

Meeting Minutes
Continuum of Care of Naples/Collier County-FL606

Thursday, May 7, 2015
CareerSource Southwest Florida, Naples, FL

Attendees

Rene Givens, Hunger & Homeless Coalition; Dannielle Brun, Henkels & McCoy; Beth Barger, CareerSource; Ashley Jones, The Salvation Army; Sandra Marrero, The Shelter for Abused Women & Children; Angela Fisher, Hunger & Homeless Coalition; Jessica Wasko, Providence House; Tom Wedlock, Collier County Sheriff's Office; Robyn Quataert, United Way; Cynthia Rodriguez, Collier County Public Schools; Pamela Baker, Youth Haven; Julian Morgan, The Salvation Army; Samantha Maturo, St. Vincent de Paul; Mary Shaughnessy, Catholic Charities; Diana Bautista, David Lawrence Center; Anna Encarnacion, Youth Haven; Diana Dolek, CareerSource; Chuck Drago, St. Vincent de Paul

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Jessica Wasko, Providence House

Speaker

- The Speaker from Safe Families for Children was not available so Dannielle Brun gave an overview of their program. Safe Families for Children bring together social service agencies, churches, and volunteer families to expand the community safety net by providing parents with mentoring relationships and tangible support when they are in crisis. A major objective is to keep families together.

Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve minutes, Robyn Quataert, United Way
- Seconded, Ashley Jones

Executive Committee Report – Dannielle Brun

- The Executive Committee meeting discussion involved current status of HMIS system. Everything is in place to transfer HMIS to the Hunger and Homeless Coalition. They are currently seeking a fulltime staff member to manage the system.
- The committee also discussed the point-in-time count. All data is submitted.
- The Data Committee will be tabled until the HMIS transfer is complete and new administrator is in place.
- If anyone is interested in presenting at a General Membership meeting, please contact member of Executive Committee.
- The next Executive Committee meeting is on June 4th at 3pm. Anyone is welcome to attend, but asked to RSVP for space purposes.

Committee Reports

- Data/HMIS – Tabled – Ashley Jones recommended Louise Pelletier of Collier County Community & Human Services because of her involvement with the Emergency Solutions Grant
- Employment & Support Services – Next meeting is at 2pm on July 2nd at Catholic Charities. They are looking for a presenter.
- Grants – Pamela Baker announced the Community Development Block Grant round is now

closed. Youth Haven was conditionally awarded funds to build a new shelter for homeless teens. Building will begin this fall.

- Housing- No update
- Membership – Robyn Quataert, United Way, agreed to co-chair committee with Angela Fisher.
- Planning – Rene Givens reported that the NOFA is expected by July, as the first two steps are already complete. A committee should evaluate the effectiveness of our programs to reevaluate the allocation of funds.
- Youth – Tom Wedlock reported that with more growth in the community, especially expected future growth, we will need more services. Case management in mental health and substance abuse services is needed.

Old Business

- **Point-in Time Count**
 - The data was gathered at “magnet events” (held at CC Health Department in Immokalee and Tree of Life Church in Naples). Surveys were also supplied to area providers as well as to volunteers for a street count.
 - Anyone who attended events was interviewed because each attendee was in need in some way. About 400 surveys were administered, but 10% were unusable because there was not a way to identify them as non-duplicates.
 - The number of homeless individuals is up from last year, but this could be a result of better surveying.
 - There was a major change in the definition of ‘unaccompanied youth’. The definition was narrowed to only youth between the ages of 16-18, so the count reflects that the number of unaccompanied youth decreased. However, when considering the same population that was defined last year, the number of unaccompanied youth increased. This year’s count also included parenting youth.
 - The snapshot of the result was distributed to members and is available online at the Hunger and Homeless Coalition website.
- **HMIS Lead Change**
 - The change is not yet official, but all necessary paperwork was submitted to HUD.
 - An advertisement is out for the HMIS Administrator position. Interviews will be completed by the end of May.
 - Calls regarding the HMIS system are directed to the Hunger & Homeless Coalition.

New Business

- **2015 CoC Competition**
 - The application needs to be aligned with our 10 year plan in order to be competitive.
 - The community’s needs should be reevaluated and changes should be made to meet those needs.
- **10 Year Plan Report Card**
 - Rene Givens provided a printout of a slideshow to the group
 - In 2010, the Hunger & Homeless Coalition led a process to develop a 10 year plan. Focus groups, led by 2 FGCU faculty members, assessed our community’s needs by surveying service providers and consumers.
 - We are accountable to HEARTH performance measures including making homelessness infrequent, making episodes short, and reducing the number of times individuals return to homelessness.

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- The guiding principles for the ten-year plan are following housing first practices, providing a full continuum of housing options, promoting a dignified quality of life, and implementing cost-effective solutions.
 - The Housing First Principles recognize that people need to be in safe housing before they can address other issues.
 - The 10 Essentials for Ending Homelessness was developed as a best practice. Communities that address the 10 essentials are more successful. A survey will be sent out to our community to identify which of these essentials we are practicing. Members are asked to identify anyone that should receive the survey.
 - A needs assessment identifies gaps in our services by rating the consumer's highest priorities and measuring their priorities against what our community provides.
 - A new working committee will evaluate the ten year plan's 4 goals, progress, strategies.
 - Goal #4 was completed when Youth Haven renovated an existing building to a drop-in center for homeless/runaway youth.

Announcements

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- SNAP benefits to able bodied adults will be limited to 90 days effective in January.
 - SWFL Works offers wrap around services for job seekers. CoC members are encouraged to tour facility to become familiar with services.
 - The next CoC General Membership meeting will be held at Catholic Charities on July 2nd at 3pm.

Adjourned

5:00 pm