

Trenton/Mercer Continuum of Care Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

June 26, 2017 at 2:00 pm

Attendees: Jay Everett – Monarch, , Marygrace Billek- MCHS, Kim McNear - Anchor House, Virgin Velez- MC-One Stop, Mary Gay Abbott-Young-RMOT, Jackie Edwards-Catholic Charities, , Leckington, Marc – COTH&ED, Joyce Campbell – TASK, Jeff Mascoll – MCBOSS, Vernet Sherrill-COTH&HS

Absent: Audrey Walker- THA, Joanne Locke-MATEH, Paulina Goldman – Lifeties Inc.

Agenda Topics	Discussion/Narrative	Action
Meeting Called to Order		Marygrace Billek called to meeting to order at 2:10 pm.
Review and Approval of April 24, 2017 Minutes		Mary Gay Abbott Young - made motion to approve the minutes; Virgen Velez - Seconded; All in favor with the exception of Joyce Campbell who abstained.
Review of Mission Statement		See Bottom of Agenda
HUD/CoC Update	<p>FY16 Contracts – all contracts have been sent out to agencies.</p> <p>FY17 NOFA – still waiting for the NOFA to be released from HUD.</p> <p>Reallocation/RFPs-reallocated \$250,000 to fund two RFPs; 1) Coordinated Assessment for Youth (only 1 application received); 2) PSH for chronically homeless individuals that was reissued a second time. There is a bidders conference meeting on 6/27/17 to provide more details about the process.</p>	
Policies Review	<p>Purpose of policy review explained by Marygrace Billek as it relates to the NOFA application.</p> <p>CoC Monitoring – There are certain ways to use grant savings, however the dollars are restricted. We have attempted to expand all allowable services (e.g. security deposit, level of service, supportive services, reallocate funds for new projects).</p> <p>Family Separation – This is a HUD requirement.</p>	
Policies Review Contd.	<p>Review and Ranking – Members agreed that two more people from the community should sit on the review committee. Discussion about adding another tier for organizations receiving 89%; Huge loss of points for a 1% difference. Per Exec Chair, the point structure will be taken under advisement for next year. More discussion ensued about the internal review process and unexpended funds analysis.</p>	Virgen Velez made a motion to approve policies as is for now with suggested revisions for next year; Joyce Campbell seconded the motion. All in Favor.
Data Committee	Next meeting is scheduled for July 18 th and it may be cancelled due to the NAEH.	

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CEASe System	Three planning meetings have been facilitated to restructure the front-end of the homelessness system. Developing a universal way of looking at the system. Adding more resources by redirecting funds looking at other grant opportunities. CEAS Center will act as the front-end for unsheltered. CID process needs clarification in terms of who is doing that piece; Coordination/collaboration related to IDS.	
Youth Homelessness Update	Further developing logic model. Met with HUD for TA to discuss the development of an assessment tool for coordinated entry for youth. LA County has implemented an app for youth in need and City of Trenton has contacted and began to put together resources to populate a local version of the WINapp. Four members of the Committee responsible for engaging youth. Youth Engagement Group met on June 19 th and received great feedback from youth on existing barriers, needed supportive services, and the types of housing they feel our community needs.	
Other Business/Announcements	Jay Everett shared that the congressional reception is Wednesday July 26 th in DC. There are free buses with snacks and lunch provided. Important for members of congress to understand the role of the consumer/advocate.	
Meeting Adjournment		Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm.

Respectfully submitted, DuEwa Dickson, MPA, MC Department of Human Services

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