

Coalition of Service Providers for the Homeless Meeting Summary – January 8, 2014, 10:00am-12:00pm

Flyers, sign in sheets and handouts at:

http://www.councilforthehomeless.org/about-us/what-we-do/leading-community-efforts/csp_docs/

Announcements during Introductions:

- Jane Arends, QYRC: Pride Foundation convening conversations with funders to expand services for homeless LGBTQ youth. MLK Day of Service Opportunity assembling care bags for LGBT homeless youth. See flyer on at link above.
- Lydia Sanders, Battle Ground Schools: Doing a six week workshop for homeless families in Battle Ground to include financial education, employment assistance, etc. Contact Lydia if you can donate men's and women's business attire. sanders.lydia@battlegroundps.org

Hot Topics, Discussion:

Jacky Sabin, Clark County Volunteer Lawyers: Home Foreclosure Program

Through a grant from the Legal Foundation of Washington, the Clark County Volunteer Lawyers Program (CCLVP) operates a home foreclosure assistance program. Introductory community seminars are offered twice each month. Participants receive free attorney consultation. People are encouraged to come to the program as early as possible in their home foreclosure-related circumstances as the longer a homeowner is into the process, the fewer options become available.

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Amy Reynolds, Share: Continuum of Care (CoC) Governance Charter

HUD is requiring CoCs across the country to formalize their structures and operations, including writing Governance Charters and having a board or steering committee that functions as a decision making body for the CoC. A draft charter was written and posted for Coalition comment in December. The final draft will be approved by the Council for the Homeless board of directors (the current CoC decision making body) on January 9. The final governance charter will be posted on the Council for the Homeless website. Having a charter in place will count positively toward our community's score on the upcoming HUD homeless services funding application.

Andy Silver, Council for the Homeless: Local CoC funding competition

Andy gave an update on the local CoC funding competition required by HUD. The local competition determines which local applications are moved forward as part of our FY2013 homeless services community application to HUD. The process is summarized on the CFTH website:

<http://www.councilforthehomeless.org/about-us/what-we-do/leading-community-efforts/2013-coc-application/>

Dale Whitley, Council for the Homeless: Point in Time (PIT) and Project Homeless Connect (PHC)
PIT and PHC will be on January 30, 2014. PHC will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Promotional materials are available at <http://www.councilforthehomeless.org/events/project-homeless-connect/>
Contact David Bilby with PHC questions: david@goconnect.org
Contact Dale with PIT questions: dwhitley@councilforthehomeless.org

Kevin Hiebert, Council for the Homeless: 2014 Advocacy Day and Homeless Conference

- Advocacy Day is January 28, 2014. One legislative priority for the year is to pass a provision that prevents the Deed Recording Fee from sun setting. The DRF funds a great deal of homeless service programs and currently advocates must campaign to reinstate it when the sunset deadlines approach. Kevin is coordinating Clark County participants for Advocacy Day. Contact Kevin at who@councilforthehomeless.org if you can attend, need a scholarship to attend, or can recruit others to attend.
- The Homeless Conference is scheduled for May 21-22 in Yakima. Mark your calendar and stay tuned for details.

Workgroup Updates –

Ten year Plan – Kate Budd for Pete Munroe

- December meeting included looking more closely at our system's housing placements, inventory, program turnover, complexities of funding sources, how responsive the system is, etc.
- Next meeting is Feb. 6, 8:30am-9:30am at the Center for Community Health on Fourth Plain

Discharge Planning and Prevention –Kate Budd

- Multiple systems of care were represented at the last meeting continuing to foster collaboration that improves client care. (including hospitals, youth, housing, corrections)
- Learned about Council for the Homeless System Navigation program and Landlord Outreach program. Share, Kaiser Permanente and Peace Health Southwest now collaborate to offer 3 respite beds
- Next meeting is Feb. 19, 9:30am at the Wellness Project at 39th and Main. Agenda includes Share's Shared Housing program and a speaker from Central City Concern

Youth Access - did not meet over holidays

- Next meeting is Jan. 24, 2014 from 1:30-3pm at Partners In Careers.

Data Management- Dale Whitley

- Our system-wide data quality was a record high of 96.11% for the month of December!
- Next meeting is January 10, 10am-11am at the VHA.

Coordinated Assessment – Andy Silver

- Next meeting is January 17, 10am-11am at the VHA.
- Group will begin discussing the website used to manage program openings.

Prevention – Amy Reynolds

Next meeting is Feb. 4, 1pm-2:30pm at the Share Fromhold Center