

Continuum of Care Action Group Minutes

April 25, 2005, LLRC
3:00 – 5:00 pm

Attendees: Dina Cooke, Christine Davis, Mary Beth Lampe, Glynis Anderson, Barbara Niess, James Jones, Michael Appel, Gary Bell, Kamala Massey, Efrion J. Smith, Dale Wanty, Susan Sweet Scott, Ellen Schulmeister, Clare M. Reed, Della Clous, Sue Davis, Jim Balmer, Faye Askew King, Kate Warner, Susan Hornfeld, Tania James, Julie Steiner, Marietta Baylis, Donna Sabourin, Dale Wanty

Staff Present: Amy Klinke, Mark Roby, Mike Scholl

I. Welcome/Introductions:

- Amy Klinke opened the meeting.

II. Announcements:

- The new director of the Washtenaw Housing Alliance will be doing an update on the Blueprint to End Homelessness.
- The new director will also replace Diane Davidson on the Action Group as the official HSCC representative.

III. Membership and Co-Chairs

- Ellen Schulmeister suggested that a process to designate proxy voters for each organization be put in place. Mike Scholl will draft some form for the next meeting.
- *Michael Appel nominated Ellen Schulmeister as the chair of the Continuum of Care Action Group. Gary Bell seconded the nomination.*

[Motion was carried unanimously]

- Efrion Smith moved that the Action Group should consider having two chairs in case Ellen could not attend a meeting. The motion was discussed, but not acted upon.
- Diane Davidson, WHA is the current HSCC representative co-chair, but it Mitch Steils, the new Executive Director will likely replace Diane in that role.

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IV. HUD SuperNOFA

- Mark Roby presented the update.
- The Samaritan Housing Initiative (bonus housing initiative) has changed this year.
- Up to 15% of initial pro rate need and no more than 20% for case management.
- The bonus is geared towards big cities and for people currently on the streets.
- *The deadline for exhibits 2R & 3R is May 13.*
- A review committee was created to look at the exhibits, the volunteers for the committee are:
 - Jimena Luveluck
 - Ellen Shulmeister
 - Mark Roby
- There is a short time frame for the renewal. The final document needs to be postmarked by June 10.
- The group proposed to do a presentation to the HSCC Steering Committee in June to coincide with the HSCC review.
- Each group must complete the logic model. Contact Mark Roby for more information.
- Please see Mark's notes for highlights of the webcast. It can be accessed from the following link:
http://www.ewashtenaw.org/government/departments/planning_environment/hsc/CoCActionGroup/April/agenda_min.html/agenda.html
- A strategy group was formed to look at ways to increase the application score. The volunteers are:
 - Amy Klinke
 - Susan Hornefeld
 - Julie Steiner
 - Dina Cooke
 - Barbara Neise
 - Faye Askew King
- The current baseline score is 82. This number could change though it would not threaten our renewal application.
- CEDAM is doing advocacy around some of the recent changes to the HUD SuperNofa process and priorities.
- There has been a shift from supportive services to brick and mortar projects.
- There was a suggestion for a draft letter to bring to the Continuum of Care Roundtable at the Michigan Conference on Affordable Housing.

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V. HMIS Update

- There are no major updates.
- Dale Fitch of the University of Michigan School of Social Work had some students do some work with the HMIS system.

VI. Adjournment and Final Comments

- The agenda and minutes are now available online at http://www.ewashtenaw.org/government/departments/hsc/schedule_05.html/schedule_05.html#coc

Adjourned 4:30 pm

***Next Continuum of Care Action Group meeting is
May 23 from 3:00-5:00 PM at the LLRC***