

## McKinney-Vento Resource Group Meeting

February 17, 2016 CHIP

Attendance: Tracy Beer, Michael Butler, Bruce Carter, Charie Gibson, Crystal Haslett, Tonya Monnier, Jorie Depalma, Simona Reising, Susan Riddle, Karen Routt, James Taylor, Laura Alvarado

The meeting opened with introductions.

Laura Alvarado with School on Wheels presented on the project that the Support Services Task force has been working on to learn more about services available in the 9 townships.

- They first focused on 3 townships, Lawrence, Warren and Center
- They developed a 12 question survey and had a total of 661 returns
- Some of the returns were Spanish language responses
- Surveys were completed between September and November 2015
- There will be a community meeting on March 16 to present the data from the surveys
  - It will be a day-long session to present the data, discuss it and brainstorm action steps
- The next 3 townships to be tackled will be Pike, Washington and Wayne
- The goal is that by the end of 2016 all 9 townships will be surveyed, discussed and action plans created

We discussed coordinated entry: “a process deemed by the US Department of Housing and Urban development as a ‘critical component to any community’s efforts to meet the goals of *Opening Doors: Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness*.’ A continuum of care is not required to centralize the assessment process, but must implement a process that is easy for people to access, identifies and assesses their needs, and makes prioritization decisions based upon those needs.”

This group decided to cancel the March 16 meeting in favor of the Continuum of Care meeting.

There was discussion about the use of the webinar for Professional development and if that worked for everyone present. General consensus was that it did work well for everyone.

College contacts are posted on the DOE website <http://www.doe.in.gov>.

NCHE webinar on financial aid is very informative [http://center.serve.org/nche/web/s\\_p.php](http://center.serve.org/nche/web/s_p.php).

ESAS will require schools to transport even after families become permanently housed.

Each district must have a good dispute policy because it can save the district. Maybe this group can go over best practice from various dispute policies to help each district beef theirs up. We should bring them to a meeting and talk about them.

Ask Julie Smart if she can address the impact of ESAS and what her expectations will be. Maybe she can bullet point the major changes. Michael will ask her to present at the April meeting.