

SD HOUSING FOR THE HOMELESS CONSORTIUM (SDHHC) MEETING

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

March 5, 2019

AmericInn, Chamberlain, SD

Agenda

10:00 – 10:30	Welcome, Introductions, & Membership
10:30 – 11:00	Homeless Summit Planning – PAC Elections
11:00 – 11:30	Youth Advisory Board
11:30 – 12:00	Point-In-Time Debriefing
01:00 – 01:30	Lunch Break
01:30 – 02:00	2018 CoC Funding – 2019 CoC NOFA
02:00 - 02:30	Coordinated Entry System
02:30 – 02:45	Committee Reports
02:45 – 03:00	Town Hall Discussion
03:00	Adjourn

Quarterly Meeting Minutes:

Welcome & Introductions:

SDHHC member meeting attendees were welcomed and completed a round of introductions of themselves and agency or group affiliations to begin the meeting. Attendance was recorded for those attending. There were 33 people attending.

Homeless Summit Planning:

Membership of SDHHC were ask to contribute ideas for Homeless Summit Planning. Members were informed of dates of Summit, June 18-19, 2019 and location, Cedar Shores Resort Oacoma, SD. Members submitted these ideas for summit programing; VAWA – Emergency Transfer Plans, Rapid Resolution, SOAR, Recovery Housing, Connecting Research to Practice, Opioid Crisis, De-escalation techniques, Dual diagnosis, Funding sources available via SDHDA besides CoC funding.

PAC Elections:

Members were asked to consider serving on Policy and Advisory Committee (PAC). The PAC is the Governing Board of SDHHC – SD-500 CoC. There are six open positions to be filled by election at Homeless Summit. Attendees were provided with information about the duties of PAC. The PAC does require a commitment to attend meetings and participate in activities. PAC is elected by members of SDHHC at annual homeless summit. There are two chair and secretary/treasurer. Terms are 4 years, unless member is elected to fill vacated term. Consecutive 4 year terms are allowed. PAC Code of Conduct Agreement is required to be signed

by members. Duties discussed included; attending and participating in monthly PAC conference calls, approve new and existing documents, approve policies and procedures, plan and oversee CoC funding application activities, and attend quarterly SDHHC meetings. An informational document on PAC duties will be created for distribution to SDHHC.

PAC CoC competition responsibilities based upon HUD CoC NOFA requirements. Develop timeline for CoC application process. List priorities for funding. Solicit new and renewal applications. Create ranking tool for applications. Rank applications and place applications in funding tiers. Participate in creation and review collaborative application for CoC.

Melanie Bliss asked, whom may vote for PAC members? Melanie voiced her concern with allowing anyone attending to vote at the homeless summit. A brief discussion was had on SDHHC membership requirements.

Stephanie Monroe discussed open membership policy of SDHHC and the fact that any member may vote in elections. Stephanie discussed the importance of the PAC membership and the important duties that are completed and that it is a good idea to have conversations about PAC expectations now as opposed to just prior to elections. Stephanie discussed need to include PAC membership from across the state and that SDHDA staff provide various support to PAC.

Tammie Denning discussed the importance of people with lived homelessness experience serving on PAC.

Melanie opened discussed PAC member reimbursement and discussed costs associated with travel and meeting attendance for those not supported by employer or for non-profit agency employees with little room for budgeting for travel.

Tammie inquired, if reimbursement would be made to individuals that are not supported by another organization or employer?

PAC Reimbursement Plan:

Davis Schofield discussed the planning occurring at SDHDA to utilize CoC Planning Grant funds to reimburse PAC expenses based upon SD state rates for reimbursement. The details are being worked out and reimbursement is most likely for those not supported by an employer for expenses like mileage for travel, lodging, and meals. The formal plan should be prepared by June 2019.

Youth Advisory Board (YAB):

Melissa Jungemann provided a report about YAB. Melissa also inquired if anyone had a desire to assume the leadership position for this committee. Melissa described the current plan. Short surveys will be sent out to the partner agencies for helping to deliver the surveys to youth. The youth competing surveys will be compensated \$10 for survey, most likely by gift card. Melissa discussed the importance of service providers assisting youth to complete surveys and attending meetings in the future via Zoom. Stephanie discussed the importance of the youth voice.

PIT Count Debriefing:

The current PIT data points to an over-all reduction in homeless counted in 2019 as compared to 2018. Significant efforts made by the VA and partners have resulted in a 40% reduction in Veteran homelessness.

In Sioux Falls, Augustana College employee Susanne Smith was quite helpful to efforts including providing feedback and suggestions.

All SD counties reported. Extreme cold likely affected the count. CAP agencies were employed to assist in the PIT Count as was Augustana College.

The membership was asked to offer ideas for improvement. A large number of observation surveys were completed in 2019. This is a training issue that needs to be addressed. Mobile application placed Observation survey tab in a location on screen that may have contributed to this issue. Large number of observations surveys resulted in large amount of data not being recorded included time homeless, number of times homeless, etc. Which likely resulted in substantially less chronic homeless being counted this year. In Rapid City, 300 paper surveys were delivered to the City of Rapid City and eventually entered into mobile application by SDHDA in Pierre. Seems to be resistance to using mobile application in Rapid City. Challenges of completing PIT Count in tribal areas remain evident. Training event in Eagle Butte did not result in a well-organized count for this community but a PIT count was completed and submitted. Improvements comparison from 2018 count was completed. County info was received quickly from CAP agencies. HIC and PIT matching was improved but observation survey made for some challenges. Mobile app allowed for contacting surveyors which helped to determine projects to assign observation surveys. Partnering with Augustana University in Sioux Falls was apposite addition to count process. New partnerships continue to be developed. Awareness about homelessness continues to improve.

