

MEETING MINUTES

WASHINGTON COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE

Tuesday, January 17th, 2017

1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Family Promise Training Room

Present

Keith Braun, Kathleen Fisher, Marisa Hurst, Paul Bissett, Kaitlin Fritz, Lisa Krenke, Jon Grapengieser, Angela Swinehart, Karl Glunz, Sarah Malchow, Sharon Kailas, Emily Greene, Melissa Madriaga

1. Call to Order -Meeting called to order by Kathleen Fisher.
2. Review and Approval of November 2016 Meeting Minutes – Karl Glunz made a motion to approve the minutes. Marisa Hurst seconded that motion. Motion approved.
3. Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) – Paul Bissett reported on the grant spending for Rapid Rehousing and Homeless Prevention. Rapid Rehousing had \$49,000 for rent assistance and \$16,000 for case management. \$33,000 has been spent through December. The remaining funding will go to the household at the top of the prioritization list. It is projected that all the Rapid Rehousing money will be used up by the end of the fiscal year in June. The Homeless Prevention Program started with \$9,600 for rent assistance, with \$8,400 having been spent through the end of December. Lisa Krenke reported the COC received \$132,021 from HUD. The 2016/2017 financials are going through a desk monitoring by HUD. Lisa will be gathering all the documents together and on February 9th, she will be having a phone conference with HUD. Paul Bissett reported on the system performance measures and passed around the current report for everyone to look at. The four programs measured include Family Promise Emergency Shelter, Rapid Rehousing, Homeless Prevention and Friends of Abused Families Shelter. Overall, the scores for these programs are good for exiting households to permanent housing, but are below average for increasing income.
4. Runaway Homeless Youth (RHY) – Emily Greene reported that the federal monitoring grant was completed. Youth and Family is interested in expanding their host home for the runaway youth. They are going back to the basics to find a way to have the youth stay in the program longer if they need too. Emily stated there needs to be more resources for the 18 to 24-year-old population. Youth and Family Project has a new executive director who will be working part-time to start.
5. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) – Melissa Madriaga reported that one person has received a Section 8 Housing voucher and is housed. A handful of the PSH clients are going to be taking over their leases with their Social Security checks. One person is going to be moving to Kenosha County. The other half don't have a place to go yet and have not been complying with the rules of the program. Kathleen Fisher stated the COC can't demonstrate a need for PSH funds, so we won't receive the grant. Melissa will meet with Paul Bissett this week to review all of the PSH clients to see if there are any options available to house these clients after the program ends in May.
6. FEMA Update – Sarah Malchow reported that the first payment for 2015 funding went out.
7. Point In Time (PIT) – Marisa Hurst stated that the next PIT count is Wednesday, January 25th at 11pm. She asked for additional volunteers from those organizations present and passed around

a sign-up sheet. The count of homeless people is sent onto the Balance of State, which sends it to the State and then onto HUD for the national count.

8. Emergency Shelter for Singles (Interim Plan) – Paul Bissett reported the interim plan is continuing to work well. There have only been a small number of single males that have been assessed, but there have been increased phone calls from other agencies with homeless single males. Family Promise will do an assessment on any homeless individual or family and give them resources. Paul recently met with staff at Washington County’s Acute Care Services to talk about the process for homeless assessments at Family Promise.
9. Emergency Shelter for Singles (Plan for Static Site Shelter-Long Term) – Kathleen Fisher reported the committee meets on a regular basis. The time line they had put together is staying on track. The silent phase for the fundraising is going well. They have collected \$870,000 toward the goal of \$1.5 million. Ground breaking for the shelter should be underway in May or June 2017. Karl Glunz stated the next step is getting a lease between Family Promise and Washington County. A building design company will be added to the team in the near future. The project was a little delayed with changes within County leadership, but everything is getting back on track.
10. PATHs Program Grant Opportunity – Kathleen Fisher proposed the question to the COC about requesting for the PATH grant. Lisa Krenke reported that she talked with someone at the county and they said we would have no need for the PATH grant in Washington County. Kathleen Fisher stated she would call Lisa at Workforce Development to see if we could write for the PATHs grant with the Tri-County area.
11. United Way Income Stability Grant – Sarah Malchow stated the RFP will be released next week for the Income Stability Grant. It is focusing on positively impacting family sustaining employment and financial stability, and household stability. United Way is welcoming new and returning applications for anyone who needs help in these areas. United Way has partnered with some other community organizations, including Threshold, to help place people in new jobs to earn stable income.
12. Meeting Adjournment – Lisa Krenke made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sarah Malchow seconded. Motion approved.