

May 2021 Quarterly Meeting: CoC Director Report Feb 14 – May 14, 2021

CoC Competition

- As a part of the Coronavirus Relief Bill, the requirement for the FY20 CoC Competition was waived. This means that all projects funded in FY19 Competition will be renewed in FY20. An email was sent out to recipients and each are responsible for reviewing their grants on the list to ensure accuracy. Helped address a few issues.
- FY21 CoC Competition will likely start early Summer. Registration & review process complete. Waiting for Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW) to be released. Project scoring tool will be updated and posted with a goal of June.

CoC Organizational Activities

- Organized and facilitated February CoC meeting, planned May meeting.
- Facilitated registration for Shawn Smith's Trauma + Resilience training and Motivational Interviewing training (Round 2) and recently opened a 3rd round available to folks. Cohorts are still limited to 50 and session are not recorded. If you have not yet paid, please send a check to Family Promise of Ozaukee County.
- Attended Board of Director mtgs: 3/2, 4/6, 5/4; Exec mtgs: 2/18, 3/12, 3/26, 4/15
- Staff – Supervision & meetings (moved to weekly meetings). Staff continue to provide support to all coalitions. Some coalitions are more engaged than others.
 - Monitoring and Compliance: Meredith McCoy – monitoring for CoC projects and sub-recipients; facilitating case management mtgs for PSH and RRH case managers; providing technical assistance upon request, and in partnership with Leigh – working on a Shared Housing Guide (Version 2)
 - CE System Specialist: Ryan Graham – working with CE committee & teams, ongoing mtgs w/HMIS staff, addressing local issues and concerns, CE monitoring & handling grievances
 - Grant Specialist: Leigh Polodna – review support documentation, approving requests for reimbursement, and overseeing RRH, HAP & SSO grants, key contact for potential youth demonstration grant, engagement with the Tribes, and in partnership with Meredith – working on a Shared Housing Guide (Version 2)
- Point-in-Time (PIT)
 - Created HIC for February, March, April – delayed in order to update & revise guidance
 - Reviewing survey results submitted post-PIT, including training options and needs
 - Collated data, ensuring accuracy for the PIT and HIC, submitted HDX (5/12)
- Ongoing collaboration with HMIS Lead (ICA) – 3/19, 4/16
- BOS Committee Support
 - Attended finance committee mtg and/or finance-related mtg = 2/16, 3/16, audit (4/29)
 - Attended Nominating committee (4/27)
 - Attended Lived Experience Task Force (4/26)
- Local Coalition Presentations
 - Presentation #1 (Coalition 101): Coulee (2/18), Northwest (3/11), West Central (3/16)
 - Presentation #2 (Data Driven Decision Making): Fox Cities (2/16), Kenosha (3/16), Northwest (3/18), West Central (4/6)

- Other Type: La Crosse Foundation Board of Directors (4/14)
- Created Action Plan 1 Response forms (due 5/14) and Action Plan 2 (due 5/28) for each coalition.

CoC Grants

- HAP (20-21): Submit invoice to fiscal agent & grantor for reimbursement (Jan-March), received award letter (5/12) for 21-22 grant year, plan to discuss options with the Executive committee in a few weeks & Board- stay tuned for the process and sub-grantee application process
- SSO – CE (20-21): Submit invoice to fiscal agent for reimbursement (Jan-March); revising sub-contracts for 21-22 grant cycle
- RRH (20 - 21): Submit invoice to fiscal agent for reimbursement (Jan-March)
- SSO – CE DV (20-21): Submit invoice to fiscal agent for reimbursement (Jan-March)

National Conferences/Trainings/Webinars

- Rural & BOS Community of Practice call (3/9, 4/13, 5/11)
- NLIHC: National Call on COVID and Housing & Homelessness (3/1, 4/26)
- HUD Office Hours: Planning & Response for Homeless Assistance Providers (2/19, 2/26, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7)
- NAEH conference (virtual): 3/8 – 3/10
- NLIHC Virtual Housing Policy Forum: 3/30 – 3/31
- Org Code Training: Leading & Managing Homeless & Housing Service – Serving Teams to Maximize Results (2/22 & 2/25); Conducting a System Check Up (4/7)

Policy Development

- Revising CoC Governance charter, Delegate Change policy

State Collaboration & Advocacy efforts

- Participate on United Way EFSP Set-Aside Board (4/20)
- Participated in the creation of a “PATH-like” outreach project for non-PATH communities – Eau Claire, Marathon, and La Crosse counties in a partnership between DHS, Couleecap, Western Dairyland & NCCAP.
- Advocacy with State Assembly & Senator office – vaccine availability & access, follow up calls, targeted engagement with key staff. Submitted letter of support for the Governor’s budget on behalf of the CoC to the Joint Finance Committee.
- Facilitated presentation by Monica Murphy (Disabilities Rights WI) on Rights & Responsibilities under ADA & Fair Housing (4/8)
- Collaboration conference calls with Dane, Milwaukee & Racine CoC leads – these calls include DEHCR, HUD & Mike Basford (2/19, 3/4, 3/19, 4/8, 4/22, 5/7)
- Participate in WI Interagency Quarterly meeting (3/24)
- Attend WI IAC work group meetings virtually (WHEDA – 3/11, 4/22)
- Coordinated discussions with state agency staff on collaboration efforts, addressing issues & concerns =

- All 4 CoC leadership
 - FEMA meeting re: Non-Congregate Shelter funding (4/21)
 - DHS Medicaid (2/24, 3/17, 4/7, 5/5)
 - DHS discussion on COVID testing and outreach (2/25)
 - 4 CoC check-in only (3/12, 3/26, 4/23)
 - DHS Homeless Services Provider Forum (assist with agenda, topics, materials, and answering questions) – 3/22, 4/26
- BOS only
 - Follow up call with DOC with Ryan (3/23)
 - DHS call to set up presentation to ADRC & Disability network (4/14) & participated in the forum (4/21)
 - “Introduced” Alfred Johnson (DHS, Director of WI Bureau of Assisted Living) to Jessica Neumann re: Discharge Planning (4/21)
 - HUD-DEHCR-BOS call (4/23), Follow up DEHCR & BOS call (5/6)
- DEHCR ESG 1:1 specific calls (2/17, 3/17); Lead calls (4/5, 5/3)
- ESF 6 Weekly Briefing – involves CoCs, Mike Basford, HUD, FEMA, WI Emergency Management, WI DHS and ICA (2/17, 2/24, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24, 3/31, 4/7, 4/14, 4/20, 4/28, 5/5, 5/12)
- Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV): HUD webinars (5/11, 5/12, 5/13), calls with WHEDA (5/12), Antigo PHA (5/13), Richland PHA (5/14)

Out of the Office: Out (4/9)

Upcoming:

- EHV: HUD Webinars (5/18, 5/20, 5/25, 6/1), calls with Sauk PHA (5/17), SSO staff (5/17), Brown PHA (5/17)
- DHS Homeless Services Provider Forum (5/24) – will include presentations from Catholic Charities La Crosse, St. John Homeless Shelter in Green Bay, and Salvation Army St. Croix/Polk/Burnett
- NAEH Capital Hill Day (6/16)
- Domestic Violence Provider Outreach & Recruitment for CoC DV RRH -Directors meeting (June or July), Collaborative discussion with End Domestic Abuse WI (6/3), and Regional meetings (6/8, 7/9, 8/6, 8/20)