

Mohawk Valley Housing and Homeless Coalition

Utica/Rome/Oneida and Madison Counties HUD Continuum of Care (NY-518)

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NY-518 CoC First Quarter 2017 Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date and Time: Thursday February 16, 2017: 1:15 pm- 3:15 pm

Location: RCIL: Dorothy Smith Center, Genesee St, Utica, NY

CoC Chair, Steve Darman, opened the meeting at 1:15.

Agenda Items Reviewed and Discussed at this meeting include:

CoC Chair covered the scoring received on the FY2016 CoC consolidated application, highlighting strengths and weaknesses of our application which scored just slightly below the median level relative to other CoCs around the nation. Associate Planner, Scott McCumber, explained how the points worked in terms of our CoC Point in Time (PIT) count and changes in the number of homeless persons and in our Housing Inventory (changes in the number of beds dedicated to chronically homeless persons) and other raw data that affected the score on our CoC's consolidated application.

PIT preliminary results were distributed to the CoC board, with an overview and comparison to the Sheltered 2016 PIT. Increases and decreases in our homeless sub-populations were noted, board members briefly discussed what they have been noticing with populations within their individual projects. (NOTE: Complete and final Point in Time Count results will be available in April and posted on the CoC's website.)

CoC Chair gave an overview of the updated HUD Coordinated Entry draft policy and procedures document, which was released in Jan 2017 and provides detailed instructions and requirements for a Coordinated Entry system. The CoC is still formalizing our local CEA system and the chair notified necessary parties at the meeting that there will be a series of meetings in March to codify and begin Coordinated Entry within the CoC. Also discussed was the CoC's proposed standardized assessment tools (VI-SPDAT/VI-FSPDAT/TAY-SPDAT) that will be used to prescreen and assess homeless individuals, families and youth for permanent supportive housing programs that are dedicated to homeless persons.

CoC Chair reminded the board that the City of Utica ESG RFP is out and applications are due by 2/24/2017. In addition to approximately 175K available for ESG-eligible services, There will be approximately 70K available from last year's ESG funding round that can be allocated this year because Johnson Park Center recently notified the City that they are not interested in doing ESG-funded Rapid Rehousing services this year. There was a discussion amongst board members about how best to utilize these RRH resources so that they can be used primarily to provide security deposits and rental assistance (rather than staffing costs).

The board returned to a discussion about the Coordinated Entry System and the challenge that the system would have to cover the entire CoC geographic region which includes two counties. The

Madison County board rep expressed concerns about having a single wait list for 2 counties. This will be an issue that is brought up in the CEA planning meetings scheduled in March to formalize the P&P.

Service Point update by HMIS Lead, Linda Wilkinson, indicated that e-snaps would no longer be operational for APR's after 1 April, and there is a new system called SAGE, with direct APR upload. Date elements and upgrades coming to HMIS soon as well.

Project monitoring update and process outlined, and providers notified that they would receive an email with available dates for monitoring visits.

CoC Chair closed the meeting at 3:15 with remarks of project development (including Runaway and Homeless Youth research and shelter development) and looking into the future to address community gaps and potential sources for new housing.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15

Submitted on 2/17/2017 by Scott McCumber, Associate Planner, NY-518