

Northern Local Planning Group | MINUTES

Meeting Date; Time: 3/7/17; 1-2pm

Meeting Location: NSVRC office, Front Royal

Type of Meeting	Regular Meeting	
Note taker	Amber Joiner-Hill (NSVRC)	
Attendees		
Felicia Hart (<i>Town of Front Royal</i>)	Jodi Young (<i>Winchester Medical Center</i>)	
Oscar Cerrito Mendoza (<i>AIDS Response Effort</i>)	Tyler Thompson (<i>Frederick County Public Schools</i>)	
Diana Lieber (<i>Roof Over Their Heads</i>)	John Nagley (<i>AIDS Response Effort</i>)	
Bob Boulter (<i>Faithworks</i>)	Maria Diaz (<i>Access Independence</i>)	
Kaye Harris (<i>The Laurel Center</i>)	Jean Verasammy (<i>The Laurel Center</i>)	
Chris Monroe (<i>Northwestern CSB</i>)	Lynn Gray (<i>Northwestern CSB</i>)	
Katie Furneisen (<i>Shenandoah Alliance for Shelter</i>)	Laura Black (<i>Harrisonburg Redevelopment Housing Authority</i>)	
Whitney Hamrick (<i>Shenandoah Alliance for Shelter</i>)	Karen Marcum (<i>Council on Domestic Violence for Page County</i>)	
Robin Stevens (<i>Council on Domestic Violence for Page County</i>)	Linda Allen (<i>Center for Workforce Development</i>)	
Valerie Roth (<i>People Inc.</i>)	Brandi Day (<i>People Inc.</i>)	
Diane Wittreich (<i>Family Promise of Shenandoah County</i>)	Diane Pence (<i>Family Promise of Shenandoah County</i>)	

2/7/17 minutes approved

Agenda Topic: *Committee Updates*

Discussion

- Best Practices—Valerie Roth
 - continuing to work on planning trainings for service providers in the near future
 - CreditSmart training through Freddie Mac will be offered in April and can educate clients about credit
- Compliance & Evaluation—Maria Diaz
 - completed agency site visits, most recently Mercy House and Valley AIDS Network—the visits are conducted in an effort to help agencies meet HUD and DHCD requirements
 - it's beneficial for agencies to be prepare for the visit by compiling the required documents in a binder and providing that to the site monitors
- Media Advocacy—Amber Joiner-Hill

- The last meeting was postponed until the CoC Strategic Plan is complete, so that the Committee's work aligns with the Plan.
 - Executive—Valerie Roth
 - The group decided to include info about the System Performance Measures into the Strategic Plan and will meet twice this month to continue to create the Plan
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Agenda Topic: *Performance Measures*

Presenter: *Laura Black*

Discussion

- Laura presented information on the System Performance Measures that HUD introduced last year
 - These are measurable outcomes to see how well the entire CoC is doing, but don't include domestic violence agencies because they're not allowed to participate in HMIS due to client confidentiality and safety.
 - 50% of shelter beds, 60% of family beds, 100% of rapid rehousing, and permanent supportive housing is represented in this data
 - Right now, about 50% of the beds that are allowed to participate in HMIS participate in it; the more agencies that participate, the more points the CoC receives in grant competitions
 - Our CoC doesn't have Safe Havens, Transitional Housing, or Street Outreach programs, so we don't provide data for them
 - Are there plans to add aggregate data from domestic violence agencies? No
 - Why don't we complete Measure 6? Because HUD has told our CoC that that measure doesn't apply to us
 - How did we get such a high retention rate (93%) for Measure 7? This is high because clients who participate in Permanent Supportive Housing generally aren't meant to exit the program
 - After the presentation, attendees met in small groups to discuss each of the Measures (except Measures 4 and 6) and how the CoC can work on each of them; bullet notes below
 - For more information about performance measures, contact HMIS Coordinator Laura Black at lblack@harrisonburgrha.com
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Agenda Topic: *Announcements*

Discussion

- Lynn Gray: NWCSB doesn't have a priority to discharge clients; to help accommodate the loss of HUD funds, clients are now being asked to pay their utility bills and take on a bigger portion of their rents (which continue to rise)
- Diana Lieber: New Hope Bible Church is hosting a community meeting for people to provide input about ROTH on March 21st at 6pm

- Kaye Harris: The Laurel Center started the public phase of its capital campaign and aim to move into the new building in 2018; construction to start again in May 2016; will be a 32-bed shelter
- Katie Furneisen: due to a recent unexpected update from Google, there was a little bit of a delay in returning calls while staff adjusted to the updates, they are back on track now, though

System Performance Discussion Notes

Measure 1: Length of Time Persons Remain Homeless

- Identify barriers to housing
- Fair market rent issues
- Working with private landlords to get them to work with clients who have a criminal background
- Clients need income

Measure 2: The Extent to which Persons who Exit Homelessness to Permanent Housing Destinations Return to Homelessness

- Get benefits in place to prevent returns

Measure 3: Number of Homeless Persons

- Relationship building to get more accurate PIT data
- Include domestic violence data collection
- Expand outreach
- Incentives to participate in HMIS

Measure 4: Employment and Income Growth for Homeless Persons in CoC Program-funded Projects

- This Measure wasn't discussed, as it only measures Northwestern CSB activities.

Measure 5: Number of persons who become homeless for the 1st time

- Inclusive count of organizations about HMIS; add access to HMIS
- Systems connecting to each other
- Leverage community to understand the need of data
- Collaborative efforts to keep individuals and households housed
- Private funding
- Find a way to count non-HMIS numbers

Measure 6: Homeless Prevention and Housing Placement of Persons defined by category 3 of HUD's Homeless Definition in CoC Program-funded Projects

- This Measure isn't applicable to our CoC.

Measure 7: Successful Placement from Street Outreach and Successful Placement in or Retention of Permanent Housing

- Find groups doing street outreach and invite them to report to HMIS