Continuum of Care Advisory Committee

St Cloud Library – Mississippi room

April 2, 2019 1:00-3:00 pm

**In Attendance:**

Casie Behm (Isanti County), Amanda Berg (Anna Marie’s), Carrie Burrell (Brd HRA), Kassa Burt (Tri-Cap), Amy Carter (RISE), Ji Young Choi (MN Housing), Maria Essman (LSS Youth Services), Lori Gudim (VOA Our Home), Jess Hartfiel (Great River Family Promise), Kathy Kraft (MACV), Jennifer Krebs (Salvation Army-Sherburne), Alisa Ledoux (Salvation Army-Wright), Chassidy Lobdell (Lakes & Pines), Rebecca Manning (Northern Pines), Evan Moser (Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe), Bryan Newman (Center City Housing), Brenda Pritchard (Open Doors For Youth), Louise Reis (St, Cloud HRA), Stephanie Rodriges-Moser (ICA), Kathy Sauve (LSS), Danielle Snedeker (Lakes & Pines), Hyacinth Stiffler (Bi-County Cap), Matt Viney (A Place for You), Jennifer Walker (Catholic Charities), Julie Wermerskirchen (New Pathways), Cathy Wogen (Kids Fighting Hunger), Liz Young (Hearth Connection)

**A. Welcome and Introductions**

**B. Approval of March 5, 2019 minutes**

Motion made by Amy Carter, Jennifer Krebs 2nd, Motion passed

**C. Additions to the Agenda**

AG’s replacement will be Tammy Smith from LSS. She will be starting April 11th and working with AG until May 24. AG may continue to assist throughout the NOFA.

May 16th is the tentative date for AG’s retirement party from 4-6pm. The location is yet to be determined.

**D. AEON –**

* + Presentation on Selection criteria research-Sue Hackett from AEON, a Non-profit developer from the metro area. How does criminal background matter What they found is that a criminal background doesn’t really matters in terms of housing success.
  + 11 of 15 criminal offense categories have no significant effect on housing outcomes.
  + Goal would be to screen applicants in rather than out, looking at did they pay their utility bills, no damage to last place of residence etc vs Felony automatic denial.
* Big Lake Development – Certificate of Consistency-Leslie Roering stated they are building on 6 acres next to Northstar commuter rail. Service providers are Tri-Cap and Sherburne Co. There are 54 units. The rent 30%-50-60% of income. Current criminal selection criteria will be updated based upon new findings released in February (Open/willing to work with criminal history tenants). Must meet LTH definition. AEON will submit for funding in June with awards in October and hoping to break ground in 2020 and opening spring 2020-2021.

**Vote on Certificate of Consistency -Motion by Liz Young, Louise Reis 2nd, Motion passed**.

**E. Priority evaluation and policy changes – need to form committee**

* Setting up meeting to update CES policies and procedures to include a method for RRH households from RRH to PSH, if needed.

**F. CES Tool Decision Making and Consensus document**

* AG talks about how to vote on or work with new tool. Vote by consensus. AG looking for vote of confidence.
* JI looking at ways of improving CE. The survey from last year had diverse opinions. .
* Survey did not have a bell curve either, respondents either loved the tool or hated it!
* Communication will be sent out after the CES monthly meeting via email.
* Motion to move forward with CES Tool Decision Making and Consensus document **Motion by Bryan Newman, 2nd Hyacinth - Motion carried.**

**G. Mike Manhard – SPARK** Peter Charpentier not here. AG skimmed for highlights. suggested tabling to May Meeting- All agreed.

**H. Coordinated Entry**

* Jay reported 727 people on Priority List, 124 Inactive, and 78 on Google Docs for a total of 681 people on both lists up 28 from last month.
* Missing information on Priority List improved by 9 providers not having anything missing!
* Our first Assessor training will be Wednesday April 24th at CMHP. It will take 3 hrs.
* Monday Case Conference Call will change based on feedback. He will email agenda’s out by Thursday.
* Jay let everyone know that the first filter he uses for referrals is County 1, County 2, County 3 so please let your assessors know.
* We made our first referral to Guardian Angles, We are waiting to hear back and will scheduled a follow-up meeting to recap what we could do better.
* Priority List

Jennifer Walker asked if we could add more counties than 3 as preferences-Stephanie from ICA will check and get back to us.

**I ICA information –**

* Updates- PIT is done, did well on corrections, quality fantastic.
* Looking at new user training format not out yet, is more user friendly. Well sky hoping to do some updates in near future.
* Working on a Report for NOFA that CoC’s can use for scoring.
* CES Report can be run by County now.

**J. Point in Time Count update**

* AG be will wrapping up the PIT after she gets back on the 15th.
* Central increased in their numbers. Increased in Female homeless 22-24 age. We went from 119 to 134 shelters.

**K. Announcements**

* Evan Moser shared they have Senator Tina Smith, Flanagan visiting.
* Brenda Pritchard said they hired a Case Manager
* Cathy Wogen said they packaged remaining Kids for Hunger to send out.
* A Place for You has 2 openings
* AG sent out a map link of Access/Assessment sites/LTH etc. We will eventually put on our website.

**Jennifer Walker made motion to end meeting, Liz Young 2nd – Motion Carried.**

**May 7, 2019**

**Coordinated Entry Meeting**

**11:30 -1:00**

**CoC Advisory Committee Meeting**

**1:00-3:00**

**St Cloud Library**

**Board Meeting 3:15**