

## Capital Area Coalition on Homelessness

...to educate and mobilize our community and coordinate services to prevent and reduce homelessness in the Capital Region.

# Coordinating Committee Meeting May 6, 2019 Minutes

## Cornerstone Sponsors

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#### Coordinating Committee Attendees:

Bryan Davis Maria Chianos
Catherine Wyatt Denise Britton
Dan Eisenhauer Rumulus Brown
Marilyn Bellesfield Jennifer Wintermyer

In addition, Michael Weisberg attended.

#### **Gold Sponsors**

The Foundation for Enhancing Communities

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral's Greek Festival Jennifer Wintermyer convened the meeting at 2:05 pm.

Motion by Bryan Davis to approve the April 2019 Coordinating committee meeting minutes.

Seconded by Rumulus Brown. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Dan Eisenhauer handed out the attached updated 2019 budget. He revised the budget because the attached includes administrative funds from the HOME4Good application. Also, thank you to The Foundation for Enhancing Communities for its

\$1000 sponsorship to the 2019 Highmark Walk for a Healthy

Community.

### Silver Sponsors

Mt. Calvary Episcopal Church (Camp Hill)

#### **Committee Reports:**

Homelessness Prevention – Maria Chianos provided the attached committee report and told us that Randie Yeager met with the committee. Her presentation was very helpful. She discussed Dauphin County activities including the new director of Stepping Up. This program provides treatment to individuals while they are incarcerated. A regional planning summit is planned to educate the community about the programs and services available to persons exiting facilities and needing a housing plan. Cadie Wyatt mentioned existing prevention programs available including churches that will pay for utilities. Maria asked if the Homeless Services Reference manual should be expanded to include a section on area prevention

activities. Jennifer Wintermyer responded that when people call 211 for assistance to prevention homelessness, they will hear about available resources.

<u>Coordinated Entry</u> – Marilyn Bellesfield reported that the committee is working with April Rudick and Samuel Priego from Dauphin County Human Services Data Quality Office to strengthen the Coordinated Entry process. Marilyn met with April and Sam to help achieve this goal. Policies and procedures are being developed. Challenges include identifying who will do what task, what components to monitor and who to monitor. A baseline for compliance will be developed. The committee discussed the accessing the 811 housing. We meet monthly.

<u>Housing</u> – Mike Weisberg reminded us that Chuck Gassert resigned as chair. He and Julia Hoskins will temporally co-chair this committee. Mike discussed the 811 housing process, and the referrals being processed. He asked Cadie Wyatt about the Harrisburg Housing Authority's interest in prioritizing homeless people for placement in public housing. Cadie referred Sandra Riviera for Section 8 and is not sure of who administers public housing.

<u>Point in Time (PIT)</u> – Bryan Davis distributed the attached 2019 PIT results. He informed us about the challenges of submitting several required HUD reports due about the same time: the Housing Inventory Chart, PIT, and the Longitudinal Systems Analysis (LSA).

<u>Management Agreement</u> – Bryan Davis reported work continues on this document.

Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) – Deb Ritchey distributed Entry/Exit reports for each type of housing in HMIS for the period of April. Contact her if you want a copy. She told us about a representative from Wellsky (previously Bowman) the spent the day mostly with George Payne. This visit resulted in advancing many tasks and was helpful. Bryan Davis said that a Foundation for Enhancing Communities' grant opportunity could be used to purchase software technical services. Deb reminded the committee about the upcoming mandated HMIS trainings on July 30 and August 1 that will establish data quality requirements, generate an agency participation agreement and provide refresher training to the network.

New Business – Jennifer Wintermyer reported that the location of future General Membership meetings will be changed with the goal of being handicapped accessible and provide parking.

Dan Eisenhauer told us that the county submitted an ESG proposal to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) for Rapid re-housing through Christian Churches United. DCED did not fund the

requested HMIS activities so that the county is aligning these activities with the county Block Grant funding under the Housing Assistance Program.

Adjourn 2:45 Next Meeting: Monday, June 3, 2019 at the YWCA.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Ritchey Project Manager