

**McKinney Strategic Planning Committee**  
**Monday, August 12, 2013**

**MINUTES**

*Attendees: Jacob Bowling (MHASP), Michelle Butler (OSH), Roberta Cancellier (OSH), Nicole Drake (WAA), Japbir Gill (Project HOME), Jamila Harris-Morrison (AchieveAbility), Syreeta Jones (DHS), Sharon Mackrey (TURN), Michele Mangan (OSH), Allison Moore (Valley Youth House), Tina Pagotto (Bethesda Project), Joe N. Savage, Jr. (OSH), Kathleen Salerno (PVMSEC), Elise Scioscia (WAA), Vanessa Tercero (Dignity Housing), Joe Willard (PEC), James Womer (VFH), Rachel Yoder (Project HOME)*

**Updates & Announcements** – Roberta opened the floor for any attendees to share their experience from the National Alliance to End Homelessness Conference in July. Jamila Harris-Morrison shared that the main take away was: communities need to consider the role of transitional housing because rapid-rehousing is being emphasized as a successful and cost effective strategy.

Sharon Mackrey attended session on the HOPWA programs and shared in many communities that there is a lack of housing to use for these programs, which is affecting consumers in the program. HUD is seeking ways wondering how they can get more landlords to buy-in to more programs.

Tina Pagotto shared that someone from her organization took away the importance of prioritizing the most needy and vulnerable people for the most intensive housing options, which is based on an assessment.

Jim Womer shared a document “One Way In”, which he received at a meeting (see attachment). This is related to coordinated entry and assessment.

Slides from the conference presentations are on the website:  
<http://www.endhomelessness.org/library/entry/2013-national-conference-presentations>

Joe Willard informed us that Youth information was shared at the conference.

Allison Moore said that her representative mentioned the need for organizations to connect to coalitions and other health care agencies to see how the Affordable Care can become a resource.

Jake Bowling shared that there is a statewide healthcare coalition, PHAN – the Pennsylvania Health Access Network, addressing the issue of Medicaid expansion.

Kathleen Salerno attended the Veteran’s session and share that HUD would like to expedite the move-in time (from 90 to 45 days). The Housing First model is being pushed and includes moving people in who have zero income.

On another note, Philadelphia was volunteered by HUD to be a priority community. They would like to provide us with TA in areas that we would like to strengthen based on HEARTH requirements. Philadelphia has selected coordinated intake/assessment. We will have Mike Lindsay formerly from the CoC in Allegheny/Pittsburgh and CSH as a dual team to conduct a system mapping to see what we have and how do people get in the program. We already have a central intake for shelter. They would like to talk to individuals and will be here September 3, 4, and 5, 2013. We need to begin the TA process because once HUD releases the NOFA we are unable to receive TA until the submission is completed. Once they conduct their assessment, then we receive feedback in order for us to brainstorm and work on our pieces.

Jim Womer recommended that Pathways to Housing and the VA be a part of the meeting.

**VA Boot Camp** – as the committee know we joined the 100K Homes Campaign two years ago. During that time we engaged volunteers and used a tool to survey over 1000 people to identify the most vulnerable. We've housed 181 individuals of the people we served. Building on the success of that nationally, 100K Homes developed these boot camps for veterans. We have to house 225 chronic veterans in 100 days.

**Homeless Death Review** – Jim Womer asked when the next Homeless Death Review Report was going to be distributed. Roberta provided an updated informing everyone that the team is working through data points. They discussed that there may be a report every two years, but they will have to talk to stakeholders who use the report to see if that is feasible. They are working through cleaning up information and deciding to get one done for this year.

**Youth** – The City had the first kick-off meeting with youth providers to form a coalition. The main focus is on getting our hands around the number of youth that are homeless. The definition is being worked on and it will extend beyond HUD's definition because The City knows that there will be some youth who do not fall within HUD's definition. The idea is to hold youth events to get them out and build relationships.

**Update from last meeting:** Jake Bowling asked of people who came to shelter how many were impacted by the loss of GA? We discovered between August 2012-May 2013 it was .5%, which is 24 people out of 5,122 people who stayed in shelter.

