

WCICCC Conference Call
Conference Call Number: 309-298-3681
September 11, 10:30 a.m.

Al Coleman, ROE #22
Amanda Davis, Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs/WIU
Cynthia Grawe, Madonna House
Cynthia Stiffler, Samaritan Well, Inc.
Dona Leanard, Crisis Center Foundation
Elaine Davis, Two Rivers Regional Council
Emily Robberts, United Way of Adams Co.
Glenda Hackemack, City of Quincy
Jennifer Vencil, QUANADA
Joanne Dedert, Madonna House
Lori Hartz, Prairieland United Way
Lori Sutton, Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs/WIU
Mary Muehlenfeld, YWCA of Quincy
Suzan Nash, Western Illinois Regional Council
Tammi Lonergan, MCS Community Services
Vanessa Tyus, New Directions

Minutes

1. Provider Update and/or Personnel Changes
 - a. Al Coleman: No Updates, no changes
 - b. Cynthia Stiffler: 1 vacancy at men’s shelter, waiting list at women’s shelter
 - c. Dona Leanard: No staff changes, half full
 - d. Emily Robberts: no changes
 - e. Jennifer Vencil: Staff changes; Full; Over
 - f. Joanne Dedert: Full time Prevention Director Hired; 1 support staff; 1 room available for pregnant female
 - g. Mary Muehlenfeld: Full; No Staff Changes
 - h. Suzan Nash: No Staff changes; Two transitional homes are full
 - i. Tammi Lonergan: No personal changes; Two bedroom home available for families with disabilities
 - j. Vanessa Tyus: 3 Men beds available; 3 Women beds available; 5 children in shelter
2. CoC Grant
 - a. CoC registered for the 2014 CoC Competition in August. In the past there have been opportunities for bonus funds for permanent supportive housing, but it is not expected with this round of funding.
 - b. In the last round of funding, we did lose Western Illinois Regional Council’s homeless project.
3. ESG
 - a. At the end of July, the WCI Council made the following funding recommendation for 2014 ESG funding:

Provider	Recommended Funding	Type of Service
Crisis Center Foundation (MCS Community Services is a subgrantee)	\$44,862 (\$27,000 CCF & \$17,862 MCS)	Emergency Shelter Operations & Essential Services Rapid Rehousing Homeless Prevention HMIS & Administration
Madonna House	\$54,320	Emergency Shelter Operations & Essential Services HMIS & Administration
Salvation Army Emergency Shelter	\$29,000	Emergency Shelter Operations & Essential Services HMIS & Administration
QUANADA	\$25,000	Emergency Shelter Operations Rapid Rehousing Homeless Prevention HMIS & Administration
Samaritan Well	\$25,000	Emergency Shelter Operations & Essential Services HMIS & Administration

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Total Funds Recommended	\$178,182	
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b. Performance targets reported in ESG grant application:

Performance Measure: Reduce length of stay for clients to be no longer than 60 days.
 CoC Target: 40% or more
 FY2014 Results: The one emergency shelter receiving ESG funds had 96% of their clients leaving within 60 days. Their average length of stay was 14 days.

Performance Measure: Exiting to permanent housing destinations.
 CoC Target: 40% or more
 FY14 Results: 66% for all CoC programs (67% for ESG-funded only)

Performance Measure: Percentage of participants that are employed at program exit.
 CoC Target: 20% or more
 FY14 Results: 32% for all CoC programs (30% for ESG-funded only)

Performance Measure: Percentage of participants that obtained mainstream benefits.
 CoC Target: 20% or more
 FY14 Results: 80% for all CoC programs (78% for ESG-funded only)

Statistics	FY2014
Average Length of Time in Housing	
Emergency Shelter	13.44 days
Transitional Housing	6.4 months
Rapid Re-housing	1.77 months
Permanent Supportive Housing	9.87 months
CoC Recidivism Rate	13.24%

4. WCI Council

- a. WCI Council Board will have an online meeting Sept. 23 to learn more about the CoC
- i. The following individuals have agreed to serve on the CoC Board, and here is a brief bio on each person:
1. Emily Robbearts works for United Way and will soon step into the role of Executive Director at that organization. Emily serves on the Unmet Needs Committee and Interagency Council through United Way. She works closely with all service providers in the Adams County area. United Way is a major funding source for the Emergency Shelters and Supportive Housing Programs in Adams County.
 2. Jerry Gille, Executive Director for Quincy Housing Authority. He serves in the same role as Bill plus in a prior position he was Executive Director of Quanada, a domestic violence shelter in Quincy providing services to those who have been assaulted or abused.
 3. Elaine Davis works at Two Rivers Regional Council (TRRC) in Quincy, she serves on the Quincy Housing Authority Board and the City of Quincy Plan Commission. In her role at TRRC she works with persons at risk of homelessness to provide housing solutions.
 4. Lenny Bart is the Executive Director for the Quincy Society of Fine Arts. He has valuable experience with reviewing grant applications and distribution of grant funds.
 5. Bill Jacobs, Executive Director for the Housing Authority of McDonough County. He works on a daily basis providing affordable housing to low income families and individuals.
 6. Krista Kuntz, is from Regional Office of Education (ROE) #46 in Jacksonville. Her role at ROE is that of Homeless Education Liaison. She helps to identify, enroll and ensure

