

Minutes for Metro Louisville Continuum of Care (CoC) Meeting – October 6, 2015

Mary Frances Schafer welcomed the members of the Metro Louisville CoC. Mary Frances then gave an update on the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) CoC funding announcement. See attached outline, but key details include:

- 1) The project deadline to the Coalition for the Homeless is Saturday, October 17 at midnight, and project applications are due to Mary Frances. (Submit on this date NO MATTER WHAT! It can always be sent it back to you.)
- 2) November 2 is the deadline for the posting of the final ranking.
- 3) Tuesday, November 17, the application is due to HUD for additional points.
- 4) Louisville is eligible for a bonus of up to \$1,361,088. (Bonus money must be used for Permanent Supported Housing for Chronics or Rapid Rehousing for individuals and/or families). Anyone interested must contact Mary Frances by Tuesday.
- 5) The NOFA allows for reallocation. Several existing projects have relinquished all or parts of their funding to be reallocated. Reallocated funds can be used for PSH for Chronics, Rapid Rehousing, Common Assessment or HMIS. Several agencies have requested a portion. Anyone else interested must contact Mary Frances by Tuesday.
- 6) The funding line – Tier 1 – is pretty high, which means that more projects will fall into Tier 2.
- 7) HUD has put forth how they will be scoring projects. See NOFA and NOFA Summary.

Mary Frances reminded everyone to read the full NOFA and the NOFA summary.

Next, Mary Frances described the ranking system for the Metro Louisville CoC:

- I. The Metro Louisville CoC will continue to use the existing ranking system (see attached).
 - i. Housing goal: Maintaining PSH for 6 mo or more (80%)/percentage of people moving from TH to PH (80%)
 - ii. Capacity
 - iii. Funds returned
 - iv. Income
 - v. Employment
 - vi. Leverage
 - vii. HMIS quality and quantity (New ART 260 which measures data quality – and is directly linked to the HUD APR report.)
 - viii. Common Assessment/Single point of entry participation
- II. Metro Louisville will also rank projects according to HUD's four outcomes measurements
 - i. Maintaining PSH for 1 year or more (80%)/The average time it takes to move those in TH to permanent housing

- ii. Focusing PSH turnover vouchers/units on serving the chronically homeless
- iii. Those using Housing First
- iv. Those leveraging mainstream services

Mary Frances then gave an update on the HMIS meeting which was held prior to this meeting. A new APR report is coming November 1. It will be able to be run in real time. The ART 631 (APR detailed report) will be going away. The new report will include two new goals:

A. Length of Stay

ART 631 to determine who is exceeding the following guidelines

1. Transitional Housing: Over 365 days (1 year) and over 2 years which is the maximum stay for TH
2. Emergency Shelter: Over 180 days (6 months)
3. SSOs: Over 730 days (2 years)

Identify by name who has exceeded the above and determine why

4. There may be very reasonable reasons why someone has exceeded the above but please identify who and why and determine if there is anything that could be done to expedite their exiting the homeless provider system.
5. I have given the Common Assessment team the reports that include names that have exceeded a 1 year stay to determine if all of these folks have been assessed by the Common Assessment team.
6. If the person is no longer in your program, please exit them from HMIS as soon as possible using the backdate mode and as close to their exit date as possible.

B. Reoccurrences (Recidivism)

- i. We are beginning to get clues as to what a "Reoccurrence" is. Bowman has received the specs on how to create reports to tell us this information so we will be using HMIS to learn how each project is doing and more importantly how the CoC is doing with folks leaving shelters/programs and returning either to the same or a different project within the CoC system. Will and I are studying the specs and already know that EVERYONE needs to be diligent in completing their HMIS records as cleanly and completely as possible. (You do not want to get into a situation where you need to do a lot of clean up!!) Do it right the first time!

There is also a new report for measuring HUD Outcomes (ART 252) that has been updated to give you a better idea of how you are doing with HMIS data quality. This report uses a different but more accurate way of indicating whether you are putting in all the information that will be needed for the HUD reports.

This report was run for all agencies and programs that receive CoC money for Jan 2015 – June 2015. This report will be used to monitor HMIS participation in the future – NOT NOW. We gave each agency your report last month so you could see what it measures and how to get up to speed in your data entry. HUD is indicating that the data used to produce the report using this information will pull from a year prior. This is to determine “Reoccurrence”. So the sooner you begin to enter the information in the new required categories the better it will be.

Mary Frances then gave an update on Zero 2016 (January – September 2015)

* Total Housed: 452 (Veterans Housed: 331, Chronics Housed: 258)

Announcements followed:

Natalie Harris shared that several trainings are coming soon:

- 1) Motivational Interviewing will be offered in November,
- 2) De-escalation will be offered in January, and
- 3) A three-day training for all shelter staff will be held the second week in January

Joe Hamilton shared that Stand Down/Operation Homeless Connect will take place at Salvation Army on Wednesday, October 7, 2015.

Brandi shared that the FMRs increased about 7% starting on October 1, 2015 and reminded all CoC applicants to submit match and leverage letters for their projects. Metro Louisville needs a collective leverage amount of 150% to get full points.

The next meeting will be held on November 2, 2015 at 3:30 at Metro United Way.