

West Central Illinois Continuum of Care Consortium

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Agenda for January 12, 2017 10:30 a.m. Conference Call Meeting

I. Attendance

Ashley Jackson, Quincy Salvation Army; Heidi Welty, Quincy Salvation Army; Cindy Grawe, Madonna House; Joanne Dedert, Madonna House; Dona Lenard, Crisis Center Emily Robberts, Heather Doy, VA Homeless Outreach Center; Jeff Cozadd, Western IL Regional Council; Suzan Nash, Western IL Regional Council; Karen Walker, Prairieland United Way; Lori Sutton, Eagle View Healthcare; Mary Muehlenfeld, YWCA of Quincy; Myndi Boyd, YWCA of Quincy.

II. Welcome and Updates – Mary Muehlenfeld

Please email any updates on your personnel or programming to marymuehlenfeld@ywcaquincy.org.

III. CoC Application – Mary Muehlenfeld

Submitted on September 9, 2016. Funding Announcement made in December IL519 received 100% funding for renewal projects but the new PSH project was not funded.

The entire funding announcement can be viewed at the following:

https://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/comm_planning/homeless/budget/2016&utm_source=HUD+Exchange+Mailing+List&utm_campaign=6707fe3c87-FY16+CoC+Competition+FundingAnnouncement+12%2F20%2F16&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f32b935a5f-6707fe3c87-18678909

IV. ESG

Notice of Funding not available

Revised Guidebook due December 2016 – Mary and Dona

Due to retirements and reassignments at DHS Mary checked with the new contact for ESG (Emily Beck) about submitting a revised ESG Guidebook, Emily Beck. Emily advised she was not aware of any request or requirement for our CoC to submit a revised ESG Guidebook. Dona Lenard reported that she had a site-visit report from Chris Luttrell requesting the revised ESG Guidebook but Chris is no longer in that position.

V. Homeless Prevention Grant

No official updates

Unofficially we have been told it might be a competitive process in 2017 instead of awarded to community action agencies. Mary reports she will reach out to the DHS staff person who has been assigned to this grant. Suzan Nash reported that she has not heard anything. Mary reported that she has a similar grant that she had not received any notification but checked the Illinois Homeless Reporting website and the funding applications are out there but not being announced by DHS yet. Lori Sutton asked Suzan Nash if WIRC had HPG funds available for assistance. Suzan indicated yes but it is restrictive and limited. She stated WIRC does not have ESG funding. Heidi from Salvation Army advised she had ESG funds for Warren, Henderson for \$3,000. Heidi had been working with someone from the court house in Henderson. Lori stated that the Family Outreach Center in Henderson County might be able to help assist in connecting Salvation

Army with families in need in that county. Heidi said she would make the trip up there to help process. Lori said she would contact the director there about PIT and for assisting with ESG. Heidi described working with someone in the court about a court-ordered eviction case.

Suzan asked Heidi if she still had ESG for McDonough County. Heidi said yes, \$3,500. Hancock no funding.

Jerry Gille asked Heidi to verify how far in the court eviction process the case went when SA was assisting with ESG. It was determined that it was prior to an actual judgement that assistance would have been rendered. Heidi believes HUD is asking for a court ordered eviction documentation for the assistance. Mary asked if ESG pays for legal fees and rental arrears and future rent. Heidi said she believed so and one family can easily use the entire budget in these cases. Money must be spent by June 30. Lori asked Heidi for a flyer to share and Heidi said she would draft one. Lori offered to set up a conference call between Heidi, Lori and Family Outreach Center. Wes reports he has only encountered one family that qualified for SSVF in Warren and would like to partner with any agency promoting their assistance programs.

Lori offered to contact United Way, Jeannie Webber, to try to get information about ESG assistance availability to area agencies.

VI. Research and Evaluation – Emily Robbearts

Next meeting January 10, 2017

Veterans Initiative Group in Quincy meets January 19. It is a local Quincy group involving United Way, a couple of veteran support groups (non-VA) that work to provide services not provided by VA or that will assist in the interim while vets are awaiting VA assistance. Emily Robbearts, Tim Miller, Mary Muehlenfeld and Wes Frenell are going to attend the meeting. Wes asked if there would be a call in and Emily stated that GoToMeeting would be provided. The purpose of the meeting is to hopefully initiate collaborations and to educate rest of CoC members about the group's work. Wes manages a Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) in Warren County.

VII. Coordinated Assessment/Entry - Dona Leanard

No meetings.

Jacksonville began process November 1. Dona reports that MCS and Crisis Center are utilizing Coordinated Entry but they have not had success getting New Directions to the meeting or to participate. Dona acknowledged that that was prior to the holidays and her vacation and that she would reach out one more time. Mary offered to assist if needed.

VIII. HMIS – Mary Muehlenfeld

No meetings

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

- 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, was submitted

- Five of seven tables were marked useable in HUD's HDX which is historically the case. It isn't a reflection of how Myndi did the report; it is due to the data being insufficient.

X. PIT – January 25

- Target Quincy, Jacksonville, Macomb, and Monmouth
- Working with United Ways, food pantries, soup kitchens for unsheltered count
- Shelters and housing programs for sheltered count
- 2016 Materials on website for review
- Tammi Lonergan is coordinating Jacksonville; Lori Sutton is coordinating Henderson County; Mary Muehlenfeld and Wes Frenell are coordinating Warren County; Mary Muehlenfeld and Suzan Nash are coordinating Macomb; Cindy Grawe and Myndi Boyd are coordinating Quincy. Mary asked if there were other towns with service-sites that we should target. No one offered any other possible sites. Mary referenced the service-based survey and the HUD Notice CPD-16-060 as being posed to the CoC's website for anyone's review. The HUD Notice outlines the required reporting for Point in Time (PIT) and Housing Inventory Count (HIC). Mary advised that she and Myndi would be reaching out to the various agencies to acquire the needed information in the weeks to come. Susan Mary asked the shelter in Monmouth to participate but they declined. Mary asked the ED at United Way in Monmouth, Jeannie Webber, for assistance with convincing them to participate. She indicated she would reach out to them on behalf of the CoC. Jeannie did give Mary the contact for Jameson Center in Warren County as she indicated she felt JC would want to participate. Mary said the VA out of Rock Island offered assistance. Heather Doy from VA asked to also coordinate in Warren. Mary asked what counties in our CoC she covered and she said all. Mary verified she was on the email distribution list. Mary asked if Karen at the VA was the contact to inquire about various VA/HUD funding sources they may manage. Heather said Karen was the contact. Jerry Gille said the list of housing authorities with VASH vouchers is listed on HUD website. Heidi asked why we don't go out in the middle of the night to do PIT any more. Mary stated because homeless persons were never located and the next-day, service-site survey identified more homeless persons. Mary advised anyone is welcome to do a PIT that night and she would get them the needed surveys.

XI. Announcements and other Business

Wes Frenell from Salvation Army in Galesburg serving Warren, McDonough, Schuyler and Cass Counties; and Lori Sutton from Eagle View Healthcare in Henderson County were approved by the CoC Council to join the Council beginning January, 2017. Wes wanted to clarify that he does not serve Henderson County as previously stated in the agenda.

Wrap-up roll call was conducted.

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

- February 9, 2017; March 9, 2017; April 13, 2017; May 11, 2017