



Cecil County Inter-Agency Council on Homelessness
Minutes
4/20/16

Attendees: Gwen Parrack, CCHD; Gerry Crockett, Help Center; Tahia Glanton, CCHD; Shelly Gullede, CCHD; Tifnie Karopchinsky, V.A. Hospital; Mary Ellen McCandless, Cecil County Help Center; Cynthia Osborne, Elkton Housing Authority; Kevin Curry, Alliance Inc.; Gregg Bortz, CCHD; Julie Wright, CCHD

Minutes for the February 17th, 2016 meeting were approved as written.

The 2016 Point in Time results are not yet ready. Results will be discussed at the June meeting.

Gwen informed the group that the next meeting will be on May 18th at 1:30 pm. This meeting will be held at the Paris Foundation and is a special meeting of the group for a presentation by Chester County officials to discuss how they address homelessness in their community.

Shelly informed the group the first Voices of Youth Count meeting was held on March 24th. The second planning meeting to discuss youth focus group meetings will be held Friday, 5-13-16 at 12:00pm. Youth participants in focus groups will be paid. Please note that Barbara Smith is also coordinating some focus groups on behalf of LMB planning, however, they are different and not affiliated with the Voices of Youth count. Cynthia suggested Nancy Crawford might be a good contact for identifying youth.

Gwen informed the group that the DV Shelter and one of the two CoC (formerly Shelter Plus Care) projects were approved in the tier one round of CoC awards. Community Coalition of Affordable Housing (3 projects) and the other CoC (Shelter Plus Care) project did not get awarded in the first round. There is a chance it could come through in the tier 2 funding. If it doesn't come through in that round, the funding is gone.

The Veteran's By Name List structure is in place. The next step is to assign case managers on the list to and begin active discussions on housing options. The first Match Meeting was held on April 19th. This meeting's focus is to match consumers with housing programs, etc. The group is still determining whose attendance is essential to the meeting but definitely any case managers who are working with homeless veterans.

Gwen informed the group that Social Determinants were identified as the number 3 priority for the next Local Health Improvement Plan. Included under social determinants are homelessness, educational attainment, and poverty. The Social Determinants work group has created a draft of goals, objectives, and strategies. Anyone interested in attending the Community Health Advisory Committee meeting, to learn more, should contact Gwen so she can add them to the contact listing. Gwen distributed a draft of the goals, objectives, and strategies for social determinants and asked everyone to look it over and e-mail her with their thoughts, questions, etc.

Roundtable:

Cynthia informed the group that her program, along with other agencies, are working towards self-identifying all small public housing agencies and educating others on what they do, as well as working to find ways of doing even more. The hope is that Elkton Housing will work to improve the condition of their properties, which will in turn improve the lives of those utilizing the program, in the next fiscal year. She also informed the group

that there is a possibility of three housing reform bills being passed. When Elkton Housing officially makes the transition to a non-profit agency, they will be called the Elkton Development and Managing Corporation.

Shelly informed the group that On Our Own will be hosting four workshops in the month of May, as part of May is Mental Health Awareness Month. The first will be a Kick Off on May 4th, at On Our Own, where their focus will be Homeless Survival Skills. They will also offer Safetalk, a Suicide Prevention workshop, on May 6th, among other events. Shelly will send the flyer out to the group, via email.

Kevin informed the group that intakes are available at Perry Point VA on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. Intake personnel will also go out to those who have a transportation barrier. They can go directly to the Vet Center to meet with consumers if the Vet Center calls them to let them know there is someone in need of an intake appointment. Tifnie reminded the group that intake is available at the Walk In Clinic in Baltimore every Monday. Project Place program is available on Tuesdays and offers transitional housing services for Baltimore County and Baltimore City.

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