

MEETING MINUTES

September 20, 2016 (10:30 a.m.)
Community Foundation of Greater Memphis

QUARTERLY CONSORTIUM MEETING

MEMPHIS & SHELBY COUNTY HOMELESS CONSORTIUM



Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Kim Daugherty. Kim reminded everyone that the minutes are to be reviewed on the website prior to each meeting.

Approval of Minutes

With a motion from Dana Brooks and a second by Mary Jordan, the minutes of the last full Consortium meeting (June 21st) were approved with no corrections.

Appreciation to the Rank & Review Committee Members

Kim presented each member of the Rank & Review Committee with certificates of appreciation from Mayor Jim Strickland and Mayor Mark Luttrell for their outstanding efforts in the rank & review process for the 2016 NOFA submission. The group applauded them for their commitment and dedication to excellence in this process.

Special Presentation: Salvation Army of Memphis

Sharon Cash and Beth provided the group with an overview of programs and available housing options through the Salvation Army. They also provided information regarding their gender-specific recovery treatment and ICU services. Sharon informed the group that The Salvation Army has a few openings and can be used as a referral source. Service providers are seeing an influx of opiate addiction and a high need for after-hours transportation for working clients. Working to alleviate these barriers is a long-term goal of the Salvation Army's program. They left business cards and brochures to further outline information regarding the programs and services that their organization provides.

Kim applauded the Salvation Army for offering recovery services which will make a powerful impact on the lives of those we serve.

National Recovery Month Focus

Brandy Heffner of Behavioral Health Initiatives gave an informative presentation to highlight the observance of National Recovery Month and its effect on the community that we serve. Addiction everywhere affects us all everywhere! She left everyone with a copy of the most recent SAMHSA handout on the definition of recovery and its guiding principles.

Committee Reports

CoC Planning Committee – Alan Butson reported on the recent Coordinated Entry training and urged everyone to continue working toward the success of our Coordinated Entry initiative. He also reported on updates to the Community Alliance for the Homeless website, which allows those with login credentials to access information that exclusively pertains to Consortium members, and the latest developments concerning the 2016 NOFA.

Emergency Housing Partnership – Amy Barnes informed the group that the EHP revolves around family homelessness. Currently, we are celebrating the one-year anniversary of the new Emergency Housing Hotline. The group is trying to keep providers updated by inviting speakers from programs such as WIN, Shelby County Schools, and others. The EHP is also trying to train all providers on CoActionNet.org and working toward total coordination. Strategies are in place to continue discussions and training on Housing First and to address issues regarding employment barriers and utility bill assistance.

Street Outreach – No representative was present to report for this committee, but Al Butson announced that this committee had its first meeting last Friday.

Coordinated Entry – Dana Brooks announced that the new Coordinated Entry module was introduced in July. This system tracks all housing referrals using a system approach. Documents are uploaded electronically, which permits us to track placements and move-in data. So far, the system seems to be working really well.

HMIS Committee – In the absence of an HMIS committee member, Dana Brooks announced that HMIS plays a huge role in Coordinated Entry and announced that there will be constant updates and training. At least 80 people have been assigned so far using this system and the assignments seem to be going very well.

Supportive Services – Marisa Whitsett announced that this brand new committee had its first meeting on September 15th. The committee plans to develop standardized policies and practices and ensure Housing First compliance across the board. Membership is open to those who directly influence the direction of programs within the CoC. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. There is also a quarterly meeting for direct staff which is typically held at 220 Union Avenue.

Veterans – Al announced that this committee held its first meeting last week as well.

Continuum of Care Debriefing

Al announced that the HUD meeting regarding information on “functional zero or meeting the benchmark” has been pushed back to November. More information will be provided on this, but we have a lot of good energy moving forward.

Chéré announced that the NOFA is officially done!!! The application went in on Tuesday. She provided the group with an overview of our submission, which showed a \$6.5mil ARD, and the potential to develop 127 new housing units.

City of Memphis SCIF Funding

Kimberly Mitchell announced that the City will host a workshop on October 7th at 8:45 a.m. at the Cook Convention Center. Several grants will be offered this year, to include ESG, HOPWA, and the Community Service Grant. HOPWA is the largest pot of money that we have for now. She is also asking for city funds to offset operations where applicable.

Upcoming Events

Herman Dickey announced upcoming efforts for World Homeless Day (October 10th) and Project Homeless Connect (October 20th) and thanked everyone for their continued support and participation.

Other Announcements

Chéré announced that the next quarterly meeting of the Consortium will take place on December 20th at 10:30 a.m. She also encouraged everyone to continue to watch the Community Alliance website calendar for meetings and events, which can be saved to your Outlook or Google calendars.

Dana asked everyone who hasn't signed up to participate in Project Homeless Connect to please do so as soon as possible.

The next CoC Planning Committee meeting will take place on November 15th at 10:30 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 11:49 a.m. with no further discussion.

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Minutes Approved By: _____
Date: ____/____/____