

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order - Introductions/ Welcome/ Sign In
 - i. **IN ATTENDANCE:** Teena Willis, Alison Azbell, Gail Henson, Jane Duralia, Melissa Saylor, Lelia McMichael, Lilly Moody, Bonnie Harper, Jim Clay, Aaron Khors, Beverly Carlton, Chris Forney, Arwen March, Virginia DeMoss, Kim Hemphill, Jane & Jennifer FCC, Tonya Freeman with FGC
- II. Review of Minutes from May
- III. Balance of State

- a. Steering Committee call updates **Lots of information coming through. Information is limited but Teena will send out info as she receives it (lots of information before next meeting)**
 - i. ICCHP continuing to work on developing the COVID19 plan for the state **working for the state to figure out how to address COVID-19 and funding – looking at programs**
 1. Housing Stability –
 - a. Back@Home RR and Homeless Prevention **part of ESG funding, two options for that. We can opt to go with Back@home funding or not to, but it may be a CoC decision. We may NOT have an option. Assistance for up to 24 months.**
 - i. Housing navigation
 - ii. Financial assistance (up to 24 months)
 - iii. Case management services
 - b. Safe@Home Eviction Prevention **House Bill that is lower in scale. It is financial assistance for up to 3months with case management.**
 - i. Financial assistance (up to 3 months)
 - ii. Case management
 - b. Emergency Solutions Grant funding
 - i. Released - Region 3 Allocation - **\$646,533 allocated in region 3 funding for ESG funds.**
 - ii. 60% - 40% - **If our region does this, 60 for RRH and prevention, that is 387,920 leaving 58,613 for ES services. Number is significantly higher than to what we usually are awarded.**
 - iii. No matching funds, local planning, procurement standards, and cp on Emergency Shelter funding
 - iv. Increases Homeless Prevention to 50% AMI

**Will set up time to have conference to talk about funding and how we want to disperse.
Friday at 10 a.m. - for ESG committee call.**

- c. Continuum of Care funding – efforts underway to cancel FY20 competition - **funding may not happen. NOFA usually comes out in July. If cancelled, will allocate funds based on last year's competition and agencies would get same amounts in fair market rent to adjust for the next year. If you are interested in applying for this funding, you have to send in Intent to Apply.**

Some agencies will apply for PSH. Uni5 agreed to support those projects for the competition.

- Intent to apply can be sent up to 2 weeks to submit.

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- d. Point in Time Count Update – deadline is June 30, 2020- no information to share yet

COVID19 Community and Legislative Updates OTHER funding sources coming down – House bill 1208 & House bill 1200. 1208 passed and is for workforce loan program (loan to create housing options). House bill 1200 is foreclose/rental assistance/eviction prevention. Would be working with credit counseling agencies – provides 6 months' mortgage payments. Assists 350% of those on poverty level (under). Also has funding for 6 months' worth of utility payments. – CARES act will also provide more funding. Distributed through community action agencies – UW has done their EFSP funding, that has been dispersed. What is overwhelming is trying to find funding and release that information

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 - i. CARES ACT funding – submitted Legislation on May 27th - <https://nchousing.org/policy-update-5-27-20/>
 1. These funds would be managed by the NCHFA
 2. HB 1200 – Foreclosure Prevention Grants/ Rental & Utility Assistance
 - 200 million
 - o 100 million home Protection Program Fund- foreclosure prevention
 - 6 months mortgage payments
 - 350% of federal poverty level
 - 10 million for housing counselors and legal services
 - o 100 million for rental and utility assistance
 - 6 months rental and utility payments

