

**Minutes approved with noted * additions at 11/17/16 mtg
PATA Meeting
10/26/16**

2016 HUD-NOFA Debriefing with Howard Burchman

Attendance: Danielle Bagg, Zach Gross, Lara Chandler, Caleb Sutton, Kirk Taylor, Rachael Sample, Alan Witchey, Courtney Purnell, Scott Armstrong, Karin Thornburg

Summary of overall goals with detailed notes below:

1. Howard will do training for individual organizations in filling out own e-snap; along with ensuring consistency of answers among orgs
2. Good reallocation policy – ensure all is in place to follow it in a transparent way
3. Clean-up HMIS and PHA/IHA - be sure to add HUD/VASH as homeless admission to IHA
4. Integrating HIC & PIT more fully
5. Change ranking to take into consideration SPDAT scoring

Next Steps:

1. Howard will submit a training proposal to CHIP
2. Courtney and Howard will look at the issue on 2016 app allowing only identifying chronic pop for service

11/17/18: Courtney P. reports that she and Howard looked at this after the mtg and we are assured we shouldn't worry.

Detailed Notes:

HMIS and inclusion of VA

We had a powerful reallocation of over 20% and allowing for increase of RRH which is essential and wasn't reflected in the 2016 application

*Note: Kirk T. states our reallocation was actually 12/6%

Strengthening Coordinated Entry with a focus on getting folks rental assistance which is key

Great procedure for reviewing performance with focus on performance improvement plans. This is good work and great place to invest time as it takes time to be fruitful especially as an advising system for reallocation

Focus on PHA/IHA:

- Include VASH vouchers in % of folks entering housing who were homeless using housing choice vouchers – our number in this category was very low
- Develop strategies for organizations to apply for Section 8 vouchers and then that org prioritize homelessness
- Get on board of IHA for decisions on these applications

Align HIC and PIT to allow lead of PSH and RRH. Seems that HIC and PIT are standing alone and not folded in as part of process

Ensure all attachments sent in are proper polices etc. These are worth a lot of points and it is unclear if all same and correct polices that were attached are the ones reflected on CoC website.

Howard scored our app using the NAEH tool – he came up with 153 or 154.
They will ½ or fractional points

He loves the quarterly monitoring and pushing performance measures to increase greater buy-in and greater transparency

HUD looks at vulnerability for who is getting svcs – Howard suggests we consider establishing a range of SPDAT score for entering PSH and ask for SPDAT score for those entering RRH and rank accordingly

Ensure we are serving the hardest to serve for and according to ability of each resource

City needs to monitor on compliance and drawdown
CoC needs to monitor on Performance Measures

Documentation of Chronic Homelessness:

- Episodes need to have breaks from homelessness
- Can self-certify up to 3 months of homelessness
- Can self-certify for breaks for episodic saying staying with family/friends
- Have to document both episodes of homelessness and breaks
- Have up to 6 months after housed to obtain documentation

Our community needs solutions and training on documentation of chronic homelessness

Our community needs to get HMIS on board to assist in this documentation

Need a focus on all providers reaching System Performance Measures – hard look at length of time homeless, need reduction

Part of the game is to get transitional housing out of HIC – Zach looked at this for Indy and only 1 or 2 can come off

Mandate that all programs are using Housing First

Bring in training for front line staff on working with very difficult population – need to get away from thought that nothing can be done b/c of harm reduction or low/no demand

Get more TA from HUD, but figure out how to get good TA – very challenging!