

Indianapolis Housing Task Force

Tuesday, 2/23/16

Meeting Minutes

Present: Kim Boyd; Michael Butler; Jennifer Coffey; Andrea DeMink; Brianna Gates; Cindy Goedesky; Heather Hamm; Kalisha Hayes; Chris Holtz; William Hurd; Traci Johnson; Leslie Kelly; Kelsey Kennedy; Shelley Landis; Audrey Nannega; Amanda Poston; Simona Reising; Jami Schnurpel; Megan Shrader; Nicole Spacey; Amy Spinks; Tyler Stumm; Karin Thornburg; Jenni White; Frederick Crawford; Jaime Reynolds; Gabriella Campanelli; Nancy Lobdell

Calendar

- Next meeting 3/22/16 12:10 until 1:30 at Near Eastside Legacy Center. We will meet the 4th Tuesday of each month.
- Karin will be on vacation 3/1 and 3/8 but regular weekly meeting will meet 3/1 with Heather Hamm chairing. Will decide at that meeting if need to meet on 3/8.

Agenda

- Nicole Spacey – *spoke about Anthem and their initiatives; they are a resource for persons who have Medicaid through Anthem and need more case management; transportation to groups and appointments free of charge; Anthem wants to identify members who are homeless*
- Election – each Committee is to review annually for chairperson election – *Heather Hamm elected to Chair Housing Committee. Karin will continue to chair the weekly workgroup meetings and continue managing the waitlist.*
- Review of Housing Statistics pulled from the Housing Wait list to determine recommendations to the Blueprint Council and PATA for housing needs – *Karin was asked to list types of housing already in place (Michael to send when HIC is completed) and number on the list waiting on that type of housing and turnover in the past year- will review at next business meeting*
- Chronic homelessness as priority – *Housing Committee voted to make chronic homelessness a priority for all programs so the list will be sorted by chronic homeless first – reminder that everyone needs to be diligent in documenting and obtaining chronic homeless documentation with apps*
- Veteran homelessness as a priority – *Housing Committee voted to make veterans on list a priority – will determine first if meet criteria for an veteran funded programs, if not, then would be a priority for housing*
 - *Will sort by veteran first; then chronic*
- Youth homelessness as a priority – *discussion on youth homelessness as a priority – some ways in which to prioritize youth 1)develop more CoC units for youth – it was noted that we have two youth programs now and don't always have applications to fill those vacancies; engage more youth serving agencies to submit applications (Stopover; Connect to 25; DCS; Outreach, Inc) 2)youth are eligible for all openings so could prioritize them (after chronic and after veterans) for available housing – at this time it was decided to wait until we see the stats at next business meeting to make a decision as youth are already housed quickly at this point.*
- Family homelessness as a priority – *it depends on the number of bedrooms open and then sort the list by families that need that number – do not see a way to prioritize with so many project based units*
- Kirk Taylor and Michael Butler to update on PSH renewal and new grants – *utilizing reallocation monies to fund program staff – No updates at this time*
- Chronic documentation update – *met – requesting HMIS to develop a tool to pull only outreach documentation report*

- *Prevention group – Brianna updated on Prevention Group (Karin to find key phrases to find name for group); will meet weekly after Tuesday Housing Workgroup meetings to discuss residents who may be in jeopardy of loosing their housing*
- *Training – need someone to take on setting up and assuring that trainings identified happen in 2016 – will revisit for volunteers at March meeting*
- *Disability documentation – who is interested on working on this issue – will revisit for volunteers at March meeting.*