

West Central Illinois Continuum of Care Consortium

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Agenda for November 10, 2016, 10:30 a.m. Conference Call Meeting

I. Attendance

Mary Muehlenfeld, Myndi Boyd, Cindy Grawe, Joanne Dedert, Emily Robbearts, Dona Leonard, Karen Walker, Jennifer Diggs, Michelle Mason, Tammi Lonergan, Chris Bacon, Kelsey Wenger, Shannon McElroy, Wes Frenell, Ashley Jackson, Elaine Davis.

Emily Robbearts reported to Mary Muehlenfeld that someone from Preferred asked for PIT information so Emily directed them to our CoC's website for the PIT.

II. Welcome and Updates – Mary Muehlenfeld

Please email any updates on your personnel or programming to

marymuehlenfeld@ywcaquincy.org.

Mary asked for roll call. Myndi documented

MSC has PSH opening – 2 bedroom for homeless household with disability also receiving SSD for that disability.

Crisis Center - We just finished Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Advocates participated in a couple of community events to get the word out about family violence. We had articles published in the local newspaper and The Source. Advocates provided a presentation about teen dating violence at Carrollton High School and were invited to come back and present at an all school assembly. Our main campaign for the month was "Purple Pinkie". We went to all of the nail salons in town and provided education about domestic violence.

III. CoC Application – Mary Muehlenfeld

Submitted on September 9, 2016. – No updates – probably won't hear anything until at least February.

IV. ESG

Application not due until spring 2017

- Revised Guidebook due December 2016 – Mary and Dona are working on a draft to send to ESG recipients for input and completion.
- DHS Training October for ESG recipients in Springfield – Madonna House, Salvation Army, MSC, Crisis Center and YWCA attended
- Revised matrix will be needed to include HUD's system performance measures. Research and Evaluation will revise the matrix. Emily asked if that should be addressed at the January R&E meeting. Mary said yes, that committee will have to design and assign weight to each item.
- Need to seek input from each community what they feel is the priority for funding – will use PIT information and United Way input to determine priorities. One community might want to fund Emergency Shelter and another may see RRH as a priority. Should take into

consideration each community's existing resources. Mary asked Emily to direct Tim to put on January R&E agenda.

V. Homeless Prevention Grant

No official updates. Comes out in spring 2017

Unofficially we have been told it might be a competitive process in 2017 instead of awarded to community action agencies. Want to be transparent about that possibility and information will be shared as we receive it.

VI. Research and Evaluation – Emily Robbearts

No meetings. Next meeting January 10, 2017. Mary asked if there was anything that the members should be aware of in the interim.

Emily advised a webinar for 211s using Coordinated Entry. Tim Miller from Adams Co. United Way and Mary are attending that webinar to see what other CoCs are aligning 211 and CE. Mary stated some CoCs have United Ways as Leads and 211 is the CE site. Doesn't mean it will work for our community but it is good to become informed.

VII. Coordinated Assessment/Entry - Dona Leanard

No meetings.

Jacksonville began process November 1. Tammi stated it did not start Nov 1 but has been implemented. Mary stated that a 30-day review might be advisable to see what is and isn't working. This was helpful in the Quincy implementation.

VIII. HMIS – Mary Muehlenfeld

No meetings. Salvation Army requested assistance to improve reporting on the Family Services side vs the ES side.

IX. Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) and Runaway Homeless Youth (RHY)

Broken down into 7 tables and is very complex. A lot of CoCs don't report their AHAR. Not mandated. Voluntary but does get CoC points on their application. Shows that a CoC is competent in their HMIS process. AHAR used 5 of our 7 tables. The reason some tables are not used were because some providers don't participate in HMIS due to being faith-based. If there is not at least 50% of providers reporting in HMIS HUD won't use that table data. AHAR breaks down the tables to look at families, individuals, veterans in ES, TH and PSH. AHAR is compiled by HUD and sent to Congress in a report so they know what homelessness looks like in our country and it is used to decide funding policies.

- Process opened October 1, 2016
- Draft submission October 31 – we submitted data for all tables by deadline
- Myndi will request data cleanup from HMIS agencies after HUD reviews
- Final data due December 1, 2016
- Uses HIC and PIT taken from CoC's HMIS
- Upload information to HUD Exchange
- Helps our CoC Score to participate
- Only one RHY agency – Midwest Youth Services in Jacksonville that reports to HUD via RHYMIS due November

X. PIT – January 25

- Target Quincy, Jacksonville, Macomb, and Monmouth

Wes Frenell volunteered to coordinate with Jeannie Webber at United Way in Monmouth to get the PIT information so that community is represented. Mary will reach out to Wes and Jeannie via email after the call.

