

West Central Illinois Continuum of Care Consortium

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Agenda for June 7, 2018 @ 10:30 AM

West Central Illinois CoC Call

Thu, Jun 7, 2018 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM CDT

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I. Attendance

Mary Muehlenfeld & Myndi Boyd; YWCA of Quincy, James Gatti; VA Homeless Outreach Center, Jeff Cozadd; WIRC Macomb, Jennifer Vancil; Quanada, Tammi Lonergan; MCS Community Services Jacksonville, Heidi Welty; Salvation Army Quincy, Elaine Davis & Carol Wells; Two Rivers Regional Council Quincy, Jerry Gille; Housing Authority of Adams Co., Janine Harkness.

II. Updates/Announcements

Council approved asking James Gatti from VA and Matt Griffen from Salvation Army to join the council.

Reminder:

A Trauma Informed Care training will be offered to CoC members on Monday, June 18, on the campus of Chaddock in Quincy. There is no cost to CoC members and lunch will be provided. This will be limited to 50 participants. If you wish to attend, please RSVP to marymuehlenfeld@ywcaquincy.org by June 11. If you are an ESG or CoC funded program you are strongly encouraged to attend because we have to demonstrate to HUD that we are making efforts to educate staff who serve the homeless in our CoC. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Details will follow.

8:15-8:30	Registration and light breakfast provided
8:30-10:00	Attachment & Trauma
10:00-10:15	Break
10:15-11:45	Attachment & Trauma
11:45-12:15	Lunch
12:15-2:15	Practical Tips & Tools for Working with Traumatized Children
2:15-2:30	Break
2:30-3:30	Using the Adverse Childhood Experiences Study to Inform Care and Define Outcomes

III. CoC Application

Registration of CoC in HUD's online grant system completed.

CoC Review by Mary found incorrect geography. Missing McDonough County

NOFA not released and bonus opportunity has not been announced.

IV. FY19 ESG from HUD via Illinois DHS in process

Letters of intent and funding proposal were accepted by the CoC from Crisis Center in Jacksonville; Quanada in Quincy; Salvation Army in Quincy; and Samaritan Well in Macomb. Collectively all four agencies serve all 11 counties in our CoC. Funding was approved by the CoC on March 8 as follows:

Salvation Army- Quincy \$100,265

Quanada \$27,500

Crisis Center 25,000

Samaritan Well \$25,000

Total \$177,765

DHS advised that funding for Illinois was reduced and our CoC was reduced to \$136,197. The CoC's allocation was determined with a formula that factored population and poverty rates. See below for revised funding allocation.

ESG CAPER Recipients with HUD funding received through the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program are required to submit a Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) to HUD annually. Data collection for the ESG portion of the CAPER is aligned with the most recent version of the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Data Standards.

Beginning in October 2017, ESG recipients may submit their accomplishment data in the Sage HMIS Reporting Repository (Sage). This has become an issue because two recipients are domestic violence providers and due to their major funding sources requirements, they are not allowed to participate in the CoC's HMIS system. Therefore, they were given a "one time" exception for uploading to SAGE with an alternative reporting. Next year they will not be allowed to do this. They must provide their reporting through the CoC's HMIS or comparable data base. The providers use InfoNet which invested in updating their system to meet HUD requirements several years ago only to have HUD make further changes. Since the two providers will not be able to meet this reporting requirement, they are seriously considering not applying next year. That would leave approximately \$50,000 in ESG taken from victims of domestic violence.

Received the following email message and responded that we would be open to exploring the possibilities:

Illinois CoC colleagues-

Although details are scant, we've heard that this year's CoC NOFA may include the opportunity to apply for funding for HMIS mergers or other CoC or HMIS capacity building. We've also heard that extra funding will be available for Domestic Violence housing options, although we know less about that.

I wanted to send out a feeler to see if there are CoCs interested in talking more about:

1. HMIS mergers: This group has talked before about how HMIS can be a struggle and are there ways to work together. If your CoC would consider the possibility of an HMIS merger or you just

want to know more about how that could work, can you email me directly at jennifer@suburbancook.org?

2. DV comparable database: Statewide, we've also talked about how domestic violence agencies are struggling to produce HUD-required reports (CAPER, CoC APRs, etc.). What would it take to support those DV agencies in getting that comparable system working to HUD's standards?

I suspect that our options will be clearer for both these questions once the NOFA is released. If you are interested in being part of a conversation on either of these topics, could you email me at jennifer@suburbancook.org? If enough people are interested in a coordinated follow-up effort on either topic, maybe we can get a phone call together in a couple weeks.

Thanks, all!

-Jennifer

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V. Research and Evaluation – Emily Robbearts

Email voting for revised ESG funding. Due to time constraints the committee was emailed a funding recommendation rather than meeting to review a revised funding proposal that was proposed by Emily Robbearts and Mary Muehlenfeld. Since ESG requires a \$25,000 minimum Crisis Center and Samaritan Well could not reduce their budget. The \$41,568 cut could only come from Quanada and Salvation Army. Quanada agreed to reduce their budget to \$25,000 and the remainder had to come from Salvation Army's budget. Revised funding recommendation was Crisis Center \$25,000; Samaritan Well \$25,000, Quanada \$25,000 and Salvation Army \$61,197. Total \$136,197.

Emergency Food and Shelter Program – the following recommendation was made for Phase 35 of EFSP and the Council has until June 7 to approve:

Adams County: Horizons \$3,000 for food; Community for Christ \$6,000 for utilities and \$3,500 for rental assistance; Salvation Army \$10,627 for Other Shelter/Hotel/Motel Vouchers; and Catholic Charities for \$3,800 for the mobile food pantry. It should be noted that this is the same pro-rated funding recommendation as Phase 34.

Allocations for Brown, Hancock and Pike counties has yet to be determined but there is only one agency in each county expressing interest so unless there are new applicants Two Rivers will receive 100% for Brown County for food; Western IL Regional Council 100% for Hancock County for food; and Catholic Charities 100% for Pike County for food.

VI. Veterans Affairs –

Veteran Referral Initiative Group met in April. It was learned that Tri-State Veterans Community Village was not able to acquire the armory building for its homeless veteran mini homes site. Elaine Davis, CoC Council Member and Council Member for the Quincy Housing Authority spoke of her intention to apply for HUD VASH. A housing voucher program like Section 8 that would serve veterans exclusively. The group discussed concerns that we would not have the data to support her grant and our Point in Time Count seldom results in homeless veterans and the CoC's HMIS data show low numbers of veterans served. Elaine also coordinate homeless prevention and rapid rehousing programs at Two Rivers Regional Council. She suggested using other sources for rental assistance that she manages if she can get the support of local landlords. Glenn Zwick serves on the VRI, he is a realtor and feels he can connect Elaine with landlords for this program. Salvation Army reports that their shelter served 12 homeless veterans in the last calendar year.

VII. System Performance Measures – See attached

**VIII. HMIS – Mary Muehlenfeld
No meetings but see above email from Jennifer Hill**

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

- July 12 2018
- If there is no business for agenda, meetings will be cancelled as a courtesy to your busy schedules