

Uni 5 Meeting
August 19, 2020

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Agenda

- I. Call to Order - Introductions/ Welcome/ Sign In
 - a. Angela battle and Leila McMichael with Kwanzaa, Gail Henson with CVBH, Aaron Khors with Greenway, Chris Forney with McDowell Impact, Teena Willis with Partners, Jane Earnest from FCC, Jennifer Clark from FCC HKY, K'leigh Mayer with FGC, Alison Azbell with TMP, Jane Duralia with SOAR GHCCM, Kim Hemphil with VAYA, Melissa Saylor RHA Health Services, Virginia DeMoss, Bonnie Harper GHCCM, Arwen March with McDowellMission, Rebecca Snyder (Kwanzaa)
 - II. Review of Minutes July
 - a. Motion to approve by Arwen
 - b. Motion passed to accept July minutes
 - III. Balance of State - Teena Willis
 1. Award letters for ESG have been sent out. Everyone should have received their funding and information.
 2. Seems our region has all received information but not signed contracts as of meeting date.
 3. Future ESG RFA was sent out yesterday. For those applying, please review. Those who are current ESG grantees, application is much easier this year.
 - a. They've made the process easier on regional committees – realize most people are volunteers
 - b. Steering Committee call updates
 - i. Call was very “crowded” as a lot of people were present.
 - ii. Biggest thing – discussion about ESG program
 - iii. ESG award letters and contracts should all be going out soon
 1. In regards to the ESG program and our current wait list – The ESG program is for anybody. Not just RRH, it includes those who may be included in CE PSH. Moving forward, lets review Back@Home criteria and who is eligible.
 - a. For RRH, no minimum income at entry but have to be below 30%
 - b. Typical homeless is considered 90 days before entering institution
 - c. When prioritizing individuals, looking at those who are medically vulnerable for COVID as defined by CDC, those fleeing DV, community defined priority. Who in our community do we define as a priority?
 - d. PREFERENCE – to work off our list first then evaluate 211 referrals for those who may meet higher needs and priorities. We would like to see our PRIORITY SURGE LIST addressed first. (current BYNL)
 - i. Unaccompanied youth is considered 25 and younger
- Motion made to use BYNL to prioritize individuals for housing for Back@Home funds
Motion second, third and passed.
- Referrals come through 211, they will determine eligibility. If not eligible for B@H, will be referred elsewhere. If eligible, entered into NCCARE360. Once client comes through system, they can be enrolled into HMIS and be entered into any program.
- NCCare360 and HMIS will be two agencies utilized. Make sure you update your info and are registered.
- c. Emergency Solutions Grant funding
 - i. ESGCV - award letters have been sent and contracts are being sent
 1. Contracts are July 1, 2020 – June 30,2022 (expenses from March 10,2020 will be able to be paid
 2. Programs can start but no reimbursements can be made until contracts are signed
 - ii. 2 Future ESG RFAs
 1. Annual ESG allocation will arrive first
 - a. Calendar year 2021
 - b. Streamlined process with similar applications and documents
 2. 2nd ESGCV allocation – likely arrive at the beginning of 2021
 3. Funding through June 30,2022
 4. Current ESGCV grantees will indicate their need for additional \$ in a short process
 5. New ESGCV applicants will go through a similar application process as the first round
 - iii. Back@Home overview
 1. Slides
 - d. Continuum of Care funding – GIW was released but no other guidance or decision about NOFA has been shared
 - e. Point in Time Count Update – Numbers for Region are -

- i. Limited Data available by region - sent
- ii. County data - sent
- iii. Region 3

489 total homeless in the region with 56 chronically homeless and 17 veterans.
 Third highest in our region for homeless veterans.
 Chronic homelessness – we have the most chronically homeless individuals in our region

