

**WCICCC Full Continuum Conference Call
January 14, 2010, 10:30 a.m.**

Attendees:

Glenda Farkas, West Central Illinois Center for Independent Living (WCICIL), Quincy; Tammi Lonergan, MCS Community Services, Jacksonville; Heidi Prather, Salvation Army, Quincy; Cheryl Esselman, Lynn Orr, and Becky Pruden, Two Rivers Regional Council (TRRC), Quincy; Barb Baker-Chapin, Transitions, Quincy; Melissa Holden, YWCA of Quincy; Suzan Nash and Anne Dixon, Western Illinois Regional Council (WIRC) Macomb; Lori Sutton and Cathi Swanson, Western Illinois University, Macomb

Minutes

1. Welcome (Glenda Farkas)
2. Housing Provider Update/Personnel Changes (all housing providers)
 - a. WIRC (Suzan): No personnel changes. The two Warren County Housing Authority units have been closed down as of 12/31/09. The two McDonough County Housing Authority units are occupied through 2/28/2010. Warren County made necessary policy changes in order to continue to work with us but McDonough County has not. WIRC has around 6 weeks to look for other rental options.
 - b. MCS (Tami): Three units now available in Jacksonville and one through DHS in Meredosia.
 - c. Salvation Army (Heide): Two available rooms and lots of calls.
 - d. Transitions (Barb): No housing related issues at this time.
 - e. TRRC (Cheryl): We have some shelter money and everything else is HPRP.
3. HPRP Update (TRRC/YWCA, MCS, and/or WIRC)
 - a. TRRC (Cheryl, Becky and Lynn): TRRC has obligated all of funds. TRRC has been swamped with clients seeking funding. We are only lead testing units on those units built before 1978 and /or with children in the household under the age of 6.

Suzan (WIRC): Voiced question on regulations – if they are receiving HPRP monies the units should be inspected. The screening tool on HUD HRE says need to meet both above criteria. LouAnn Williams' handout in November about lead base paint stated: 1. HPRP funding needs to be inspected, 2. built before 1978, and 3. children under 6. Suzan will check with LouAnn for confirmation. Going by what Nora Lally (HUD) said at meeting in Bloomington “only with 1978 and children under 6.

Heidi (Salvation Army): We have ESG grant that comes with it first month's rent which is available to residents and is similar to HUD related issues and LouAnn is also our contact person. We can't get rid of our money because we have to pay for an inspection for everyone that gets that first month rental assistance, unless we find some unique housing like mobile home, or something build after 1978.

MCS (Tami): Katy doing the HPRP and she's out today. Unsure how the lead issue has been in their area. At least one person signed up for assistance and there is a list of people to follow up with.

- b. HMIS: Lori told the group that John at ROSIE informed one of our HPRP users that we can change our HMIS to force a client contact date to be entered when a record is created versus the current setup that has the current date. The group discussed making the change to the system and Lori will follow-up on this change.
- c. Policies: Lori also asked the group if we need to create policy on the treatment of asset? This is in reference to a handout that LouAnn gave the HPRP users in November. Lori contact LouAnn about the need of the policy.
- d. Reporting: There was a question about check that are over \$1,000 that need to be filed with the report. Does that apply to payroll because are direct deposit? Or just checks in terms of client assistance. This is another issue that needs to be checked with LouAnn at same time as checking on lead issue.

4. CoC Grant (Lori)

- a. 12/23/2009, HUD announced that our renewal was funded

IL-519 - West Central Illinois CoC						
Applicant Name	Project Name	Program	Component	Grant Term	Award Amount	
MCS Community Services	Morgan County Transitional Housing Program	SHP	TH	1 Year	\$101,994	
Western Illinois Regional Council - Community Action Age	WIRC-CAA Transitional Housing	SHP	TH	1 Year	\$54,906	
YWCA of Quincy	Permanent Supportive Housing	SHP	PH	1 Year	\$331,349	
YWCA of Quincy	Transitional Housing	SHP	TH	1 Year	\$138,031	
Total:					\$626,280	

- b. HUD CoC Application Update – books have been mailed to CoC-funded agencies, 2 books to each agency. Some weird characters look like typos in the report that is caused by the HUD grant system software when it generates the PDF report.
 - c. Point-in-Time Shelter counts at end of month – Wednesday, January 27, 2010. This year we do not need to do the drive around point-in-time count of the unsheltered. Please plan on doing the unsheltered count in January 2011.
5. TRRC (Becky Pruden): Two Rivers Regional Council open a low-cost thrift store in Mt. Sterling (Brown County) called REACHOUT Center. The acronym stands for “Regional Effort to Acquire Clothing and Housewares for Others Under Troubled Times.” Located at 115 S Capitol. Deanne Quinn has been hired to manage it; they will only have 1 paid staff with the idea that she will generate a group of volunteers to come and sort clothes and help her. A grant assisted in starting the endeavor, but in order for this to be successful it has to self sufficient by September. Becky asks that we help market this new adventure and let everyone know that it is available to everyone. There has been a similar venue in Pittsfield and it has been very successful.
6. Glenda Reported that the Quincy Public Schools received funds to hired seven family liaisons for Adams County so students and families will get all the help they need to be successful and healthy. Flyers sent out. Quincy has been doing it for 18 months – also helps children in shelters.
7. Meeting Schedule:
- a. Feb. 11 – full continuum, conference call, 10:30 a.m.
 - b. March 11 – steering committee, conference call, 10:30 a.m.
 - c. April 8 – steering committee, conference call, 10:30 a.m.
 - d. May 13 – steering committee, conference call, 10:30 a.m.
 - e. Summer TBA, dependent on HUD grant release date – full continuum, conference call, 10:30 a.m.

- f. Sept. 9 – steering committee, conference call, 10:30 a.m.
 - g. Oct. 14– full continuum, conference call/meeting, 10:30 a.m.
 - h. Nov. 11 – steering committee, conference call, 10:30 a.m.
8. Calendar for Upcoming Year
- a. Tuesday, January 26, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm, SHPA Regional Quarterly Meeting in Chicago at Deborah’s Place, 2822 W. Jackson Blvd.
 - b. Wednesday, February 3, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm, SHPA Regional Quarterly Meeting in Peoria at Southside Office of Concern, 301 NE Jefferson
 - c. Thursday, February 4, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm, SHPA Regional Quarterly Meeting in Mt. Vernon at the Veterans Park South, 800 S. 27th St., south side of the Rolland Lewis Building
 - d. Supportive Housing Association (SHPA) CoC Committee meetings have been changed to the 4th Thursday of each month at 10 a.m. Please contact Lore Baker, Communications and Outreach Director to be put on mailing list for calls – 217-424-9407 or shpa@att.net