

DeKalb County Continuum of Care

April 27, 2016 Quarterly Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Robert Putz, CACDC; Lisa Seymour, RAMP; Joy Sobczak & Christine Madsen, MSHV; Lucy Sosa, DeKalb Community Action; Sabrina Nicholson, Ben Gordon Center; Mary Ellen Schaid, Safe Passage; Linda Drake, DCVAC; Jennifer Yochem, Shelly Perkins, Anthony Isom & Carol Herrington, HACD; Corinne Steimer, Hines VA; Colleen Bredeson & Leah Jordal, VAC; Deanna Cada, DeKalb County Mental Health Board; Sue Guio, Community Activist; Gary Chapman, Jennie Swanson & Lesly Wicks, Hope Haven; Becky Zantout, DeKalb County Community Foundation; Joel Maurer, Habitat for Humanity; Kim Wilkerson, Center for Family Health; Kelly Sullivan, DPD; .

Business began at 10:32 AM with Perkins welcoming attendees. Attendees provided brief introductions beginning with Robert Putz and his introduction to a new fundraiser that CACDC is doing with Father's day Cards. Perkins reviewed the January 27, 2016 Minutes and asked for any corrections or changes to those minutes. No changes were requested. Perkins asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Mary Ellen Schaid made a Motion to approve, Gary Chapman seconded the Motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Minutes approved.

Discussion moved to the 2015 Competition HUD Homeless Assistance Grant. HUD has released the funding notification for Tier 1 and IL509 Tier 1 projects were funded. HUD has not yet released funding for the grants in Tier 2. Registration for the 2016 Competition has begun. IL501 Rock River Housing Coalition has approved our CoC utilizing their HMIS resources. Perkins asked for a Motion to approve utilizing the Service Point software and begin the HMIS migration to IL501's HMIS system. Sue Guio made a Motion to approve; Mary Ellen Schaid seconded the Motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Migration approved. Migration planning to the new HMIS system is targeted to begin by June 2016.

Perkins provided a 2016 PITC handout that included three years of PITC summary data. The 2016 count demonstrates a reduction Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing and Unsheltered by 20 less people. Perkins stated only eight agencies responded to the PITC.

Perkins asked for discussion on the draft of updated by-laws that simplify the CoC structure. Sue Guio referenced the current by-laws with a recommendation to keep in a "one agency, one vote" stipulation. Perkins will review the request and modify the draft submission for approval at the next meeting.

Perkins asked for discussion of subcommittee and overall CoC responsibilities, noting that the CoC regulatory demands are significant and require participation and support from CoC members. Perkins discussed the PITC Coordination and the need for a 10-year plan. Lesly Wicks of Hope Haven stated that Hope Haven would chair the PITC subcommittee and 10-year plan subcommittee.

CoC meetings will now have an agenda item specific to veterans with a focus on achieving "functional zero" for veteran homelessness. Utilizing our Coordinated Entry system through Hope Haven, veteran support service agencies are notified upon veteran entry in to the system. Support agencies will work together to ensure outreach, prevention and homeless services are immediately provided. A "by name list" will be utilized. Veteran service provider's have a conference call monthly to review status and services of clients.

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Perkins asked for updates from the group, Lesly Wicks from Hope Haven stated that the Shelter is full, however Lesly pointed out that with all of the CoC's supportive housing programs, Hope Haven is now providing more nights of permanent housing than of shelter nights for the homeless.

Mary Ellen Schaid said that the shelter is full and has many children. Families are requiring more intense services. April was a difficult month however Safe Passage will be opening a 7th apartment (2 Bedroom). Schaid noted that clients are staying longer. The state funding crisis is still causing turmoil however they continue to preserve. April 30, 2016 will be a "Night of Chocolate" fundraiser.

DeKalb Community Action Staff member Lucy Sosa discussed high quality collaboration among social service agencies, and gave a brief overview of successes at DCCA.

As there were no further announcements and no other further business to discuss, Perkins asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Carol Herrington made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Jennifer Yochem seconded the Motion. All were in favor, none opposed, meeting adjourned. The Meeting of the DeKalb County Continuum of Care meeting adjourned at 11:35 AM.