- Working with United Ways, food pantries, soup kitchens for a service-based, unsheltered count on day after PIT Wednesday
- Use HMIS for shelters and housing programs for sheltered count
- Mary is attending meetings in Monmouth and Macomb to engage service providers in those areas with the assistance of United Ways

Mary explained the process used last year using the service-based PIT count. HUD requires that the CoC approve the PIT process. Mary will post on CoC website the proposed process which is the same as last year and ask for comments and suggestions. Those comments/suggestions can be taken through December. Then the CoC will have to approve or revise and have the council approve. Mary contacted Karen Walker at United Way in Jacksonville. Karen wants to make sure Salvation Army is included. Tammi said she has always done the Salvation Army in Jacksonville and also Beardstown. Karen spoke up to say she was on the call and if Tammi has it handled, then we should continue with that process. Chris asked if New Directions participates. Mary explained yes, we pull their sheltered count from HMIS and if New Directions assists anyone but does not enter them in their HMIS because they were not able to accommodate them in their shelter, then that information is also gathered as part of the next-day, service-based, unsheltered PIT count.

Emily suggested that we need to make sure that churches are included in PIT because they give hotel vouchers. Mary stated we did do this through the United Way Unmet Needs committee last year to gather this information. Mary believed that Tim Miller from United Way contacted those churches the day after PIT. Kayla from United Way in Macomb advised Mary via email that they have a Presbyterian church in Macomb that does hotel vouchers. Jennifer Diggs from Samaritan Well in Macomb advised St. Paul Church also does hotel vouchers. Mary asked each community to please let group know if there are other faith-based organization providing hotel vouchers that should be included in the PIT.

XI. Announcements and other Business

Wes Frenell advised that Salvation Army in Galesburg (Knox Co.) has a Supportive Services for Families of Veterans (SSFV) and want CoC involvement. They also cover Warren and Henderson County in our CoC. Knox Co. is not in our CoC. He asked if there is an interest in a more formal veteran subcommittee to address veteran homelessness and develop a plan that we can document to VA and HUD that we have a strategic plan to end veteran homelessness. Mary stated VA rep contacted Mary for how we answered Qs on our CoC application. Karen from VA in Davenport IA was the VA rep. Mary stated VA is not part of the planning process in our CoC although they are repeatedly asked to participate. The non-profits are doing their own thing without any input from the VA.

Emily wanted to share that United Way of Adams County has a Veterans Initiative Group consisting of Veteran Affairs, Mid America Military, Great River Honor Flight, American Red Cross, and Tri-State Warrior Outreach to develop a Veteran Referral System. Group will meet January 19. The group presented a Veteran Assistance tax referendum to the Adams County Commission but the county voted it down stating that non-profit organizations have adequate resources to address veteran issues. She invited CoC members to attend this meeting to collaborate and better focus our veteran resources. January 19 at 2:00 p.m. is the meeting. Mary suggested making it a GoToMeeting for the providers outside of Adams County so they didn't have to drive to Quincy. Wes asked if we can designate this meeting as an initial meeting for Veteran strategic planning workgroup. Mary stated that this would be

very beneficial as the CoC application does ask if our CoC is formally working on veteran homelessness. Wes stated that the grants he is writing and reporting are asking for demonstration of the same efforts.

Mary advised she forwarded to Emily a grant op from Home Depot to work with local landlords to rehab houses specifically for veterans. Requires 20% of tenants are veterans. There are resources out there for veterans but we need to compile the information and bring it all together and plan ahead for funding opportunities.

Wes reported their Salvation Army is managing DHS Homeless Prevention and RRH program. This is for Knox County which is in another CoC.

- Invitation for new CoC members
- Nominations for vacancy on Council – send to marymuehlenfeld@ywcaquincy.org

XII. Future Go To Meeting Calls at 10:30 a.m.

No meeting in December due to the holidays so any business between now and January will be handled via email.

- **January 12, 2017**
- **February 9, 2017**
- **March 9, 2017**
- **April 13, 2017**

Myndi conducted a final roll call.

Meeting adjourned