

**WCICCC Steering Committee Meeting and Conference Call
July 30, 2009, 10:30 a.m.**

Conference Call Number: 309-298-3680

Attendance: Suzan Nash, Western Illinois Regional Council; Barb Baker-Chapin, Transitions of Western Illinois; Melissa Holden, YWCA of Quincy; Heidi Prather, Salvation Army; Cheryl Esselman, Two Rivers Regional Council; Tami Lonergan, MCS Community Services; and Lori Sutton, Western Illinois University

1. Welcome

2. Housing Provider Update/Personnel Changes

Western Illinois Regional Council (WIRC): 1 vacancy in Monmouth and soon there will be an opening in Macomb. Suzan has been working with the Housing Authority on working out issues that may enable them to stay in Housing Authority units. The Chicago HUD field office has been involved in the discussion. The Housing Authorities need to make amendments to their policies to make the situation work.

MCS Community Services: Tami is looking for 2 more units since they had to vacate the Housing Authority units. Two of her current units are under a Housing Authority corporation, so she can keep those units.

YWCA of Quincy: Had a client exit the program into permanent housing, expecting to fill the opening next week. They have been working with the county-wide initiative sponsored by United Way and the hospital called Access Health. Since May 1, 111 individuals (mothers and children) have been looking for assistance.

Salvation Army: The shelter has been full and they are making referrals to other organizations. They are also looking for funding to build new shelter.

Two Rivers Regional Council: Currently they are out of homeless prevention funds, but are expecting additional funds soon.

Transitions of Western Illinois: The two new group homes are finished and both are full.

3. HPRP Application – The HPRP application got mailed to DCEO on July 9. Below is a summary:

Category	TRRC	MCS	WIRC	Total
Homeless Prevention				
Financial Assistance	\$166,015	\$140,015	\$105,000	\$411,030
Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services	96,600	20,000	45,553	162,153
Rapid Re-housing				
Financial Assistance	74,515	76,677	45,000	196,192
Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services	41,400	30,000	19,522	90,922
Data Collection and Evaluation	7,886	5,556	4,480	17,922
Administrative	7,886	5,556	4,480	17,922
Total HPRP Amount	\$394,302	\$277,804	\$224,035	\$896,141

MISI is working on adding the HPRP questions to the ROSIE software. Once the questions are added training will be held. Two Rivers expect to add 5 people to the HMIS; MCS will add an additional case worker; and WIRC may add an additional person.

It is anticipated the HPRP funds will be awarded in September with the first report due Oct. 10.

4. 2009 SuperNOFA Announcements – There is a two-step registration process. CoC need to register first, which involves updating contact information and submitting the Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW). On July 31, our CoC needs to let the Chicago office know that the information is correct on the GIW. August 24 or later the second phase will open where each program submits/updates their information. It is anticipated that renewals will find out 30-60 days after the competition closes that their grant was renewed, with grant agreements being issued winter 2009. New projects will find out if they are funded late winter/early spring.

This year the Permanent Housing Bonus has been re-authorized. The bonus will allow a new project to assist disabled individuals and families. No information on how much our bonus will be. If it is like previous years, it will be around \$55,000 for a two year grant.

There is a permanent housing bonus that can be used to serve disabled individuals and families.

5. Meeting Schedule – need to set dates, proposed dates below:
 - a. Aug./Sept. – HMIS training and steering committee
 - b. Oct. 8 – full continuum
 - c. Nov. 12 – steering committee
 - d. Dec. no meeting
 - e. Jan. 14 – steering committee
 - f. Feb. 11 – full continuum
 - g. March 11 – steering committee

All meetings will be conference calls except for Feb. 11, which will be a face-to-face meeting with conference call capabilities.

HUD's Peer-to-Peer is scheduled for September 22-23. Melissa, Tami, Royal, Ann, Lori plan on attending. Lori will be bringing a new staff person with her to the conference.

6. New Business
HUD's revised data standards were released for public comment earlier this week. Lori will e-mail the standards to the group. Melissa suggested checking the standards to see how intake forms will change.
7. Calendar for Upcoming Year
 - June-October, Corporation for Supportive Housing's Illinois Dimensions of quality training Series (see handout from May meeting)
 - September 22-23, Peer-to-Peer, Bloomington, location TBA