

Coalition of Service Providers for the Homeless Meeting Summary – January 14, 2015, 10:00am-12:00pm

Flyers, sign in sheets and handouts at: http://www.councilforthehomeless.org/csp_docs/

Announcements:

*Youth Build Information Meeting on January 20th. See attached flyer or go to www.swwdc.org

***Point In Time Count:** January 29th. One volunteer is needed at the FISH location in Vancouver to hand out the survey on this day. The next planning meeting is Wednesday, Jan 21st, 1-2pm at the VHA.

***Project Homeless Connect:** 35 volunteers are still needed for this day as well as clothing, shoes, and accessory donations to be dropped off at St. Joseph's Church between January 25th-28th.

***40 FREE spots for program eligible pre-schoolers** are available through ESD's EPEAC program and must be filled by the end of January. Email referrals: ccfs.info@esd112.org (Further info under Hot Topics)

***Advocacy Day:** On February 17th in Olympia we need a really good showing. (The governor's budget is out and looks promising. We will be sending out information on issues to keep an eye on.) Please contact Bschallberger@councilforthehomeless.org if you will be attending. Some assistance is available for the fee and transportation if needed.

***Vancouver City Council**, Feb. 23rd, meeting agenda will include area affordable housing shortage. Please show up & wear red!

***Agent Orange Townhall:** February 18th Please see <http://www.wavva.org/faces-of-agent-orange.html>

Hot Topics, Discussion:

***Early Head Start Home Visiting Program & ECEAP Preschool**

Tina Vessey, Family Services Manager at ESD 112 tina.vessey@esd112.org
<http://www.del.wa.gov/care/find-hs-eceap/>

Summary: These programs target and prioritize homeless families. This is a FREE federally funded program for pregnant women and children up to the age of 3 for weekly home visit services or to meet them where they are. Parent/Child visiting program focuses on the child's development and family support through setting goals and gaining access to other resources. There are age and income eligibility requirements with the exception of homelessness. ECEAP is a pre-school setting for 3-5 year olds with a variety of models and locations. There are 40 vacancies to be filled by the end of January in the ECEAP program.

Handout: ECEAP and Early Head Start Brochures (see attachments)

No Website: Contact ccfs.info@esd112.org

***Clark County Consolidated Plan Update**

Pete Munroe pete.monroe@clark.wa.gov
<http://www.clark.wa.gov/cdbg>

Summary: This presentation demonstrates why we have such a need for homeless services in the community. Household income is down 2.5%; rents have gone up 9.9%. This disparity has placed many households in the cost burdened category for housing, which is defined by having to spend 30% or more on housing. The study indicates a severe lack of "affordable housing" in the community. DRAFT priority needs: affordable housing development; preserve housing; promote home ownership. Take the community survey on the website. Charts will be made available on the CFTH website.

***Announcements related to the county's consolidated plan presentation by Andy Silver.**

*A City Council Work Session will be held on Feb. 23, to discuss long term housing strategies. We would love to have a sea of red sitting in front of the council on that day.

*CFTH is doing planning work on Affordable Housing by partnering with organizations to get community buy in on how we are going to tackle the shortage in housing

*The county's homelessness action plan reset will be circulated soon; this version acknowledges progress in CoC which should be maintained as well as services to all populations; however, it focuses on areas we need to expand specifically around system-wide improvements and 3 populations: Homelessness among Families with Children; Chronically Homeless, and Unaccompanied Youth who are experiencing homelessness.

***Project Homeless Connect**

David Bilby david@goconnect.org

Summary: This annual event is being held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church on January 29th from 9-2pm. It provides free dental care, chiropractic, massage; vision care, and flu shots. 25 social service agencies represented. 35 more volunteers are needed.

Handout: Postcards announcing the event. (see attachments)

***Point In Time Count**

Dale Whitley dwhitley@councilforthehomeless.org

Summary: Primary volunteer opportunities for this event are usually in our street count teams or the Project homeless Connect services event that is held on the same day to attract folks to be counted.

