

DeKalb County Continuum of Care

August 24, 2016 Quarterly Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Robert Putz, CACDC; Tara Russo, Elder Care Services; Lisa Seymour, RAMP; Joy Sobczak & Christine Madsen, MSHV; Sabrina Nicholson, Ben Gordon Center; Linda Drake, DCVAC; Jennifer Yochem, Shelly Perkins, & Carol Herrington, HACD; Corinne Steimer, Hines VA; Colleen Bredeson & Leah Jordal, VAC; Deanna Cada, DeKalb County Mental Health Board; Jenny Swanson & Lesly Wicks, Hope Haven; Anita Zurburgg, DeKalb County Community Foundation; Kim Wilkerson, Center for Family Health; Wes Hoadly, DPD; Erick Hicks, DFD; Jim Fisher; formerly homeless; Derek Hiland, City of DeKalb; Diana Hulst, YSB; Cindy Graves, DeKalb County Health Department; Dawn Guler, AID; Sylvia Higham, University Village; Rachel Schmit, DeKalb Park District

Business began at 10:34 AM with Perkins welcoming attendees. Attendees provided brief introductions. Perkins reviewed the April 27, 2016 Minutes and asked for any corrections or changes to those minutes. Rachel Schmit stated that she was in attendance and would like her name added to the attendees list. Perkins asked for a motion to approve the minutes with modifications. Dawn Littlefield made a Motion to approve, Anita Zurburgg seconded the Motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Minutes approved.

Discussion moved to the 2015 HUD Homeless Assistance Grant noting that IL509 had lost the Permanent Housing Bonus grant of \$11, 590. The family is thankfully transitioning to the Housing Choice Voucher Program and moving on to self-sufficiency. Perkins discussed HMIS transition from Housing Works Inc over to Service Point through the Rock River Valley Continuum. All historical data must be manually re-entered and is proving to be a drain on resources and a big learning curve.

Perkins reviewed the release of the 2016 HUD Homeless Assistance grant competition. Perkins reviewed dates and discussed the ranking of the renewals. No new project applications were received and no reallocation will take place for this competition. With Hope Haven and The Housing Authority of the County of DeKalb as sub-grantees abstaining from the vote, Perkins asked for a Motion to approve the project application ranking for the 2016 competition. Lisa Seymour made a Motion to approve; Dawn Littlefield seconded the Motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Project Ranking approved.

Perkins reviewed the Collaborative Application reviewing the performance measure data, PITC data and general narratives. Perkins noted that the Application can be found on the web page for detailed review. Perkins asked for a motion to submit the Collaborative Application for the 2016 HUD Homeless Assistance Grant competition. Rachel Schmit made a motion to approve; Lisa Seymour seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion approved to submit the 2016 application.

Perkins provided an updated draft of the bylaws noting the modification to included "one vote per entity." Perkins asked for further discussion on the draft bylaws. With no further discussion to be had, Perkins asked for a motion to approve and adopt the amended bylaws. Anita Zurburgg made a motion to approve; Corrine Steimer seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion approved to adopt the amended bylaws.

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Perkins reviewed and discussed the upcoming subcommittee needs and also provide a handout that included a visual of the CoC annual cycle. Hope Haven will be coordinating the annual Point in Time Count set to take place on January 27, 2017 and 10-year plan committee. Perkins asked for non-sub-grantee volunteers for next years ranking committee. Lisa Seymour, Tara Russo, Dawn Guler and Jim Fisher volunteered to serve on the committee. Perkins will follow up with volunteers and seek to find a fifth committee member. Perkins also discussed the need to find a new Collaborative Applicant and will be working with the City and County to further that initiative.

Corrine Steimer gave a brief overview of IL509's progress to achieve "functional zero" for veteran homelessness. The initial application has been drafted and it is the intent of the CoC to move forward with submission.

Perkins asked for updates from the group, Lesly Wicks from Hope Haven announced that they have a new therapy puppy and they have begun training. Jenny Swanson stated that the shelter is full and they have a waiting listing. Discussion ensued about who is being turned away due to capacity and or not meeting the DeKalb County requirement and if there is a need for additional homeless support such as PADS. It was noted that any increase to capacity would potentially not be well received and or supported by the community.

Perkins stated that the Authority's waiting list is open for the elderly and disabled and that the Authority will be working with the City of DeKalb to conduct an Assessment of Fair Housing over the next two years. Jim Fisher reminded the group of the coat mission that he supports out of the Sycamore United Methodist Church. Jim also is seeking brochures for services offered within the community to share with the people he is working with. Sabrina Nicholson informed the group of a new "closet" program hosted by the Community Support Program at 631 S. 1st street that will take donations of professional clothing appropriate for job interviews and will provide them to clients as needed. Dawn Littlefield discussed the 2-1-1 program and the target date of implementation set for the spring of 2017. Deanna Cada announced an upcoming meeting to discuss supportive housing options and also stated that the Mental Health Court is moving forward and additional information will be coming in the near future.

As there were no further announcements and no other further business to discuss the meeting of the DeKalb County Continuum of Care adjourned at 11:45 AM.