

HOUSING FOR THE HOMELESS CONSORTIUM MEETING

September 14, 2016

SD Housing Development Authority, Pierre, SD

3060 East Elizabeth Street

The meeting began with introductions of all attendees and the PAC.

2016 Continuum of Care Competition - Jenni Bauer (SDHDA)

- Approximately 1.9 billion in federal funds was available
- SD Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) was \$1,213,008
 - Tier 1 - 93% of ARD - \$1,128,097
 - Tier 2 - 7% \$84,911
 - Additional opportunity to apply for a Permanent Housing Bonus - \$85,144
- HUD placed a strong emphasis on system performance, overall CoC performance and effective practices
- The 2016 Continuum of Care competition collaborative application was submitted on September 13, 2016.
 - 7 renewal project applications
 - 3 new project applications
 - CoC Planning Grant
- The Project Ranking was displayed and can be found in the CoC Priority Listing document at: <http://www.housingforthehomeless.org/primary-content/coc-consolidated-application.html>
- HUD Priorities this year were:
 - Create a systemic response to homelessness
 - Strategically allocate resources
 - Use a housing first approach
 - End chronic homelessness
 - End family homelessness
 - End youth homelessness
 - End veteran homelessness

2015 and 2016 Planning Grants

- 2015 – The CoC planning funds will help pay for a regional coordinator to help coordinate counties during the statewide homeless count.
 - We are hoping that this will help with PIT participation. Our participation numbers have been steadily declining.
 - 2016 – 30 of 66 counties (45%)
 - 2015 – 37 of 66 counties (56%)
 - 2014 – 50 of 66 counties (76%)
 - 2013 – 52 of 66 counties (79%)
 - 2012 – 49 of 66 counties (74%)
 - 2016 – The CoC planning funds will be utilized to better evaluate SD’s CoC and ESG performance measurements and data quality.
 - This will include data mapping and a mobile application for the 2017 Point-in-Time count.
 - Stephanie Monroe (VOA) stated that she is excited that they are implementing a mobile app for their street outreach. At VOA.
 - Shireen Ranschau (SF Housing) wondered how HUD would react to an increase in our count numbers. Jenni Bauer (SDHDA) explained that on our application there are places to explain increases and that an increase in participation and accuracy would be better for the CoC in the long run.
 - Anita Deranleau (Rapid City Schools) voiced her frustration with the PIT count and that it does not accurately account for the homeless youth. A number of responses acknowledged the concern and hope that the newly formed youth committee can come up with strategies to get a more accurate count.

ESG Update – Denise Alberston(SDHDA) provided an update on the ESG program.

- 2016 ESG Award = \$574,427
 - New DV Database (Implementation) = \$28,250
 - User Fees = \$29,160
 - SDHDA Admin = \$28,722
- 21 Agencies received \$488,295
 - Coverage across the state

- Shelter/Renov/Ess Svc = \$268,190
- RRH/HP/HMIS = \$210,530
- Admin = \$9,575
- New Comparable Database
 - Eccovia Solutions is creating a DV database for us that should be running by January 1, 2017.
 - Denise will be asking representatives from 3-4 DV agencies to review the system as different phases are available.
 - Will include:
 - All required HUD information for reporting
 - DV assessment
 - VOCA Crimes Assessment
 - Protection order Assessment
 - Lethality Assessment
 - Baseline Self Sufficiency Matrix
 - HUD reports plus the ability to create customized reports.

Sioux Falls Coordinated Assessment Update – Stacey Tieszen (Minnehaha Co Human Services)

- A system (Network of Care) has been created by Service Point so that agencies talk to each other using real time data.
- This was made possible with a grant that 211 received through the Bush Foundation
- They are currently determining roles and responsibilities
- 211 hired a cyber security officer to address possible security threats and the protection of information
- St Francis House went live on September 1st with the Hope Center and Bishop Dudley hopefully following in October.
- The goal is for all agencies to work together and coordinate efforts.