Handout: none

***CoC Meeting Calendar for 2015 Update**

Brenda Schallberger bschallberger@councilforthehomeless.org

Summary: Brenda is the new administrative assistant for Charlene Welch, who has stepped into the Development role. Please direct your agenda items and PDF formatted handouts to her for website posting. As usual you will receive a constant contact email when the minutes for this meeting have been posted on the CFTH website. The 2015 meeting schedule will be posted on the website also.

***Continuum of Care (CoC) Steering Committee Update** presented by Amy Reynolds

Amy Reynolds programdir@sharevancouver.org

Summary: The steering committee has been doing the Collective Impact process, discerning the connection between housing issue and homelessness. The issue is not that we don't have money but that we can't make the connection between the people and the housing. 2015 will be looking at work groups that are more task force oriented.

Next Meeting: January 26, 2-3:30pm at SHARE Fromhold Center

Workgroup Reports

10 Year Plan

Pete Monroe pete.monroe@clark.wa.gov

Summary: See Hot Topic Notes above

Next meeting: Feb 5th, 8:30-9:30am, Center for Community Health

Discharge Planning

Kate Budd kate.budd@clark.wa.gov

Summary: Minutes Attached

NO Next meeting: This group will be disbanded and refocused by the CoC steering committee.

Youth Access

Chelsea Chunn cchunn@swwdc.org

Summary: Working on a DRAFT plan with categories of early intervention, transitional, housing, employment support/measurements. Focusing on sharing and breaking into 5 workgroups to make use of partners to focus the conversations. Point In Time count will hopefully more accurately inform youth data.

Handouts: See website for 2 youth specific events: Youth Build and Business Overview

Website: www.swwdc.org

Next meeting: Jan. 23, 12:00-1:30 at Share Fromhold; Then also on Feb 27th, 12:00-1:30

Prevention

Amy Reynolds programdir@sharevancouver.org

Summary: Last meeting recap of how national statistics and best practices have looked at the practice of prevention. People who don't get prevention assistance often DON'T slip into homelessness ... rather the folks who do slip into homelessness have been in homelessness or shelter before ... it would be strategic to targeting this group with limited prevention funds and to follow up with landlords to ensure successes.

Next meeting: Feb 10th, 1:00-2:00, at Share Fromhold Center

Data Management/Housing Inventory

Dale Whitley dwhitley@councilforthehomeless.org

Summary: In last meeting the group reviewed a report on the number of clients who exited various systems of care (hospital, jail, foster care, etc) and that also looked at which housing type they exited to after leaving shelter. The group also reviewed a length of Stay report for our programs to find if there are unexited clients that are skewing the average length of stays expected for specific program types such as Emergency Shelter or Transitional Housing.

Our system-wide data completeness score for December was 97.4% and 97.04 for the full year of 2014. When we first started running these report data reports cards a couple years back, we had a mid-80s completeness level with mostly C and B grades with a handful of Fs and a couple As. The score card is now a column of mainly A scores with a couple of occasional B and C scores.

This high level of data completeness is paying out in the scores we are receiving from HUD in the data categories they are accepting from us for inclusion in the AHAR (Annual Homeless Assessment Report). If HUD determines that our data quality is high enough and our HMIS bed coverage for the category is extensive enough, they accept the category for inclusion in the data HUD presents to Congress. In the preliminary results HUD has returned to us for 2014, 100% of our categories have been accepted. So the diligent work of the data entry staff in our county is making a measurable difference that HUD is recognizing.

Next meeting: Feb 25th, at 10-11am at the Vancouver Housing Authority

Coordinated Assessment

Olivia Resnick oresnick@councilforthehomeless.org

Summary: New Referral System wherein the placement coordinator will create a referral in HMIS and providers will follow up and accept that referral; after the client has secured housing, the provider will

follow up in the system to inform on the outcome and give reasons if there was no outcome. This data will also inform new programs.

Next meeting: TBD at the Vancouver Housing Authority