

Continuum of Care Action Group Minutes

November 28, 2005, LLRC

3:00 – 5:00 pm

Attendees: Efrion Smith, Mitch Steils, Michelle Williams, Faye Askew King, Susan Sweet Scott, Dina Cooke, Donna Sabourin, Charles Coleman, Rebecca Lee, Susan Hornfeld, Betsy Lindsley, Barbara Niess, Kate Warner, Jimena Loveluck, Michael Appel, Ellen Schulmeister

Staff Present: Mike Scholl, Amy Klinke

I. Welcome/Introductions:

- Ellen Schulmeister opened the meeting.
- Regina Keskes (keskesr@ewashtenaw.org) was hired by Washtenaw County Community Development to handle the Continuum of Care. She was unable to attend the meeting due to illness.

II. Announcements:

- There will be no December meeting.
- Amy Klinke announced that a plan for the former residents of the YMCA building is in the works.
- They are expecting a long-term solution by the end of the year.
- Question of putting more money into the building, when it will likely be torn down.
- Michael Appel indicated that HUD has a Section 8 NOFA for housing vouchers for limited populations.
- Need a Public Housing Authority to partner with.

III. Selection Criteria

- The question on how we would rank the programs for the HUD document.
- We are close to the dropping below the scoring line and with the huge focus on bricks and mortar there is concern that the scoring might need to be changed.
- The Scoring Workgroup is working to develop the options including a federal waiver or hold harmless provision.
- The discussion centered on some of the work being done by the Scoring Workgroup.
- There was a desire to find sources of funds to replace the funds that might be lost from HUD as a result of the scoring change.
- Need to look at the options together and prepare for what may be a major shift.

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- When the NOFA is issued it is about a six week process to get the application out, we are working on doing as much preplanning as possible.
- Question of whether or not we should do some advocacy and education around the issue.
- We should check with other Continuum of Care's regarding the waiver issue.
- According to HUD, we can't change the programs without showing a replacement.
- Question returned to whether or not we want to change our scoring for the prioritization.
- Should we use outcomes consistent with the Blueprint to End Homelessness?
- *Michael Appel moved and Charles Coleman seconded that we accept the scoring from the previous year.*
- Amendment offered by Gary Bell to change the language of #4 to "income and employment related activities." The amendment was accepted without objection.

***The motion by Michael Appel was carried
by unanimous consent***

- If you would like to contribute to the scoring workgroup please let Mike Scholl know.
- Gary Bell and Susan Hornfeld would be joining the workgroup.

IV. Timeline Discussion

- Need to create a timeline for the application process.
- The MSHDA application is due in February and we will need to get moving on that application.
- Also, the chair reemphasized the need to do our pre-planning with agreed upon targets.

V. Adjournment and Final Comments

Adjourned 4:30 pm

***Next Continuum of Care Action Group meeting is
January 23, 2006 from 3:00-5:00 PM at the LLRC***