



Continuum of Care MEETING MINUTES

August 23, 2018

9:30-11:00 am

Facilitator:	Lisa Cruden		
Meeting Attendees:	Joe Haveman, Nessa McCCasey, Jack Woller, Emily Stroka, Michael LaGrone II, Marcia Pahrick, Nikole Glass, Kenya Brown, Michael Towns-Wheatley, Arielle Goodson, Julie Cnossen, Jerry DeRuiter, Kendra Avila, Stephanie Gingerich, Jennifer McKinstry, Tom Cottrell, Liz Keegan, Erin Banchoff, Johanna Schulte, Jeffery King, Amanda Sterzick, Gjenikwa Gonzales, Cheryl Schuch, Shandra Steininger, Emily O'Brien, Allison Kunde, Gayle Witham, Mary Peralta, Denise Price, Tammy Yeoman, Erin Poindexter, Jeanette Tibstra, Amber Troupe, Tim Beimens, Art Opperwall, Maureen Kirkwood, Vanessa Jimenez, Katherine Besew, Maria Moreno Reyes, Kwan McEwen, Kim Brown, Wanda Couch, Tranassa Allen, Richa, Nancy Oliver Staff: Emily Schichtel, Kyle Johnson		
Time Convened:	9:30 pm	Time Adjourned:	11:00am

Approval of Minutes		July 11, 2016	
Motion by:		Support from:	
Discussion	None		
Amendments	None		
Conclusion	Motion Passed		
Community Housing Conversation		Lisa	
Discussion			
<p>This is a follow-up from the KConnect presentation from the last meeting. Last month the Steering Council voted to be part of that conversation as KConnect gets started. Lisa shared some points that Pam Parriott. They are still working on getting a group together to facilitate a larger conversation. They are forming a design team to figure out who is needed, data, and logistics. They are researching other communities that have undergone similar processes. As the CoC gets more information, they will be disseminated to the larger group.</p>			
Conclusions			
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
Disability Advocates Presentation		Erin Poindexter Janette	
Discussion			
<p>Disability Advocates formed in 1981 to provide independent living services to disabled populations. They also have a robust occupational therapy program. They come to your home and access the environment in which a client lives in. DA then provides medical supplies such as shower chairs at</p>			



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either no charge or low copay. Another program gets individuals from nursing homes that want to return to the community.

Typically, a referral comes from a social worker at the nursing homes and then DA facilitates that transition with housing, social services, and financial services. After a home is found and the client moves in, there are follow-up consultations to make sure the client's needs are being met. There are some barriers for clients like poor credit, lack of affordable housing, etc. Erin shared a success story of an individual that was seeking to go back to senior living housing from a nursing home due to a heart problem. An apartment was found, and Disability Advocates helped with the transition, and a weekly follow-up occurred for several months.

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Housing Choice Voucher Conversation Nancy

Discussion

Another 200 names will be pulled for vouchers. If the participants know someone that is housed with these vouchers, Nancy urges those folks to stay in that domicile if appropriate. There is also a trend currently that has folk turning in these vouchers because they cannot find housing. When vouchers are turned in or not being utilized, this reflects our data and therefore future vouchers.

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Recommendation to update the Governance Charter Lisa

Discussion

Lisa gave an update as to why these Governance edits are being recommended. To adopt these edits into the Charter, there needs to be a vote. Since this meeting does not have a quorum, there will not be a vote. Lisa suggested if there are organizations present that are not current CoC members, they can reach out to CoC staff. Richa asked why these specific group have been targeted and not, say, LGBTQ+ or ethnic minorities. Lisa shared that while the CoC's aim is not exclude no one, these are just the initial populations.

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HUD Application Update		Lisa
Discussion		
<p>The fiscal year 2018 CoC working application draft has been posted to the CoC website, Facebook, and has been emailed to the CoC. Changes and edits should be sent to Paul LeBlanc (pleblanc@hwmuw.org) by September 7. Appeals to local applications are due August 24 by noon.</p>		
Conclusions		
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Member Updates		CoC Members
Discussion		
<p>Liz Keegan from Fair Housing Center of West Michigan shared that their yearly conference will be April 25, 2019. The dates conflict with the full CoC meeting but Liz shared that the CoC been flexible in the past with changing dates.</p>		
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