

WCICCC Conference Call

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September 10, 10:30 a.m.

Attendance:

Lori Sutton, Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs/WIU, Macomb

Amanda Davis, Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs/WIU, Macomb

Chris Bacon, DHS and New Direction, Jacksonville

Cindy Grawe, Madonna House, Quincy

Myndi Boyd, YWCA of Quincy

Tammi Lonergan, MCS Community Services, Jacksonville

Barb Chapin, Transitions of Western Illinois, Quincy

Lori Hartz, Prairie Land United Way, Jacksonville

Vanessa Tyus, New Direction, Jacksonville

Shannon McElroy, QUANADA, Quincy

Mary Muehlenfeld, YWCA of Quincy

Joanne Dedert, Madonna House, Quincy

Ashley Wilson, Samaritan Well, Macomb

Tuyisha Harris, Samaritan Well (Practicum Student)

Eze Emeka, Two Rivers Regional Council, Quincy

Jerry Gille, Quincy Housing Authority

Emily Beaver, Salvation Army of Quincy

Heidi Welty, Salvation Army of Quincy

Ronda Pool, Midwest Youth Service, Jacksonville

Emily Robbearts, United Way of Adams County, Quincy

Minutes

1. Roll Call (Lori Sutton or Amanda Davis)
2. Welcome (Mary Muehlenfeld)
3. Provider Update and/or Personnel Changes
 - a. Department of Human Services (Jacksonville): Nothing to report.
 - b. Housing Authority of Adams Co. (Quincy): May be partnering with health care clinic.
 - c. MCS Community Services (Jacksonville): No changes in personnel, still waiting on funds, no bed openings today, but will have 2 beds in supportive housing for household with a disability.
 - d. Madonna House (Quincy): In the process of hiring a shelter director, 2 rooms are opening, but one might be filled by Friday.
 - e. Midwest Youth Services (Jacksonville): No changes.
 - f. New Directions (Jacksonville): No new personnel changes, 3 men's beds open, 1 women's bed open, and have 13 children right now.
 - g. Prairie Land United Way (Jacksonville): Just trying to help our agencies keep their heads above water during the budget struggle.
 - h. QUANADA (Quincy): No personnel changes and are currently full and have a waiting list.
 - i. Salvation Army (Quincy): Amy Leisen is the new shelter monitor, looking to hire an as needed staff member. Close to full, only a few rooms available.
 - j. Samaritan Well (Macomb): No changes, women's shelter is full but will be opening up at the end of September. There are 2 vacancies in the men's shelter. There is a waiting list.
 - k. Transitions of Western Illinois (Quincy): All beds, group homes, and apartments are full.
 - l. Two Rivers Regional Council (Quincy): No changes, just waiting for funds.

Please see our website for meeting schedule and minutes: <http://www.wciccc.com/MeetingSchedule/>