**CoC Check-Up** – Joe Savage provided an update on the CoC Check-up, a national HUD initiative. In 2012 HUD launched the CoC Check-up for us to see if we were ready for the implementation of HEARTH. The highlights: many of the CoCs participated in the process; governance and structure had a common area of improvement – securing partners to become a part of the board. CoCs assess themselves higher with mainstream systems; however many communities reported that local housing authorities, schools, and prisons are systems that are not easily coordinated with CoCs.

**HMIS** – The City has selected a new HMIS vendor: Social Solutions – Efforts to Outcomes. They will have some subcontractors to assist with migration; Syntek Systems to assist with

all of our reporting needs (they created the APR generational tool); Community Technology Alliance – they will be providing the project management responsibilities like training. This is a great move forward. October 1<sup>st</sup> is the contract start date for the vendor, but a timeline is being established. More information to come.

This will be a web-based system, which means there will be no more terminal services!

**SNAPS Weekly Focus** – handouts were given for the first five notices:

- Reconsidering the way HUD is doing business. Prior to releasing the NOFA, HUD will be sending a 10-week communication to highlight their priorities this year. HUD recognizes that they have not always effectively communicated to the CoC their expectations.
- PSH should not be given to clients on a first come, first serve basis, but based on chronic status. This is focused on singles, rather than families.
- Leveraging mainstream funding – HUD wants CoCs to connect to other agencies and resources to increase funding opportunities especially with the health care systems.
- Families and Youth homelessness – an assessment to make sure that we are strategizing with PHAs and develop a homeless preference.
- A priority for HUD is Youth. Coordinated care for youth in transition is needed.
- Guest Blog, which discussed the framework for prevention for Youth.

PHA Blueprint – the annual commitment continues for the families. There is an agreement between the City and PHA, which is on file.

Jim Womer mentioned that some PHA units do not include items such as refrigerators.

**2012 Award Process** – Philadelphia was awarded more money! Philly was awarded \$250,000 for a planning grant. This funding will be used to develop a tool to assist with our annual renewal process and to help with performance. We reallocated funding from a renewal project to create a \$186,287 Rapid-Rehousing program for up to 20 veterans. The Bonus projects were not funded, which were in Tier 2.

HUD Bill Appropriations Update – There is a \$6 billion dollar difference between the House and Senate. Negotiations will resume after Labor Day.

**2013 CoC Competition:**

- **OHCD Briefing** on August 20th for new projects @ 10 a.m. Their RFP for the development of Affordable Rental Housing is posted on their website. Due to funding limitations OHCD is only willing to fund those projects who are requesting tax credits.
- **OSH New Projects RFP** @ 11 a.m. Our RFP is for those who are chronically homeless or vulnerable. Eligible activities are leasing rent assistance, operating costs, limited services, administration. RFP can be found on <https://secure.phila.gov/eContract/> under New Contract Opportunities.
- Both new project applications are due on September 19<sup>th</sup>.
- **2013 Renewal Review** – it was a learning process for 1<sup>st</sup> time reviewers.

- There was a recommendation to place the TH programs within the PH due to the ranking. We can have 75-up on PH and then have the same for TH. All six site visits were conducted, but the concerns were more performance and completing the application. Satisfaction surveys may be used in future competitions.
- **CoC Timeline** – we are on schedule as it pertains to the renewals and site visits, however notices will be sent to those who performed low.

**Utilization Unit Group** – Kelly Durand, Allison Moore and Michele Mangan had a short term subcommittee to look at the unit utilization reports for all CoC programs. Using the PIT from 2012 & 2013 in the housing inventory chart those programs that were under-utilized were new (and just leasing up), winter beds (it was a much warmer winter so they were not fully utilized), or were already on our radar through the annual renewal process.

**Vote** – WCRP, a McKinney funded program was looking for a new provider to take on their New Neighbors project and they have decided to ask Drueding Center to take it on. The Committee voted unanimously in support of the transfer. The CoC is required to approve all major grant changes.

**DHS Update** – The department is moving to a new best practices model for child’s welfare services called “Improving Outcomes for Children” (IOC). 10 Community Umbrella Agencies (CUA) will represent communities and work with families to secure all of their resources. DHS will have intake and hotline but all children services will be the responsibility of the CUA. The first five CUA’s have been selected: Turning Points for Children, Catholic Social Services, APM, The Net, and Wordsworth. The last five once selected, will be shared.

**Dates to remember:** Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, McKinney Strategic Planning Committee; Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 10-Year Plan Meeting