

Capital Area Coalition on Homelessness
General Membership Meeting
October 13, 2016
Minutes

Members Present: Bryan Davis, Harrisburg Redevelopment Authority; Heather Cotignola-Pickens and Marilyn Bellesfield, Brethren Housing Association; Michael Weisberg, BIT; Darrel Reinford, Christian Churches United; Kacie Bodell, CACH; Denise Britton, Shalom House, Maria Chianos, Pinnacle Health Systems; Jessica Campbell, CONTACT/Hotline; Sara Matthews, Volunteers of America; Krissy Marshall and Maggie Shewack, Family Promise; Barbara Muller, Red Cross; Kaamilah Williams, Veterans Administration, Janet Jones, Gaudenzia/Delta Communities; Natasha Woods, Community Action Commission, Tabitha Kramer and Melissa DeMotta, Educating Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness; Ron Tilly, Brethren Church; Pam Fleck and Matt Rich, MidPenn Legal Services; Scott Dunwoody, Bethesda Mission; Kay Pickering, Harrisburg Center for Peace and Justice; Elizabeth Marx, Pennsylvania Utility Law Project; Dimitri Zozos; Elaine Strokoff, Downtown Daily Bread; Emily Good and Jacalyn Hikes, Elizabethtown College; Chris White, and Kathy Wyatt.

Welcome and Introductions: Bryan Davis convened the meeting, welcomed everyone and read the code of conduct.

Presentations – Elizabeth Marx, Pennsylvania Utility Law Project; provided handouts (attached) about the Pennsylvania Utility Law Project (PULP). Elizabeth told us not to use the attached form, as it is not approved for use. She explained the scenarios in which utilities can terminate services for people with a medical condition, which requires electricity or gas to stay healthy. She answered many questions and offered to be a resource for attendees.

Denise Britton introduced us to Emily Good and Jacalyn Hikes, who interned at Shalom House and are Occupational Therapists (OT). They talked about their work (see handouts) and made a power point presentation, also attached. They told us about the benefits to the people we serve when OTs get involved with life skills development. The OT's access and support the person's ability to perform everyday activities, and build self-care skills and socialization. Emily and Jacalyn offer this same presentation to any agency. There was further discussion, questions, and answers.

Blueprint Implementation Team (BIT): Michael Weisberg and Darrel Reinford updated us on the continued work of the subcommittee revising CACH's consolidated plan. We accomplished much in our existing plan. Mike talked about incorporating the community feedback from the April 29, 2016 meeting within the plan and that the plan is data driven. He discussed the six goals and the concentrating on housing first models and permanent housing. See the attached flyer for the December 1st community meeting. We will report out to the community about this work and further revise the plan to incorporate that feedback. The revised plan will be made available to the membership.

Committee Reports:

Community Conversations – Denise Britton announced the next meeting of this committee to be on November 16, 2016 at the new Hope Church. The committee is working on a map of who, what and where activities to serve the community are happening in the faith community.

Homeless Prevention – Maria Chianos told us that the committee is reviewing the draft consolidated plan and how it can integrate community input into the committee's work.

Housing – Mike Weisberg said that this committee is doing the same task. In addition, the committee is exploring the provision of single room occupancy and researching what exist in Harrisburg. The Housing Authority of Dauphin County has changed its preference list to be coordinated with HMIS. In addition, they are looking at ensuring that services follow the client that is housed, not the program.

Public Information and Education – Natasha Woods volunteered for this committee. The next meeting is October 17th at 2:00 pm at Brethren Housing Association. The committee is revising the power point presentation developed by the BIT.

Service Delivery/Data Collection - Heather Cotignola-Pickens volunteered to chair this committee. The group is working on the coordinated assessment and the next meeting is November 1st. George Payne will send an invite to providers.

Project Homeless Connect (PHC) – Deb Ritchey reported that we served 247 homeless and nearly homeless guests at the 2016 PHC. 161 of those were homeless. Case management is provided by Kacie Bodell, Maria Chianos, Kelly Gollick and her interns, and Deb. Case management done by Maria Chianos resulted in 49 guests needing medical attention being referred to either Hamilton Health Center for reconnecting with their PCP or the Kline Health Center, which is taking new patients.

CCIMS – Deb Ritchey reported that we will submit an Annual Homeless Analysis Report to HUD based on HMIS

Service Gaps, New Opportunities, and Announcements:

Deb Ritchey reported on the activities taking place in Northern Dauphin County. The community will outreach to its neighbors about homelessness in that part of the county at a November 12th event.

Chris White distributed the attached brochure about the Capital Area Service of Narcotics Anonymous.

Denise Britton told us that the Hershey Medical Center has a Community Outreach Team. They invited us to participate in a training event to assess our organization and

collective effectiveness in achieving results. The event is February 2, 2017. She asked if there is an interest. Detailed information will be sent to the Service Delivery Committee members.

Kay Pickering said that many people have no heat and water turn-offs are taking place. The Pennsylvania Department of Human Services mailed LIHEAP information to last year's participants. The LIHEAP application is difficult and not on line.

Next Meeting: The next General Membership meeting of CACH will be **December 8, 2016** beginning at 10 AM at Christ Lutheran Church, 124 South 13th Street, Harrisburg

Adjourned 11:3.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Ritchey, CCIMS Project Manager