- m. United Way Adams Co. (Quincy): Erika Douglas is the new Community Impact Associate.
- n. YWCA (Quincy): No staff changes, there are still some openings.
- 4. WCI Homeless Assistance Council
 - a. CoC Program Application Standing Committee (Jerry Gille-Chair)
 - i. The NOFA has not been released. MCS and the YWCA have completed everything they need to get their 2014 renewal when the NOFA does come out. Sequestration compliance has forced drastic cuts in HUD's 2016 proposed budgets.
 - b. Homeless Prevention Standing Committee (Lori Hartz, Chair)
 - i. ESG (Dona Leanard, Recipient)
 - a) Although we have signed contracts there is no state budget therefore we are not allowed to request funds for 2015. Due to the 2014 cycle being 3 quarters instead of 4 many of us had funds that were de-obligated and then re-obligated for 2015. We are required to spend these funds before the 2015 funds. DHS is revamping the EST system (how we request funds) and we are not able to request any funds until after 9/14. With the roll over and lack of state budget the 2015 cycle will be shortened making it difficult to expend funds again this year. Hopefully, we will be allowed to roll funds over again.
 - ii. DHS Homeless Prevention Grant (Suzan Nash, Recipient)
 - a) Nothing to report since application submitted in the spring to DHS.
 - c. Research & Evaluation Standing Committee (Emily Robbearts, Chair)
 - i. The Emergency Food and Shelter Board/WCICCC's Research & Evaluation Committee were not able to meet on July 14 as planned due to the windstorm emergency that struck the area. To keep the group updated, information was emailed. The document is posted on the CoC's website: <http://wciccc.com/MeetingSchedule/> look for July 14 minutes hyperlink.
 - ii. Emergency food and shelter- working on the second half of the phase 32 funding and making sure agencies get that second payments.
 - iii. Haven't heard about the phase 33 which was in limbo. We should get that info within the new few weeks.
 - iv. Will be meeting again on October 6, 2015.
 - d. Governance Standing Committee (Myndi Boyd, Chair)
 - i. Inactive this month
 - e. Communication Standing Committee (**chair needed or possibly merge with another committee**)
 - i. Inactive this month
 - f. Coordinated Assessment Committee (Dona Leanard, Chair)
 - i. The committee approved the final CoC's Policy and Procedures Plan and the Regional Plan for the Quincy area on 9/3. It will be sent to the full council for approval. Then the process will begin with Salvation Army and Madonna House the designated assessment sites in Quincy. This is a document that will be adjusted as we go. Jacksonville and Macomb areas are beginning to work on their regional plans. I would like to give credit to the members of the committee for working so well together and focusing on creating this process in a timely manner. Our CoC is far ahead of most others across the state.
 - ii. When agencies come across someone who is homeless, direct them to Madonna House or Salvation Army.
 - iii. Will not be implemented in Quincy until plan is approved.
- 5. HMIS (Lori Sutton or Amanda Davis)
 - a. Bowman Systems Collaborate 2015 in San Diego September 15-17
 - b. We added a new HMIS user, Dina Pence at Madonna House.
 - c. Data quality check will be done within the next few weeks in regards to upcoming CoC NOFA release. The NOFA normally asks questions about the universal data elements (i.e. name, SSN, date of birth, ethnicity, race, gender, etc.), unduplicated records, and average length of time project participants remain in housing.
- 6. Other
 - a. During the Regional Office of Education's Homeless Liaison and Homeless Shelter Provider's meeting on August 26, they shared the following resources:
 - i. <http://www.isbe.net/homeless/>

- ii. <http://center.serve.org/nche/briefs.php>
 - iii. http://center.serve.org/nche/web/online_tr.php
 - iv. <http://www.naehcy.org/>
 - a) Having an event in Phoenix, AZ in November
 - b) There is a scholarship program for homeless students. When a student is given a scholarship they are also given a grant to attend this conference.
 - v. ROE 26 Homeless Symposium at St. Paul's Episcopal Church (3601 N. North St.) October 6, <http://www.roe26.net/professional-development/calendar/19825/1205084>
 - vi. Kate McGruder explained the Early Beginnings program through the ROE. Eileen Worthington's Region: McDonough and Hancock merged with Fulton and Schuyler counties.
 - vii. Krista Kunz's Region: Adams County/Quincy area merged with Morgan County/Jacksonville area.
 - b. HUD's Peer to Peer in Springfield (Hilton, 700 East Adams Street) September 22-23
 - i. <http://www.sicocn.org/2015%20Peer%20Registration%20Flyer%20PDF.pdf>
7. Final Roll Call for Late Attendees (Lori Sutton or Amanda Davis)
- a. Samaritan Well was not present for final roll call.
8. Meeting Schedule
- a. September 15: WCICCC Coordinated Assessment Committee – subgroup meeting to prep for future board meeting, webinar
 - b. September 17: WCICCC Coordinated Assessment Committee – subgroup meeting to review HMIS workflow for Quincy Coordinated Assessment, webinar
 - c. October 6: Research & Evaluation Committee/Emergency Food and Shelter Program (Adams, Brown, Hancock, Pike Counties) United Way of Adams County, 936 Broadway, Suite F, Quincy – Emergency Food and Shelter Program allocations process emphasis
 - d. October 8: WCICCC conference call
 - e. November 12: Continuum Meeting/Conference Call; MCS Community Services, 345 West State, Jacksonville
 - f. January 5, 2016: Research & Evaluation Committee/Emergency Food and Shelter Program (Adams, Brown, Hancock, Pike Counties) United Way of Adams County, 936 Broadway, Suite F, Quincy – Emergency Food and Shelter Program allocations process emphasis