

# January COC Meeting 2022

1.10.2022

Quarter 1

3:30PM

## Hosts:

Brandi Scott: Director of Planning and Evaluation

Danielle Otte: Associate Director of Services and Systems Advancement.

Ashley Tabor: Monitoring and Training Specialist

Will King: HMIS Administrator

Erica Johns: Executive Assistant

Brandi provided the COC network with an introduction to her new role and discussed the following:

## Communications:

- All COC communications will be managed through listserv- please contact Erica Johns if there are any contacts that should be included.
- There will be a special COC email created for future communications

**Meeting Schedule:** Brandi outlined changes in the COC meeting schedule.

- Quarterly instead of monthly.
- Jan, April, July, Oct
- Meeting will begin at 3pm
- Remaining virtual- Zoom
- No standing invites a zoom link with registration will be sent as prior notice.

Brandi urged all participants to remove old invites.

**Committee changes:** Brandi discussed the following new committees

- Scoring Committee
- HMIS User group- with plans to meet quarterly. Contact Will or Ashley if interested.
- Homeless Youth Committee

These committees will have more details to follow along with a request for participants.

## Training Plan:

Danielle Otte discussed the creation of a new training schedule for the first 6 months of the year to meet HUD requirements for COC.

**American Rescue plan funding-** Participants discussed their current proposals if funding is met through the American rescue plan.

### **Sarah Buckler- St. John Center**

St. John Center submitted a proposal for single site housing for hardest to house. Working with a developer on 80 units possible based on funding. Case management with additional support will be provided on site.

Hopes to build partnerships between agencies

Waiting for results- availability by 2024 if approved. Would like to open the conversation for other agencies to talk about the project.

### **Tamara Reif - VOA**

Tamara discussed Volunteers of America's proposal for building on a property that was gifted to them. There are hopes this will be expanded to include more units for affordable housing.

### **Kathy Dobbins- Wellspring**

Kathy outlined Wellspring's proposal for scattered site units incorporated into the surrounding neighborhoods. that will include a total of 50 for adults experiencing mental health issues. smaller sites that are more incorporated into the surrounding neighborhoods.

### **PIT-**

- HUD sent a memo stating the COC can postpone the PIT count until the end of February due to covid. Brandi plans to file the waiver/ request. She is unsure if it will be granted. It is also unclear if it will apply to the shelter pit. Brandi remains committed to informing the COC on any updates she receives from HUD.
- The current plan for the PIT count is to do a similar model like last year involving outreach groups. Brandi also gave notice that they are working to improve questionnaires and will host trainings on how to conduct and complete the forms. Future trainings will be recorded as well.
- There will be a shorter deadline for submission, but quicker follow up.
- Stuffing backpacks- volunteers needed for future date.

**VAWA- ETP-** Updates were given by Jennifer Clark and Greer Hannan. Committee has been created and will meet on a quarterly basis to review plans, best practices and emergency transfers that have taken place. Trainings will be available in February. are looking for others with lived experienced to participate in this committee.

### **COC Competition Update-**

Applications were submitted to HUD on Nov 15. Nothing new to report. Brandi made an important note to all COC participants to respond promptly to "Notice of curable deficiencies" given by HUD and to also make sure to list your agencies code of conduct on the HUD website. Brandi will facilitate help if needed for this process.

**RAVE System-**

Mary Frances Schafer gave updates on the communications system she is currently developing. This one-way communication system has been purchased and will be tested before rollout.

Mary Frances is hopeful that this system will alert others for events such as:

- white flag alerts
- bed availability
- shelter info
- unforeseen closures
- camp clearings, etc.

Email and phone will be requested in the future from those who would like to receive alerts.

Greer- issue regarding shelter license. Revisions to the ordinance. Must use the new applications. New requirements must be submitted with the new application.

Deposit program changes- CFH is no longer administering