Vets@Home Update – Jenni Bauer (SDHDA)

- The group currently meets bi-weekly and has 20 participants from across the state.
- Goals include:
 - Use data and analytics to identify veteran populations and local needs and measurable system goals.
 - Reduce timelines for placing veterans in VA and HUD permanent housing projects
 - Identify resources for veterans who are unable to receive VA health or housing services
 - Create a Masterlist that:
 - Ensures all veterans experiencing homelessness within a community are identified and their housing needs are known;
 - Track the status and progress toward permanent housing of each of these veterans
 - Coordinate housing and services for each veteran household between all community providers
 - Measure progress toward goals and how close a community is to reaching an into to homelessness among veterans
 - Identify key barriers to goal attainment and opportunities to resolve them
 - Our masterlist is incomplete but currently has 92 veterans listed – $\frac{1}{2}$ of those listed are currently housed.
 - Engage in Case Conferencing
 - Case Conferencing works in tandem with our master list to ensure that our communities are tracking, engaging and connecting all veterans experiencing homelessness to permanent housing.
 - There will be a group in RC and a group in SF
 - Review the progress and barriers related to each veteran
 - Identify and track systemic barriers and strategize solutions
 - Clarify roles and reduce the duplication of services

- Tentative dates are June 6th & 7th in Oacoma
- Suggested topics after the 2016 summit include:
 - Creating Supportive Networks for Homeless Adults and Children
 - The effect of stress and mental health for those living in poverty/homelessness and the impact on children's development
 - Homeless Simulation
 - Human trafficking in Indian Country/South Dakota and the impact it has on homeless individuals
 - Compassion Fatigue
 - The barriers of Domestic Violence and Homelessness
 - Reservation Poverty
 - Sessions for small emergency shelters and dealing with issues in the reservations system
 - Specific area housing needs and ideas for possible solutions
 - Tools trainings
 - HUD-VASH
 - Homeless youth and services
 - Homelessness with mental health issues
 - Re-Entry
 - Housing sex offenders and nursing home placements for sex offenders
 - Best practices
 - Collaborative statewide work – how do we make a cohesive strategic impact

Round Table Discussions

- Shireen Ranschau (SF Housing) wanted to discuss the scoring and ranking procedures used for the CoC project applications.
 - Jenni Bauer (SDHDA) – The PAC did discuss and will be making changes to the scoring and ranking for 2017.
 - Stacey Tieszen (Minnehaha County Human Services) stated that the PAC tried to be fair allocating the points and decided this year to stick with the current ranking and scoring to go along with HUD's

priorities. The PAC is always happy to get feedback and suggestions.

- Barb Garcia (City of Rapid City) emphasized that the points are based on HUD's priorities.
- Lorraine Polak (SDHDA) mentioned that due to monitoring not being done on all projects all projects were scored based on their HUD monitoring only.
 - All projects will be monitored in 2017
- Leveraging was mentioned in the scoring criteria – this is referring to other money that projects are getting. Many projects did not mention other money since it was not required. The PAC washed this if the project matched the required 25%.
- Rapid City Update –
 - Anita Deranleau (Rapid City Schools) Collective Impact – Collective Impact is a community supported initiative with long-term commitment to a common agenda for solving specific social problems. Their actions are supported by a shared measurement system, mutually reinforcing activities, and ongoing communication. Together, Rapid City Collective Impact (RCCI) will catalyze and harness the talent, skill, and perspective of grass roots citizens, businesses, nonprofits, government and non-profit communities, creating collaborative ways where everyone contributes to improve life and living in Rapid City.
 - Barbara Garcia (City of Rapid City) Barb is currently working on a number of housing initiatives.
 - 4-6 tiny houses for transitional housing for Cornerstone Rescue Mission. This will serve as a model to the community.
 - 128 acre development that will include tiny apartments and tiny houses in with developer's houses. They are looking at a co-op for solar power.
 - The city of Rapid City is providing free public transit for youth. This began August 23rd and is free for youth grades K-12.
- HUD Update – Roger Jacobs

- Homes for South Dakota will fund the first ever housing coalition with the SD Housing Opportunity Fund (HOF). It is designed to promote economic development in SD by expanding the supply of decent, safe, sanitary and affordable homes targeted to families and other South Dakotans with moderate to low incomes. The last of the dedicated funding has been obligated so moving forward, there will be limited funds available. This year only \$600,000 of funding was available and \$4million in requests were received.
- Eric Kunzweiler (ICAP)
 - ICAP is moving from Transitional Housing to Rapid Rehousing; there will be 42 more available units.
- Darci Bultje (ROCS)
 - CAP agencies are using HOF funds to help IDEA savings funds. 28 slots are full and this is available statewide.
- Sherrie Fines-Tracy (DSS/CPS)
 - DSS is able to help youth aging out of foster care with housing by paying rent (reduced amount each month).
 - DSS would like more information on section 8 and other housing options for youth.
 - 70 youth per year can apply for the education training program through DSS.
- Shelters
 - Christina VanDeWetering (DVN&WC) They are having trouble finding populations to spend ESG funds on. Need ideas of how to get them stable and housed. The struggle is that there is a lack of life skills.
 - Suzy Cop (Journey Home) stated that they are having the same issues. They meet with the individuals and families and don't just hand out rent or a security deposit.
 - Lavonne Walker (Safe Harbor) and Karen Feterl (MASH) state that they are having problems with their clients and drugs. They know the clients know how to work the system and they have no intention of sticking out the program.
 - Lorraine Polak (SDHDA) What can we do to help? Trainings, resource page, etc.

