

CC Inter-Agency Council on Homelessness
January 15th, 2014

Attendees: Gwen Parrack, CCHD; Julie Wright, CCHD; Pat Marks, Meeting Ground; Earl Grey, Cecil County Housing Agency; Daniel Rose, V.A; Shelly Gulledge, CCHD; Jason Burns, HMIS; Barbara Bessicks, UHCC; Eileen Ondra, SSCT; Carole Hires, Chesapeake City Ecumenical Association; Rose Capriotti, CCDSS, Debbie Parker, UBCSS; Jean Marie Donahoo, UHCC; Jennifer Tuerke, ADRC; John Blakely, VA; Mark Reich, VA; April Miller, Help Center

Introductions were made.

Gwen reviewed the two changes that were made to the Governance Procedures which were listing which subcommittee handles which duty and an addition about attendance. The procedures were approved by the group as written. It is probable that there will need to be board meetings, held separate from these meetings, in the future.

New board members who had volunteered at the last meeting were officially voted on at this meeting as follows: Donna Woodis representing Union Hospital, Eileen Ondra representing Senior Services & Community Transit MAP, April Miller, representing County government and ESG. There are still two or three vacancies that need to be filled. Debbie Parker volunteered to be the mental health representative if a member of On Our Own is not interested.

Currently funded projects of the CoC are:

- HMIS Project- Includes Jason our HMIS consultant and has a budget of \$38,000 +/-
- Continuum of Care Program (formerly Shelter Plus Care Program)- this program is through UBCSS. It is a 12 housing unit program for consumers with a mental health diagnosis and criminal history. This program has a budget of \$150,000 +/-
- Community Collation for Affordable Housing which includes the Samaritan and Friendship projects-receives approximately \$12,000- for operational expenses
- Transitional Housing for Victims of Domestic Violence

HUD's funding priorities are Permanent Support Housing programs and Rapid Re-Housing models. They no longer want to fund transitional housing as it is not cost-effective and efficient at getting people into permanent housing quickly. The Health Department will be submitting an application for \$3,600 for planning funds that will be used for a consultant if approved.

The Rating and Ranking committee is currently reviewing all projects, using Annual Performance Reports (APRs) to determine where a 5% cut to the annual renewal demand will be recommended should HUD have a funding shortfall this year. Early Grey and Eileen Ondra, and a representative from On Our Own will comprise the committee. HUD now requires the rating and ranking forms to be uploaded and publicly posted.

The next Strategic Planning meeting is not currently scheduled but will focus on Coordinated Assessment. This meeting will resume after the CoC grant is submitted, deadline 2-3-14.

Jason reviewed the PIT surveys with the group. PIT Surveys were distributed to all still needing them. The survey and guidelines are available online at www.hmisadmin.com, under user access, Cecil County, HMIS Resources, Survey and Guidelines. There is a PIT subcommittee that is meeting immediately following this one.

Jason reviewed information on all agencies that participated in the PIT survey last year and discussed additions for this year. Suggestions for additions included Serenity Health, Elkton Treatment Center, West Cecil Health Center, all libraries, Cecil County Jail, ADRC, and Pastor Phil Meekins (Jennifer Tuerke will get his contact information to Gwen). It was discussed that there is a possibility of a homeless camp behind the VA hospital. Any specific information on this should be sent directly to Danny Rose or John Blakely.

Danny Rose requested that we give VA program information out to anyone who checks the Veteran box on the PIT survey. Jason will have this information added to the resource cards that will be given out to the consumers who complete the PIT survey. The best number for this program is 1-877-4AIDVET.

Shelly and Chief Hamilton will be going into the woods to try to get surveys completed by those living in homeless camps in North East.

Gwen encouraged the group to let her know if they have any questions about any of the information given today.

The next meeting will be March 19th @ 1:30pm in the Health Department Auditorium.