid re-housing, performance in the HUD continuum of care, and geographic diversity. Families will receive housing placement services, short-term housing assistance including up to 18 months of rental assistance, and appropriate services. An evaluation component will include cost benefit analysis of both direct and indirect benefits of

the demonstrations, and housing stability of families.” Lori has asked Jane Lear for additional information.

Melissa is tentatively interested in the rapid re-housing. Melissa has concerns that if the YWCA gets over \$500,000 a year in federal awards, that it changes some of their financial auditing requirements. If an agency applied for a new project, it would probably be 2010 before the project would officially start.

4. HMIS Workshop for CoC HMIS Contacts, May 20, HUD’s Chicago office. Melissa Holden and Julie Entrup from the YWCA of Quincy and Lori Sutton will be attending the workshop. There was discussion in regards to victims of domestic violence and using HMIS.
5. New Business
 - a. Glenda and Lori are looking at doing site visits with CoC-funded agencies. Last year’s application, Lori had a goal of doing one site visit.
 - b. American Idol Gives Back fundraiser gave money to Central Illinois Food Bank in Springfield. They selected two food pantries that they serve to give food to. The Pittsfield Food Pantry and Quincy Catholic Charities were the two food pantries selected. There will be a huge media campaign in June.
6. Future meetings/conference calls (normally 2nd Thursday of month)
 - June 12 WCICCC Steering Committee conference call has been cancelled
 - June 24, 1-4 p.m., MCS Conference Room, CoC SuperNOFA Planning Meeting with Jane Lear
 - WCICCC Full Continuum meeting, date and time to be announced later