- Stacey Tieszen (Minnehaha County Housing) – Maybe 211 could come and do a training on what the coordinated assessment system looks like.
 - Christina VanDeWetering (DVN/WC) There is a need for an intensive program that goes into client homes to really teach them parenting and life skills. It needs to be a mentorship program. There used to be a family preservation program that devoted 20–40 hours per week with each family to do just that. They no longer have the people or the resources to provide this time of a service.
- Stephanie Monroe (VOA–Dakotas) There is an expanded opportunity to engage the youth in the 2017 PIT. The mobile app that they are using for outreach may be able to aid in that effort.
 - Denise Ragels (Beacon Center) – They have run into the same issues as the other shelters; when clients don't qualify for subsidized housing it is hard for them to find anything.
 - Karen Feterl (MASH) – Davison County is looking at adding the 211 service. They have some good community leaders involved and it is looking very promising.
 - Jean Blonigen (BADV) There are talks of adding a non-DV homeless shelter in Mobridge.
 - Mary Koens (Artemis House) – For them making connections and reaching out to other agencies in their area has been very beneficial to them. They have found that stopping the giving stops the cycle of returning.
 - Kathy Rutten (The Network) – They received a transitional grant through VAWA. The DV Institute in Brookings will be holding their 2016 conference in October and will include topics such as care givers and drugs. There will be a lot of great topics outside of DV.
 - Shireen Ranschau (SF Housing) SF is working on a new initiative to attract new people to fill jobs. They found that they have the people but that those people need training. Affordable housing is also a big piece of that. A new ‘Cradle to Career” program that will focus on development of talent beginning in the early school grades and talent attraction from outside of Sioux Falls. This program is designed to create a pipeline of trained talent now and in the future. They will begin with mapping the affordable housing in the area.

- Lorraine Polak (SDHDA)
 - This is the first year that SDHDA will be allocating Housing Trust Funds. SDHDA received 3 million and had only 2 million in requests. Another application round will be held in the spring new construction and rehab for units at 30% AMI. This will be available to PHA's also.
 - The HOME program has 8 million available and not all has been requested.
 - The Housing Conference will be held Oct. 25th and 26th in Pierre. There will be a session on Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing.
 - Crime Free Housing – this last year a notice came out from HUD that this may be a fair housing issue. We need to reevaluate this process.
 - Legislative Day – are we going to have one? We do need more public awareness of our group.
 - Stacey, Stephanie and Melissa stated that they would help.
 - Does DV see a lot of youth?
 - They have to be 18 for them to be served without a family member.
 - Melissa Jungemann (VOA-Dakotas) stated that Children's Inn is a Safe Place, so they collaborate with them. If they get youth there they will send them to VOA.
 - Christina VanDeWetering (DVN) They have an empowerment skills group that addresses bullying, dating violence and many other topics.
- Who can we encourage to participate and how can we get more people/organizations to partner with SDHHC.
 - Churches/Ministerial Association
 - DLR
- Anita Deranleau (RC Schools) suggested some training on the HIC forms.
 - Possible video training on our website or in-person or DDN training.

Attendees:

John Fette – SD Department of Veterans Affairs

Stephanie Monroe – VOA-Dakotas

Bill Podhridsky – DDI

Sherrie Fines-Tracy – DS/CPS

Mary Ann Leanna – Cornerstone Rescue Mission

Darci Bultje – ROCS

Tammie Denning – ICAP

Eric Kunzweiler – ICAP

Roger Jacobs – HUD

Kami Marts – Missouri Shores Domestic Violence Shelter

Jean Blonigen – BADV

Mary Koens – Artemis House

Kathy Rutten – SD Network against FV and SA

Shireen Ranschau – Sioux Falls Housing

Lavonne VanHove – Sioux Falls Housing

Barbara Garcia – City of Rapid City

Anna Quinn – Hope Center

Jennifer Humphry – DSS

Suzy Cope – Journey Home

Anita Deranleau – Rapid City Area Schools – McKinney Vento

Stacey Tieszen – Minnehaha County Human Services

LaVonne Walker – Safe Harbor

Karen Feterl – MASH

Oriel Ching – Beacon Center

Denise Ragels – Beacon Center

Melissa Jungemann – VOA-Dakotas

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