IV. ESG Workgroup Update -

V. Scorecard Committee Update –

VI. Racial Equity Subcommittee Update – planned for some dialogue series

- i. NCEH contracting with C4 Innovations to provide racial equity training for the Steering Committee and the Racial Equity Subcommittee
 - 1. Looking at training dates for November
- ii. Racial Equity Dialogue
 - 1. 1st one hosted on 7/27
 - 2. 2nd one will be Aug. 25th at 12 noon – “Systemic Racism and Impact on Homelessness” – email sent

VII. HUD Proposed Amendment to Equal Access Rule

- i. Affects transgender people’s ability to access emergency shelter – rule says that if shelter is single sex ES (all men or all womens) you can deny transgender folks and allow only certain individuals who identify as their gender at birth.
 - a. NCEH is opposing this rule. If you want to oppose as well, there is info below.
- 2. Published in Fed. Registry on 7/24, currently 60 day comment period until 9/22/20
- 3. Rolls back 2016 protections under HUD Equal Access Rule: “equal access to HUD programs without regard to a person’s actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status”
- 4. Would allow single sex emergency shelters that receive HUD funding to deny transgender people access based on their sex-assigned-at-birth
- ii. Impact
 - 1. Proposed rule does not affect a CoCs ability to set funding priorities and written standards
 - 2. NCEH anti-discrimination policy remains a part of CoC written standard and funding priorities and is not subject to change from this rule

If you oppose the rule – submit comment through the Housing Saves Lives portal before 9/22/20 <https://housingsaveslives.org/>

Whether the rule goes into effect or not, it does not affect region 3 due to our written standards.

VIII. Meetings and Reminders

- 1. BOS HMIS User Meeting
 - a. Thursday, August 20, 1:00– 2:30pm
 - b. Register here: <https://www.cneeh.org/events/1379>
- 2. Funding & Performance Subcommittee Meeting
 - a. Thursday, August 27, 11:00 – 12:00pm
 - b. Presentation: <https://uberconference.com/brianncceh>
 - c. Audio: 401-283-4752 Access Code: 13939
- 3. COVID19 Local Leadership Response Sharing Call
 - a. Every other Wednesday, 1:00pm
 - b. Presentation: <https://global.gotomeeting.me/NCEndHomelessness>
 - c. Audio: 646-749-3112 Access Code: 975-793-733
- 4. Racial Equity Dialogue Series: Systemic Racism and Impact on Homelessness
 - a. Tuesday, August 25, 12:00 – 1:00pm
 - b. Register: <https://www.ncceh.org/events/1432/>

IX. PPE Distribution

- a. Most people needed disinfectant but not available. Those who responded will hear from Gail.

X. Coordinated Entry Update – Bonnie Harper

- a. Not a lot of updates – one thing that people may not be aware of is we can still use agency points for those not comfortable using 211. They will not be lost and if they do not want to talk to a stranger, our entry points can still access that info.

XI. Agency Updates/ Other Discussion

- a. McDowell impact – 2 people housed, one was RRH and one was TCLI
- b. McDowell Ministires – started testing for COVID and operating at half capacity. Number of individuals is growing over past few weeks –will begin to fill all beds.
- c. Greenway – looking for community input for changes on bus routes in Catawba Co.
- d. Kwanzaa – locked down since covid. Keep new people quarantined for 14 days. No covid sickness and slow in re opening. Got handbook translated into Spanish to comply with racial equity
- e. FGC – crisis response grant allows for new hire, case management for shelter clients and homeless folks who come into agency for RRH and prevention

- f. ACA – critical client intervention has housed three individuals in the past few weeks.
- g. Two openings with VAYA and 4 individuals need to be re-housed
- h. Partners – working with prevent child abuse NC for a parents resilience training – sept 2 from 1-2:30 and a youth expo working with VAYA to empower youth. Sept 19 from 10-4 (ages 16-24) and get paid to participate.

XII. Case Conferencing – Bonnie Harper

XIII. CE Grievances

Adjourn

Next meeting: Next Uni5 Meeting – September 16 , 2020 at 10am ZOOM Meeting unless restrictions change