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that homeless students receive the same educational support services that non-homeless students receive. Krista has been an active participant in the Continuum of Care for years.

7. Lori Hartz is the Executive Director for Prairieland United Way in Jacksonville. Her role there gives her an opportunity to work with many service providers that assist the homeless and those at risk of homelessness. Her agency also funds Emergency Shelters/Services.
8. Maggie Brooks is from North Central Behavioral Health Systems. She has an office in Macomb. NCBHS offers a broad range of mental health and addiction services in eight locations in Central and North Central Illinois. Since mental health and addiction issues are a major cause of homelessness, her expertise will be most welcome.
9. Myndi Boyd is employed at the YWCA of Quincy as a Case Manager Assistant. She has many roles at the YWCA including outreach coordination with our homeless population; serving on the Unmet Needs Committee at United Way, entering all data for YWCA homeless programs in the HMIS and assisting program participants with life skills. Myndi is a formerly homeless person and has firsthand experience as a program participant in the YWCA Supportive Housing Program

ii. The following individual are in appointed seats to serve the CoC Board, and here is a brief bio on each person:

1. Dona Leonard is the Executive Director at the Crisis Center Foundation in Jacksonville. Crisis Center works with victims of domestic violence, another population susceptible to homelessness. Her agency is an ESG recipient and she has been an active participant in the Continuum of Care for years. Dona represents one of up to three appointed-advisory seats representing ESG programs.
2. Mary Muehlenfeld serves as the Collaborative Applicant (CA) for the CoC. CA's are responsible for making sure that the CoC is in compliance with the HEARTH Act and is responsible for registering the CoC for funding opportunities and for submitting the CoC grant applications annually. CA's are also the fiscal agent for the CoC's planning grants and the HMIS grant funds.
3. Lori Sutton serves as the Council's Support Entity. She works for Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs at Western Illinois University. She provides data analysis and technical assistance to grant recipients in our CoC. She oversees the administration of the HMIS utilized by homeless service providers in our CoC. Amanda Davis assists Lori in providing the support to the CoC. Amanda coordinates the Point-In-Time Count for our CoC and training users on the HMIS.

iii. Next Step

5. HMIS

- a. HMIS User Agreements- signed on annual basis. Not signed by Oct. 15, account will be locked until agreement received. Contributory HMIS Organization (CHO)/ Agency partner Agreement signed by executive director- signed on annual basis Oct. 15.

Service point 5.11 is out with 2014 HMIS Data Dictionary-reviewing what we need to do upgrade before Oct. 1, 2014.

6. Other

- a. Madonna House is planning for 2015, and would like to discuss those items on the next conference call. These upcoming items will be placed on the upcoming agenda.
- b. HUD Peer-to-Peer (September 16-17), Hilton Springfield, 700 East Adams Street in Springfield
- c. Collaborate 2014 (October 8-10) in Chicago, Bowman User Summit, Coordinated Assessment & HUD Standards
 - i. Need to reschedule next CoC meeting – conflicts with Collaborate meeting, Support Entity not able to take minutes for meeting
- d. Homeless Symposium (October 17), Spoon River Outreach Center in Macomb, Cost: \$20, Jude Kiah will be the keynote speaker

7. Meeting Schedule

- a. August 21, 10:30 a.m. ROE Homeless Liaisons / Homeless Shelter Providers Meeting, Hosted by Eileen Worthington, Regional Office of Education, 130 S. Lafayette Street -- Suite 200, Macomb, IL

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- b. September 23: WCI Council Information Meeting for New Board Members GoToMeeting
<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/389141781> Use your microphone and speakers (VoIP) - a headset is recommended. Or, call in using your telephone. Dial +1 (571) 317-3131.
- c. October 16th : conference call
- d. November 13: MCS Community Services, 345 West State, Jacksonville, call in number: 309-298-3680
- e. January 8: conference call
- f. February 12: Western Illinois Regional Council, 223 South Randolph, Macomb
- g. March 12: conference call
- h. April 9: conference call
- i. May 14: YWCA Quincy