

Housing for the Homeless Consortium Meeting

March 16, 2016

SDHDA Building, Pierre, SD

Attendees introduced themselves. The list of attendees follows the minutes.

Continuum of Care 101 – Steve Stunes

- Basics to CoC Programs
- Performance Measures
- NOFA General Selection Information
- 2015 NOFA CoC Program specifics
- General discussion
- There was discussion relating to the established poverty rates for the state and the qualifications for the state assisted programs. Donna Talley encouraged members to write letters to their legislators.
- Per Lisa Bondy – Lorraine is attending the COSCDA conference and was given information that the NOFA will be out early summer and there will be more competitive points for reallocation.

Changes to the 2016 ESG Competition – Lisa Bondy

- The Plan is currently out for public comment. She encouraged everyone to review and comment.
- ESG will now go to a scoring matrix. Agencies can also self-score themselves prior to completing the application.
- The 60/40 split per application has been eliminated.
- Applications will be maxed at \$80,000 and the minimum amount is \$10,000.
- Applications should be out by the end of April and due back by May 31.
- Another section added to the application is a listing of what other grants your agency receives along with the description of what expenses are covered by the grants.

Ensuring Homeless Participants are Informed of Educational Services – Anita Deranleau

- All schools are required to have a homeless liaison. If you are having a hard time finding out who that person is in your area you can contact Laura Johnson-Frame as she has a listing for every school district.
- Schools are making adjustments for children that may not have all the required documents to register for school. The homeless liaison can try to get these documents later.
- We need to eliminate the barriers that are keeping children from getting into school.
- There are free breakfast and lunch programs available at all schools.
- Every school district is required to provide transportation to homeless children. They are required to have a line item in their budgets for this.
 - A question was asked if there is a mileage limitation. Anita stated that would be up to each school district. There needs to be a plan in place that is most beneficial for the child and riding in a school bus over an hour a day may not be the best plan. For instance children living in shelter in a different community from their school district may need to change school temporarily.
 - A question was asked if schools need to provide school supplies. Anita stated schools are supposed to be setting aside money for this. Smaller schools may not set aside very much but they should be setting aside something.
 - A question asked regarding undocumented children that haven't been in school for more than year. Anita stated schools are not required to report undocumented families. They will try to get some documents once the child is in school but this is not required.

- A question was asked if there is funding available for homeless children to be able to attend field trips that require families to send money. Anita stated schools should be able to provide this.
- Lisa Bondy stated HUD wants to know what the shelters are doing for adults in need of education, i.e. adults that want to get their GED. Shelters should have a plan in place or make sure to get something in place for this.

2015 CoC Competition Awards Announced

- Tier 1 \$1.2 million, guarantee for one year
- Tier 2 – we will find out in another month or so

CoC Planning – Regional Coordination – How to Make It Work – Lisa Bondy

- We were awarded CoC Planning funding.
- Use this funding to break the state in regions with a Regional Coordinator. This coordinator will be from the cap agencies and will provide coverage for all 66 counties in South Dakota.

Update of the January Homeless Count – Lisa Bondy

- HUD has made this very restrictive and they want to know about specific populations. They want to know how many shelter beds you have and how many people are filling those beds.
- Our 2015 number was 1036 homeless.
- Currently do not have the surveys back from Sioux Falls yet for the 2016 count.

Doubled-Up/Inadequately Housed Count – Lisa Bondy

- 30 day period running from April 1-April 29, 2016
- Should survey people living doubled-up, living in a motel they are paying for themselves, paying over 60% of income towards rent.
- These numbers will not go to HUD.

Ten-Year Plan Update – Lisa Bondy

- Stacey Tieszen was not able to attend today.
- We need to get the objectives in.
- We are one of the last states to complete the 10 year plan.
- We need community and service providers to step up and get on the committees.
 - Barb Garcia stated that quite a few of PAC members are not providers so it's hard for them to say what you should be doing. We need people/agencies that provide services to be part of this group.

Homeless Summit Update – Lisa Bondy

- June 21-22 in Oacoma at Cedar Shores Resort
- Anyone that has ideas or speakers they would like to see please send these to Lisa.
- Previous ideas mentioned were crisis training, mental health training, you mental health issues.
- It was also mentioned to have Sally Luken from Vets @ Home provide an afternoon training the second day in the afternoon. This would include all shelters, law enforcement and city contacts.

Attendees:

Andrea Denke, CHCBH
Lisa Gruden, Pennington County Housing
Abby Sharp, WAVI
John Hussman, OST Veterans Shelter
Anna Mueller, SEBH Sioux Falls
Haley Holm, SEBH Sioux Falls
Jaclyn Ketcham, SEBH Sioux Falls
Karen Feterl, Mitchell Area Safehouse
Caitlin Nissen, BMS Rapid City
Tracy Taylor, BMS Rapid City
Kathy Rutten, SD Network
Christy VanDeWetering, Domestic Violence Network
Lisa Schrader, Oglala Sioux/Lakota Housing
Jamison Hild, VA Black Hills
Lysa Allison, Cornerstone Rescue Mission
John Fette, SD Dept. of Veteran Affairs
Anita Deranleau, Rapid City Area Schools
Eric Kunzweiler, ICAP
Anna Quinn, HOPE Center
Sandra Fortuna, South Plains Behavioral Health Services
Gloria Miller, BHSSC
Kami Marts, Missouri Shores Domestic Violence
Carol Riggen, YWCA
Maria Krell, BDHH
Barb Shoup Anderson, DSS/DBH
Candice Cummings, VA
Brett Johnson, MCHS
Amy Carter, Children's Inn
Tammie Denning, ICAP
Suzy Cope, Journey Home
Barb Garcia, City of Rapid City
Denise Ragels, Beacon Center
Dawn Sikkink, Beacon Center
Donna Talley, WEAVE
Lisa Bondy, SDHDA
Denise Albertson, SDHDA
Steven Stunes