

Agenda: CoC CECC Committee
April 4th, 11:00 – 1:00pm.

Attendees: Joan Harvey, Rebekah Bricker, Cortney Owens, Christy Shepard, Kelly Frank, Kathy Pedrotti Hays

The group went through introductions then addressed the following:

- Housing Keeping
 - Roles
 - Chair: Keep meeting moving, create agendas, and facilitate.
 - Meeting host: Host locations will rotate; next meeting will be hosted by Rebekah and Eskanazi.
 - Minute taker: Rebekah offered to take meeting minutes.
 - Calendar of activities – CoC dates to know.
 - Set meeting dates for the rest of the year: Meeting for this committee will take place the 3rd Friday of the month.

- Work
 - Question of clarity or fact in meeting pre-read and materials
 - Performance metrics: no additional comments or questions.
 - Gaps analysis & Provider survey: 25 agencies participated; a question was raised about this being enough to make meaning. Having the survey information paired with the gaps analysis created a nice report. Looking forward to round two of the gaps analysis.
 - Coordinated Access: Process so far and next steps.
 - Create committee one-pager on 2014 plans
 - Re-messaging of PITC
 - Education Awareness Campaign paired with event:
 - Hunger and Homelessness Week.
 - Volunteer event onsite with pep rally
 - Story of Homelessness:
 - Talking points
 - Aligned message with CoC and Homelessness in Indy.
 - Immediate focus: The CoC meeting to be held on April 29th.
 - Agenda for CoC: This will be finalized by the Council Chairs and Support Entity.
 - Logistics for CoC: This is being handled by CHIP/Support Entity.
 - Messaging on PITC: The group reviewed the following document expressed the notated comments in red.

What this report is and what it isn't:

- Point-in-time counts provide a snapshot of one night, NOT an annual number or a census. We will include annual data available from HMIS and Wheeler (**at least** 7,543 total homeless in 2013). We will also explain the value of PIT counts for data on unsheltered, and the vulnerability index.

- PIT counts don't count everyone who is homeless, especially the doubled-up. We will stress the inclusion of McKinney Vento data each year to provide some picture of that demographic. **Over 3,000 children doubled up or in shelter at time of PITC.**
- By consistently using the same methodology, PIT counts allow a community to assess the relative size of the homeless population over time.

Trends, new and unique:

- Total (1,676) up 5% (**83 people**) from last year, with street down substantially (from 120 to 74), but will discuss weather this year. Use of Horizon House as overflow and include some information people who came in who otherwise wouldn't – perhaps indicating need for a secular shelter. The number of chronically homeless individuals rose this year, possibly due to the unique conditions leading to greater identification of these individuals.
- Number of veterans has increased consistently each year as a percent and in total number, but most are in transitional housing with only 7 unsheltered (**which is down**) in 2014. **Is this a true increase? Do we have a larger number because there is more funding and access to services for vets?**
- Number in transitional housing has been increasing, in 2014 partially due to larger family sizes and veterans.
- While job loss continues to be the top reason for homelessness (as it has each year), incarceration and domestic violence have increased as reasons for homelessness relative to last year
- Distribution of age (under 18, 18-62, over 2) has remained consistent with slight fluctuations, similar to the distribution of race and gender.
- Another consistency is that less half of adults receive SNAP or are enrolled in a health care plan. One reason may be that Indiana does not allow felons to receive SNAP and almost 30% of homeless adults had a felony in 2014. Another is the difficulty in obtaining needed documentation and completing the process to receive benefits.

Females tend to be younger with children and males tend to be older and unattached.

Can we focus on trends for family homelessness (top 2 or 3) and trends for individuals (top 2 or 3)?

The group was then reminded to do the following:

- Give your input on the ranking process – IndyCoC.org website to submit ideas.
- Do you have BP Council or CoC meeting agenda items for recommendation?

The next meeting will be on Friday, May 16th at Eskanazi.