

West Central Illinois Continuum of Care Consortium

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Minutes for April 13, 2017, 10:30 a.m. Conference Call Meeting

I. Attendance

Mary Muehlenfeld & Myndi Boyd; YWCA of Quincy, Lori Sutton; Eagle View Healthcare, Jennifer Diggs & Michelle Mason; Samaritan Well, Joanne Dedert & Cindy Grawe Madonna House, Emily Robbearts; United Way, Jeff Cozadd; WIRC, Ann Hungerford; Midwest Youth Services, Jerry Gille; Housing Authority of Adams Co., Mike McLaughlin; Two Rivers Regional Council, Tammi Lonergan; MCS Community Services, Matt Griffin; Salvation Army Galesburg, Heidi Welty; Salvation Army Quincy, Dona Leanard; Crisis Center Foundation, Karen Walker; United Way Prairieland.

II. Welcome and Updates – Mary Muehlenfeld

III. CoC Application – Mary Muehlenfeld

All PSH at MCS and YWCA renewals were fully funded in the 2016 competition. The process for the 2017 competition was announced with the registration of the CoC which is a process in HUD's esnaps to register our CoC to apply for funding. The 2017 NOFA has not been released yet.

IV. ESG from HUD via DHS

- Application released end of March
- Letters of Intent and GATA Prequalification due to CoC April 3. Received five.
- ICQ and Programmatic Risk Assessment screen shot showing completion due to CoC April 12
- April 6 Research and Evaluation Committee will determine criteria for funding and funding priorities.
- DHS advised to plan for \$177,765 (last year's amount) since congress had not passed a budget
- Applications due to CoC April 14
- Consolidated application due to DHS April 19
- Will no longer fund homeless prevention
- The CoC's application will be due before agency applications. Once our CoC is approved then agencies will be invited to apply directly.

V. Homeless Prevention Grant from DHS

- Funding Plans, Checklists due to CoC April 5
- Other GATA Requirements: ICQ, Programmatic Risk Assessment, UGA due to DHS from applicant due April 7. CoC consolidated application due April 7. All applicants met their deadlines and CoC submitted on time.
- GATA CSA Budget due from applicants to DHS April 17
- Applicants are MCS, TRRC, Salvation Army Quincy and WIRC
- Funds historically have always been allocated to the regional councils in our CoC but it is up to the CoC Research and Evaluation which applicants will be recommended for funding. The R&E met April 6 and did finalize its

recommendations but we are not announcing at this time because we have not contacted the individual agencies with that news.

VI. Research and Evaluation – Emily Robbearts

April 6 meeting at United Way to determine criteria and funding priorities for ESG; and ranked Homeless Prevention applications for recommendation to DHS; and updates on EFSP. Approximately \$31,000 will be awarded for Adams but the rural counties' amounts have not been finalized. Priorities for EFSP were discussed and priority will be given to rural food pantries; RRH for rural areas and other shelter (such as motel vouchers). The application is not available yet but Emily will publicize when it is time.

VII. Coordinated Assessment/Entry - Dona Leanard

No meetings. Dona reports difficulty getting the local shelter to participate. Crisis Center and MCS are participating. Process is working fine. Quincy coordinated entry process is running smoothly.

VIII. HMIS – Mary Muehlenfeld

No meetings. Service Point making updates for better reporting and more user friendly.

IX. Point in Time Count and Housing Inventory Count (PIT-HIC) – 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
- No unsheltered homeless persons were found
- Lori reported conducting next day surveys in Henderson County. Wes Frenell at Salvation Army conducted next day survey in Warren County.
- Data submission due May 1
- Contracted Amanda Davis to conduct both PIT and HIC information and submit in HUD HDX on behalf of our CoC.

Announcements and other Business

- Invitation for new CoC members
- Wes Frenell resigned from CoC Council due to relocation. Mary asked Matt Griffen who replaced Wes if he would be interested in the position. He said he would. Mary will contact him to discuss.
- Lori Sutton in Henderson County was approved by the council to join council
- Nominations for vacancy on Council – send to marymuehlenfeld@ywcaquincy.org
- New business – Cindy Grawe reported Work Ready Certification process is ready to launch. This is collaboration with United Way, Illinois Dept. of Employment Services, JWCC as a method to connect unemployed or under employed with employers. Provides guidance to job seekers to improve soft skills necessary for employment. A conference will be held for agencies' staff to learn more. The program can be accessed at JWCC or IDES.

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

- **May 11, 2017**
- **June 8, 2017**
- **No July meeting**

- **August 10, 2017**
- **If there is no business for agenda, meetings will be cancelled as a courtesy to your busy schedules**