

Housing Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday May 24, 2017 2pm United Way of Central Indiana

Welcome and Introductions

In attendance: Kay Wiles, Brianna Gates, Brenda Murphy, Jessie Jurnakins, Yanna McGraw, Dawn Wagner, Erin Biggs, Rachael Sample, Chris Wynn, Matt Holland, Shante Taylor, Amber Gordon, Colleen Curtin, Chelsea Haring-Cozzi, Manon Bullock, Phillip Mitchell

Chelsea with UWCI started by speaking about supportive services dollars for community that were contracted through HIP in the fall to start Rapid Rehousing as Coordinated Entry was coming online. Fund was for diversion and rental assistance in collaboration with the Tuesday Case Conferencing group. Group went through rental assistance and group didn't know how to access support services dollars which are still around \$50,000 available and still approximately \$7,000 available for rental assistance for up to 6 months. These funds can be used to support housing stability so that could mean (not exhaustive list) utility assistance, transportation and childcare to name a few. To qualify, organizations must be already receiving funds for COC projects, SSVF, Housing Trust Fund or ESG and be active in the Continuum of Care and participate in HMIS for data entry. Clients must be homeless and receiving case management services at least once a month from a qualifying agency. This could include clients already receiving case management services and housing through Coordinated Entry. Easiest way to access is to use the budget template (attached to minutes) and send the budget to HIP (Yanna McGraw, ymcgraw@iuhealth.org) for approval. Then qualifying services once budget approved can bill these services on the attached invoice form once pre-approved through HIP with list of qualifying services being billed including supportive documentation to Chelsea at the United Way (Chelsea.haring-cozzi@uwci.org) Again, these documents are attached to the meeting minutes.

Brianna spoke about the meeting being the 1st Housing Committee meeting on a non Tuesday. The meeting will continue on the 4th Wednesday of every month at United Way and will be facilitated by Zach Gross (zgross@chipindy.org) while Bri is on maternity leave. The hope and goal is for more partners to come to the table to discuss housing related issues in the community, collaboration on projects or gaps as well as ideas for future housing projects to be included in future NOFA applications.

Kay said HIP's Rapid Rehousing project will start September 1st, 2017 through a COC award and will serve 5 individuals and 10 households. The project will run through Coordinated Entry.

Matt gave a Coordinated Entry update.

- 10-14 MOU's out in community for Access points with due date of May 31st
- CHIP hosting an open house at the Interchuch Center dining room to give the community a CES update and walk through the HMIS application. Two sessions available (11am to noon and 2pm to 3pm)

- Training dates for Access Points and Navigators start on Thursday June 8th from 9am to 2pm. Three other training dates available for the flexibility of the community throughout the month of June.
- July 1st CES will go live with Navigators able to complete applications for recommended housing interventions of Permanent Supportive Housing, Rapid Rehousing and Safe Haven
- Veteran Housing Interventions (GPD, SSVF and HUD Vash) will roll in Fall of 2017
- ESG will roll in January of 2018 when the new contracts start

Brenda and Jessie spoke about the Moving On initiative starting up through HIP. Brenda is the Moving On Housing Specialist at HIP and will be reaching out to case managers in the community to understand the clients that PSH housing providers are working with and helping to identify Permanent housing options for clients to voluntarily move into their own permanent housing if they no longer feel that they need the supportive services that wrap around PSH programs. Some communities that use this program (CSH researched and developed) have Housing Authority vouchers attached to this initiative however in the Indianapolis community that is not connected to the program yet but housing will be low income 30-40% based. There is \$25,000 for deposits or moving costs and some clients may need a shallow subsidy in addition to contributing to their own rent but be able to live independently.

Rachael from CHIP stated that this could provide an opportunity to connect with domestic violence survivors, community centers and centers for working families and help clients connect to community supports that have a stake in helping neighbors continue stable housing in the long term.

Kay reviewed the Moving On Assessment and Application Tool which has been nationally researched and tweaked for the Indianapolis community.

Bri gave an ESG update from HIP. Pretty much funds for prevention and RRH has been allocated for the year. The goal in this meeting would be to have other ESG providers come and give updates on where their agencies stand.

Other goals of Wednesday Housing Committee meeting moving forward

- Ensure that case conferencing can continue on Tuesday's but have a larger systemic discussion.
- Speak about housing needs in the community
- Address prevention and expand housing availability in the community with future collaborations coming from this meeting
- Use partners at the table to discuss benchmarking to raise community performance overall by leveraging community partners
- Talk about Federal benchmarks to end homelessness so more players in the community understand how our community is graded as a system. Also will align with the community needs
- Speak about quarterly outcomes and share best practices. If one agency does poorly in a certain area for example, they will know who in the group does well and they can share information between the both agencies to support growth and learning to increase proficiency in that area.

Bri walked through the different quarterly outcome measures for the group. The document with the scoring tool can be found on the COC website. www.indycoc.org

Rachael from CHIP spoke about the large increase in data quality, accuracy and completeness in HMIS as an example of reviewing what the community is scored on and how everyone can raise their project scores by collaboration and communication.

Also Rachael gave an updated the group on both the Youth PIT count (only for Indianapolis community not Federal reporting) for the week of July 10th at CHIP. Goals are to connect with Youth experiencing homelessness and find out where they go and how to connect more effectively with them. It will be activity based and wants to get information on services needed. Youth Task Force is finalizing the planning for the event.

Supportive Services Task Force is looking for new membership and recruiting of new partners. The goal here is to continue to provide a collaborative environment and build an educational forum so that community supports can be provided to support clients. This meets at CHIP as well. More information can be found on the COC website www.indycoc.org or you can email Rachael at CHIP www.rsample@chipindy.org.