- 100% of area median income for preceding calendar year
 - \$6000 limit rent/ \$1800 utility max assistance
 - On calendar for yesterday 6/6/20
 - 3. HB1208 – Workforce Housing Loan Program – passed
 - a. 20 million in non-recurring funds for the 2020 housing credit cycle
- IV. ESG Workgroup Update –
- i. ESG workgroup that was formed was created to make smoother work flows but due to covid, not much work done on this.
- V. Scorecard Committee Update – no update
- VI. Racial Equity Subcommittee Update
- a. Along with scorecard committee recommended racial equity questions for the CoC scorecard
 - b. Recommended the POC to join ICCHP's COVID19 response workgroup
 - c. NCEH staff are recruiting subcommittee members to work on the annual Racial Equity Assessment.
- VII. Meetings and Reminders
- 1. BOS HMIS User Meeting
 - a. Thursday, June 18, 1:00 – 2:30pm
 - b. Register here: <https://www.cneeh.org/events/1379>
 - 2. Funding & Performance Subcommittee Meeting
 - a. Thursday, June 25, 11:00 – 12:00pm
 - b. Presentation: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/791696621>
 - c. Audio: 646-749-3112 Access Code: 975-793-733
 - 3. COVID19 Local Leadership Response Sharing Call
 - a. Every Wednesday, 1:00pm
 - b. Presentation: <https://global.gotomeeting.me/NCEndHomelessness>
 - c. Audio: 646-749-3112 Access Code: 975-793-733
- VIII. Coordinated Entry Update – Bonnie Harper – had meeting last Wednesday and COVID is changing so many things. Discussion got so deep that there were more questions asked than things resolved. As a region, we should think about making 211 main entrypoint for CE and the list? The concern with some individuals was: what if I have someone for PSH or RRH, will they get lost? Will individuals at shelter lose their place for new individuals coming in? Bonnie believes we do a good job as a region communicating with each other. NOT SURE where this will go.
- a. With 211, the state is going to pay for it instead of coming out of Continuum. Everyone would call 211, initial intake done, put on BYNL, then referral would come to us and we would do VISPDAT, not 211.
 - b. 211 would serve as INITIAL contact for individuals
 - c. A LOT of things to configure if this happens.
- IX. Agency Updates/ Other Discussion
- CVBH – expanded clinic for uninsured, added new office, in housing they are moving people in and out of apartments
- Lilly Moody – Not having individuals coming in except for showers and laundry. Checking in at foyer and has a tent in front of building where one case manager doing check ins for food, financial aid assistance, etc. Clinic is open, thrift store is also open. Used to be closed on Friday but now open 8-12 on Fridays. Financial and health applications online.
- Jane/JD GHCCM- clients need face to face contact so JD is stepping out of comfort zone while wearing mask to meet clients. Requiring medical info which is a hassle but biggest hassle is communication with DSS and SS.
- FCC – still taking applications for services, apartments are full, folks coming and going at all times. If you have applications /families with children, they can still apply. NOT open to public but doing work in the safest/most sanitized way possible. 😊
- Chris McDowell Impact – Still doing things face to face, working to get people housed through TCLI referrals, but challenge is to get services started due to COVID for clients. Staying as safe as possible during this time.
- Tonya FGC – financial crisis/housing crisis line is hot. Getting calls all the time. Doing a lot of counseling over the phone. Office staff have returned for the most part working out of building with doors technically still locked.
- Kaleigh – can walk in but have to call number to schedule apt. still doing zoom and telehealth for those who don't want to come in office. Support groups still running and shelter is NOT doing roommates at this time. Will be taking new intakes but not asking to be covid tested unless experiencing symptoms.
- Mr. Jim from CWA – following covid guidelines but still meeting virtually. Center has been open from 8-8 M-F. Primary care has hired additional PA in partnership with CVBH. Hired new office/medical manager to help with primary care services.
- Melissa Saylor – still meeting in person but doing things on a limited basis.
- Beverly Carlton – offers assistance with filling out paperwork (online) for stimulus check if needed.

Arwen March – working with those who are sheltered and unsheltered through RRH program. To enter shelter, requiring negative COVID test. Rapid 8-hour test that can be done. 10-day quarantine on new entries.

Virginia ACA – still operating as needed while taking precautions. Critical intervention team has been Virginia for last three months but other worker coming in at half capacity. Will be taking on new clients at slow rate. In the past few weeks, there are more opportunities to address client needs as things open back up.

Kim Hemphill – continuing to work from home with limited face to face contact.

Teena – has FEMA masks and will start distributing. Not supposed to be given out to masked people but can give out to people in your agency.

Kwanzaa family inn – halted intakes in March. Covid 19 policies initiated. Isolation rooms designated for illness. Washable masks for residents and staff and Dulatown office workers. Since June, has taken one person in under covid protocols.

X. Case Conferencing – Bonnie Harper

Adjourn

Next meeting: Next Uni5 Meeting – July 22, 2020 at 10am ZOOM Meeting unless restrictions change