

CAP CoC-Emergency Partners Meeting

May 17, 2017

Library on Main St

Present: Bob Quam (Salvation Army), Melissa Randall (CAP Services) Kristie Sentkowski (Emergency Services), Tiffani Krueger (ECI), Jeremy Higgins (boys and girls club), Lori Napstad (Energy Services), Joe Seibert (YMCA), Dave Morgan (YMCA), Mae Nachman (United Way), Melvin Dow (Interfaith Food Pantry), Valerie LeGrande (Redeemer Lutheran Church), Dana Kaminski (Salvation Army), Mai Ger Moua (211), Jill Wilbert (CAP Services DV Outreach/TH), Wendy Fletcher (CAP Services Runaway and Homeless youth), Roseann Debot (Operation Bootstrap), Adam Groskreutz (CVI), Daryl Woods (CAP Services FCC Shelter)

The meeting started with discussions with requirements for coordinated entry. An after hours plan is required and must be voted on and submitted by Sept 30th. After hours meaning – What happens when someone is found homeless when businesses are closed. It must include access to shelters and connections with services. User agreements were signed.

Fed. Gov. issued guidance to HHS to be involved to help with homelessness-pushed for directors to be involved with CoC or those who have financial decision making. Our continua does not have directors involved.

New shelter in New London opening geared towards families- “Mission of Hope House”

More changes are coming to ETH grants. PV will have a screening tool to assess those who should receive assistance to assist those with the highest barriers.

Discussed new scoring percentages based on performance measures. Ranking should be released second week of June.

No one applied for ESG so RRH/PV will not be in the continua this grant year.

Coordinated Entry at this time is only required by the TH for DV as it is the only ESG or CoC funded program in continua.

Since CoC content and Emergency Partners closely align and have the same key participants these meetings will be combined from here on

Project fresh clothes will be at PJ's this year.

Diaper drive –clients can get all the diapers they need at several participating locations including CAP, Salvation Army and HHS

Emergency food and shelter-closed out in phase 33- Phase 34 will be receiving \$31,573

YMCA at times struggle with individuals who have mental health issues really early in the morning when limited staff are there, many staff are not trained to handle this and are often afraid. 99% of the time there are not any issues. They try to be more flexible in the winter because of the cold. They also really encourage social interaction from the parents to play with the little children at adventure alley rather than just keeping the child in the stroller. 58% of their daycare children receive scholarships. Seeing addiction issues as an issue. Any homeless individuals/households only have to pay \$5 for a 3 month membership; the Salvation Army are very picky who they will provide this to and they must have a job to get this perk. ECI provides vouchers to the YMCA for showers.

Request for food at Emergency Services are up within the last couple of weeks. Very little rent resources right now. Many complex mental health challenges for those seeking assistance- Energy Services still has some crisis funds for veterans, elderly and those with disabilities.

ECI- Stevens Point warming shelter had 47 unduplicated this season during the 5 months it was open . Warming Center is being moved to Frame memorial church. They are now able to get a permanent permit. Seeing a trend in more unsheltered females- When warming shelter isn't open there are no resources for those who are not welcome at the Salvation Army- questioned the ability of having a year round warming shelter. Would need funding and paid staff in order to facilitate this. There was only one issue with one individual with significant mental health issues who clogged toilets purposely and started fires

Salvation Army requires sheltered residents to save 80% of funds while staying there. They have seen a 20% increase in #'s served. Seeing an increase use in meth-seen an influx of people from Milwaukee and twin cities

Boys and girls club- summer hours 7:30-5:30 – there is a food program with breakfast and lunch with all free for kids and they don't have to be a member. To be a member is \$10 a year- 6-18 to be a member.

FCC shelter is at or above capacity-as of jan all adult genders are welcome in the shelter; prior to January those identified as male adults would be put in a motel – now full equity of service within shelter

CVI is seeing an increase number of chronic homeless they are working with

Woodland's church is working on the foster care issues in the community- They also provide financial counseling- there is a lack of foster homes here and many kids are being shipped out of county – parents with kids are being placed at salvation army – Redeemer will advocate the need for foster care in the community

Discussions about mental health in this area are the most difficult- there is not much help for these populations-they are not getting help by the county and most don't have payees. All feel solutions need to be found for the mental health issues. Case management seems to be lacking for mental health issues

Operation Bootstrap- temp moratorium on any rent assistance- They prefer assisting with security deposit and do not often use a motel voucher – seeing an increase in request for clothes-for steel toe boots/black pants- see many migrant workers coming through from TX who need everything as many

come here with nothing but what they are wearing and are brought a month before work starts- also seeing an increase need of food requests

211 is now expanded from Brown County to PO county-Need requests for mental health and addiction is steady as is the unmet needs for these requests- top calls received is for housing assistance followed by clothes and food

Salvation Army expressed interest in RRH next year.

No wrong door flyers were shared.