Lunch Break:

2018 CoC Funding – 2019 CoC NOFA:

Members was informed of CoC competition results and funding for CoC renewal and planning grants (information is found in slide deck for this meeting on webpage). \$1,316,523 in CoC funding to be awarded. The two Bonus projects submitted were not funded. HUD debrief is March 7, 2019 via webinar.

2019 CoC NOFA:

HUD encourages CoC to look for and recruit new projects. Anticipated release date is May 2019. HUD suggest that DV bonus will be available once more. Organizations renewing and planning new applications should start to prepare now.

CoC HMIS NOFA:

SDHHC will complete application. Looking at funding application to further end user training and strategies to improve HMIS Bed participation. TA provider involved in application process. Anticipate a September 2019 begin date.

Data Quality and Longitudinal System Analysis:

Data quality improvement remains paramount to efforts of SDHHC. CoC grantees are competing quarterly APR and progress is evident. Taking a closer look at data as part of LSA process.

Missing data remains an issue.

Coordinated Entry System:

Policy and procedures updates coming soon. HUD data standards for CES likely applied soon. CES evaluation being completed by Steve Stunes. Yearly training scheduled for July 2019 at Pierre.

Tammie discussed receiving phone calls from participants inquiring about their status on list. A discussion was had on appropriate way to respond to these calls.

Sheila Johnson and others discussed having smaller CES fliers developed with rip off phone numbers and maybe business card sized handouts for CES.

CES Regional Reports:

Region 1: CES participant numbers remain very low compared to the amount of folks reporting they are homeless. The plan is to work with partners to ensure access to CES is occurring.

Region 2 - 3: Davis Darci report that Regions 2 and 3 continue to work together in case conferencing. Numbers have remained fairly consistent. Processes remain fairly informal in mostly rural regions with few providers of housing and services.

Joseph discussed the lack of permanent supportive housing in region. A discussion was had on HUD goals of moving folks on from PSH into other forms of housing assistance and freeing up needed spots for homeless.

Region 4: Stephanie reports Sioux Falls area has been working to develop processes and bring additional players into case conferencing processes. Wait list has growing. A lot of collaboration occurring. Issues with keeping up with highly mobile participants. Capacity issues with housing referrals becoming more evident.

Melanie reported that more affordable housing is needed in South Dakota.

SDHHC Committee Reports:

PAC – Stephanie Monroe – Joseph Tielke reported Pac elections are coming soon. Forward interest to Davis. Homeless summit is scheduled for June 2019 with PAC elections. The plan is to prepare membership prior to homeless summit with info on candidates.

Melanie reported that candidates should plan to submit a resume or interest letter to be considered for PAC elections. Submit these items to Davis for organizing and distribution to PAC and membership for election process. Davis and PAC will talk with folks interested to answer questions.

Veteran – Davis reports that by-name list case conferencing continues bi-weekly. There has been a large reduction in Veteran homeless numbers this past year. The federal benchmarks are being

met or very close most months. There are some open HUDVASH vouchers especially west river. VA has applied for waiver on qualifications for vouchers to utilize resource more effectively. Issue seems to be lack of housing inventory in some areas especially reservations where vouchers are available but housing is extremely limited.

HMIS – Denise and Joe discussed HMIS committee. HMIS NOFA may provide important funding for moving data quality and end user training goals forward. Importance of data can't be overstated.

PIT Count Committee – Davis & Darci reported that anyone wishing to be involved should reach out to Regional/City Coordinators or Davis. If folks want to join committee inform Davis. Committee has been meeting since October and organizing statewide for the count.

Native American Committee – Davis continue to have meetings every few weeks. Developing a strategy for recruitment of Native members. Seeking additional folks to join.

CES Committee – Davis, Denise, Joseph Tielke, and Stephanie reported that committee meets bi-weekly. Access points, referral agencies, regional coordinators, service providers all attending.

Town Hall Discussion:

Roger Jacobs from HUD reports that rental education plans are gaining traction and this need appears evident in SD.

Amy Carter reports that Children's Inn at Sioux Falls is over capacity and considering an expansion project.

Steph Monroe – VOA is expanding Transitional Housing project for Youth.

Taylor Funke and Emily Morgan – Helpline Center provided legislative report.

Kathy Rutten – SD Network – Federal grants were just submitted for Trauma informed Care and Human Trafficking projects

Samantha Brinkman – Call to Freedom is moving to larger facility with 20 beds of supportive housing for Human Trafficking Victims.

LaVonne Walker – Safe harbor promoted upcoming speaker in Aberdeen community.

Chad Elrod – BMS is rolling out zero suicide initiative and building community partnerships.

April LaBeau – Chamberlain shelter has overcome a lot of adversity this year. Now operating as voucher DV shelter.

Christy VanderDeWetering - DVN is raising funds and has purchased a lot for shelter in Madison.

Sherry Carey – VA is expanding homeless outreach in Sioux Falls.

Sarah Bennetts – VA in Sioux Falls has seen some staffing changes.

Jane Big Eagle – Restoring Hope in Lower Brule has been open 1 year serving DV clients. Space is limited and seeking to expand.

Darci B. reports that ROCS is currently completing a lot of tax preparation help across their geography. Recent spike in families seeking assistance in Chamberlain area.

Adjourned: Next quarterly SDHHC meeting is set for 06/18/19 at Oacoma.