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Minutes Local Board (LB) Meeting – July 5, 2016

ATTENDING:

Amanda Davis, IL Institute for Rural Affairs; Andrew Miller & Alex McIntosh, The Salvation Army; Cayla Walsch, McDonough County United Way; Chris Bruns, Pike County Housing Authority; Cindy Brink, Quincy Township General Assistance; Karen Walker, Prairieland United Way; Mary Muehlenfeld, YWCA; Emily Robbearts & Tim Miller, United Way of Adams County.

CALL TO ORDER:

Emily Robbearts called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and led the group through the agenda as outlined below. Discussion and action items are noted.

1. Welcome and Introductions

- A. Each member made an introduction to the committee. Cayla Walsch and Chris Bruns were highlighted as they are new members to our Continuum of Care.

2. Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) – Mary Muehlenfeld, Collaborative Applicant

- A. Mary checked with DHS about the ESG awards. As of July 1 they have not been awarded but DHS reports it should be coming soon. Mary checked with ESG recipients in the CoC and they are all receiving their FY2016 ESG funding. Emily Robbearts asked how the review and ranking for ESG was conducted. Mary reported that she (Mary) reviewed each application for completeness and meeting the threshold in regard to financial reporting. From this review applications were rejected and the applicant was notified of the rejection and the reasons for the rejection. Then the entire Research and Evaluation Committee reviewed the remaining applications and made allocation recommendations.

3. HUD CoC Grant Competition by Mary Muehlenfeld, Collaborative Applicant

- A. Mary stated that the 2016 NOFA has been released and posted to the West Central Illinois Continuum of Care website and emailed to all CoC members. The actual application is not yet available in eSNAPS but should be soon. eSNAPS is the online grant application and reporting site for the CoC-funded grants and the CoC Planning grant. Mary advised that there should be a bonus but that amount will be released after July 8 and before August 6. The bonus is open to an existing applicant and new applicants. Emily Robbearts asked if any agency has indicated they would apply. Mary indicated that the YWCA is interested in applying for the bonus. The YWCA has been working with the Salvation Army in the hopes of applying for a Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) project. However, Mary estimated that the bonus amount will only be \$30,000 and not worth the added work that a RRH project would require. Mary stated that instead she would like to do another Permanent Supportive Housing Project application partnering with Salvation Army Quincy that prioritizes chronic homeless, single adults since the current PSH projects serve families. This would be a pilot program as a partnership and the goal is to apply every year for a bonus and partner with the other Salvation Armies in the CoC to provide better housing coverage throughout the CoC. Emily asked if the Research and Evaluation committee will be reviewing and ranking the CoC applications. Mary suggested that the committee again assign the task to a sub-committee due to the complexity of the ranking and review process. The ranking requires a working knowledge of PSH and RRH programs and the U.S. Interagency Council's strategic plan for ending homelessness "Opening Doors". It also takes a working knowledge of the NOFA and HMIS. Mary reports that Lori Sutton, the former Support Entity from WIU-IIRA for our CoC, has volunteered to facilitate this process. Lori has already reached

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out to the three people who served on this subcommittee last year and they have agreed to participate. Those individuals are Dona Leonard from Crisis Center Domestic Violence Shelter in Jacksonville. Dona is a CoC Council Member and Chairs the Coordinated Assessment work group. Jerry Gille is the Director of the Quincy Housing Authority and a CoC Council member. Glenda Hackmack is the Deputy Mayor/Administrator for the City of Quincy. She oversees the City Planning Commission, has been serving on this review team for 10 years, and is a former E.D. of the YWCA and Program Director of the YWCA Supportive Housing projects. Mary reported that last year the subcommittee made the rankings and provided justification and presented their ranking to the Research and Evaluation committee for final approval. Mary also advised that if any agency is interested in applying for the bonus, they should be aware that it will be due to the review subcommittee by August 7 to be in compliance with the NOFA timeline.

3. Emergency Food and Shelter

A. Phase 32: All Final Reports and all relevant documentation were submitted to the national EFSP. Pike and Brown Counties have been accepted and approved. We are waiting on clearance for Adams and Hancock Counties.

- Phase 33

- i. *Regional Awards*: Emily Robbearts reported that funding for Phase 33 has been announced for Adams County (\$25,314) and McDonough County (\$13,892). The committee is waiting to hear from the State Set-Aside Committee (\$469,127) on the appropriation of funding for Brown, Hancock and Pike Counties. Once funding is announced, we will start to promote that the funds are available to qualifying organizations. Total funding for the state of Illinois is \$5,320,807.
- ii. *Allocation Process (Funding Request Matrix Provided)*: The committee discussed upcoming opportunities to tap in to new areas with the funding that is distributed. We will also look to the needs presented by our coordinated assessment tool. Some barriers that all of our counties are facing are housing for single men and men/women with felony convictions.

Chris Bruns noted that there are other food pantries in Pike County that could be tapping in to EFSP Funding. Tim Miller will be following up with the pantries in Barry and Pittsfield to discuss opportunities for Phase 33.

Hancock County: The Salvation Army mentioned that they have seen clients for rent/mortgage assistance from Hancock County. The committee suggested that once the applications are sent out, The Salvation Army request funding that could be earmarked specifically for Hancock County.

With all business conducted, the local board adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Miller, United Way of Adams County