

February 2022 Quarterly Meeting: CoC Director Report Nov. 10 – February 11, 2022

CoC Competition

- CoC Competition ended 11/16/21. Additional information in separate update (Competition FY21 Recap & Review)
- Reviewing elements within the Collaborative Application to work on, setting a plan to address before start of next CoC Competition (FY22)

Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP)

- Received approval from HUD to extend the Comprehensive Community Plan (CCP) deadline to 5/31/22
- Hired a Project Coordinator – Brent Gust (started late January)
- Continue to meet weekly with staff & WAHRS staff
- Submitted 1st round of reimbursement for youth (2/10)
- Weekly meetings w/HUD TA (11/12, 11/19, 12/3, 12/10, 12/17, 1/19, 1/21, 1/28, 2/3, 2/4, and 2/11)
- NCHE TA mtgs (11/18, 12/8); ICF Community mtgs (12/1, 12/15)
- Provide TA to coalitions, issued YHDP planning grant sub-contracts, working on parameters for “functional YAB” at the coalition & CoC-level
- Board is seeking a new Board member, deadline 2/28. A person from an organization serving youth. This is critical as we start to develop the CoC-wide Youth Action Board (YAB) as this board member will serve as the chair.

CoC Organizational Activities

- Organized and facilitated November virtual CoC meeting (11/12) & training (11/11); planned Feb virtual CoC mtg (2/11) & working on ideas for May (5/13)
- Facilitated Diverse & Resilient training with Katie Hamm (1/20); Meredith facilitated (1/6, 2/2); last training scheduled for 2/16 – Inclusive Work Practices. Registration still available. 9-11 am.
- Negotiated contracts with 2 additional speakers for 2022:
 - Alonzo Kelly (date TBD)
 - Ellie Krug from Human Inspiration Works LLC (SAVE the date Thursday, May 12th from 9-noon) – This human inclusivity training will provide an easy-to-understand toolset on how to be more welcoming of anyone who is “Other” in our society.
- Attended Board of Director mtgs: 12/7, 2/1; Exec mtgs: 11/18, 1/20
- Staff – Supervision & meetings
 - Monitoring and Compliance: Meredith McCoy – monitoring for CoC projects (returning to in person); will be helping with sub-recipient monitoring; will be attending the Housing First Conference in April.
 - CE System Specialist: Ryan Graham – works with CE committee & teams; Vet Advisory Board & Emergency Shelter committee; meets monthly with WHEDA on EHV vouchers; provides TA and training
 - Grant Specialist: Leigh Polodna – acting project manager for YHDP; creates the monthly HIC; helping with PIT data, training & match collection

- Project Coordinator: Brent Gust – onboarding activities
- Point-in-Time (PIT)
 - Sent out HIC for November, December, and January
 - Revised HIC to match updated HUD guidance for the January 2022 PIT
 - Conducted PIT Training on “Planning & Process” (1/19) & attended Leigh’s PIT training on “Putting it All Together” (1/19)
- BOS Committee Support
 - Collated feedback on the diversity statement and sent to DEI committee
 - Collated feedback on the EHH prevention standards and sent Board of Directors
 - Sent out request for comment:
 - from the Discharge Planning committee on toolkit
 - will be sending out from the CE Committee on outreach standards
- Local Coalitions/Groups
 - Presented to CDBG Planning group in La Crosse (1/11), follow up mtg w/City staff (1/12, 2/7)
 - Phone call w/City of Eau Claire HA re: HOME ARP allocation (2/4)
 - Met w/executive team from Rock Walworth coalition (2/2)

CoC Grants

- HAP (21-22): Submitted invoice to FP Ozaukee for reimbursement (October-December)
- SSO–CE (21-22): Submitted invoice to fiscal agent for reimbursement (October-December)
- RRH (20-21): Submitted final invoice. Returned \$32,942.98 (mostly rental assistance, 3% of grant) HUD APR submitted on time 12/22.
- RRH (21-22): Submitted invoices to fiscal agent for reimbursement (October-December)
- SSO-CE DV (20-21): Finalized grant. Returned \$3,657.45 (2% of the grant). HUD APR submitted on time 11/17.
- SSO-CE DV (21-22): Submitted invoice to fiscal agent for reimbursement (October-December)
- YHDP Planning grant (21-22): Signed contract with Wisconsin Association for Homeless & Runaway Services (WAHRS) to provide administrative support in the development of the CCP; Board approved youth reimbursement policy (12/7) and set up process; sent out sub-contracts to coalitions for planning funds
- CoC Planning Grant (2021): APR due 3/31

National Conferences/Trainings/Webinars

- Rural & BOS Community of Practice call (12/14, 1/11, 2/8)
- Provided feedback during USICH Listening Session (11/17)
- Participated in HUD-PIT Office Hours (11/23, 1/12)
- Participated in the ALICE RAC (Research Advisory Council) – in Focus: Children mtgs (12/3, 1/27)
- Watched the House of Representatives: Subcommittee on Housing, Community Development and Insurance virtual hearing “Housing America: Addressing Challenges in Serving People Experiencing Homelessness (2/2)
- Invited to participate in Org Code’s Leadership Series (12/3, 12/17)

Policy Development

- Revised EHH Prevention standards to meet requirements for DEHCR compliance, Board approved (12/7); Revised ESG Rapid Re-housing standards, Board approved (12/7)
- Board Approved Diversity Statement (12/7)

State Collaboration & Advocacy efforts

- Participate on United Way EFSP Set-Aside Board (1/27)
- Participate on Transportation Advisory Council Meeting (11/17)
- Presented with DEHCR staff at Wisconsin County Human Service Association (WCHSA) Conference (12/3)
- Collaboration conference calls with Dane, Milwaukee & Racine CoC leads – these calls include DEHCR, HUD & Mike Basford (12/1, 12/15, 1/12, 2/9)
- Participate in WI Interagency Quarterly meeting (12/8); Attend WI IAC work group meeting virtually (11/23, 12/2, 1/25)
- Coordinated discussions with state agency staff on collaboration efforts, addressing issues & concerns =
 - All 4 CoC leadership
 - DHS Medicaid (11/17, 1/19)
 - DCF (12/17, 2/8)
 - DHS Homeless Services Provider Forum (assist with agenda, topics, materials, and answering questions) – 11/15, 12/13, 1/24
 - DEHCR ESG/HPP Stakeholder Meeting (2/2)
- ESF 6 Weekly Briefing – involves CoCs, Mike Basford, HUD, FEMA, WI Emergency Management, WI DHS and ICA (11/17, 12/1, 12/8, 12/15, 1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2, 2/9)

Out of the Office: Holiday/Out (11/24-11/26, 12/21-31, 1/3-7)

Upcoming:

- NAEH Conference – virtual (2/16-18)
- Diverse & Resilience #3 training (2/16)
- Implicit Bias Conference (2/24)
- NLIHC Virtual Housing Policy Forum 2022: Achieving Housing Justice (2/22-23)