

## **Transitional Housing Meeting**

**January 6, 2016**

### **REALTOR Foundation/MIBOR**

**Attendance:** Alan Witchey, Sandy Jeffers, Gabie Benson, Julie Kathary, Karin Thornburg, Cindy Thomas, Lori Casson, Stephanie Derrickson, Jeremy Turner, Ben Jones, Don Hawkins

**Meeting began:** 12:05

#### **Introduction:**

Alan provided opening remarks. Members went around the table and introduced themselves. Alan provided background on the meeting.

#### **CoC Structure:**

Alan suggested that since we were meeting regularly as a group now, that we should consider how we fit into the CoC committee structure. He presented a draft organizational chart. Members agreed that the Transitional Housing Work Group fits under the Housing and Services Committee as one of the subcommittee groups.

Sandy Jeffers agreed to stay on as co-chair of the group. Jenni White was not in attendance, but will check if she is interested in staying as co-chair.

#### **Case Study Update:**

Alan reported that the case statement was not ready for review from the consultants but he was expecting it very soon. He will distribute to the group when it is ready and requests comments back prior to the February 3 meeting. At the February meeting we will review a second draft of the document.

#### **Education and Advocacy Options:**

Members discussed key education points that support the need for transitional housing.

- What happens to clients if transitional programs are closed?
- For who and when is transitional housing the most appropriate solution?
- How are transitional housing clients exiting programs – to self-sufficiency or permanent housing with a subsidy?

Alan clarified that HUDs concern is not that we have transitional housing programs in our CoC portfolio, but instead the percentage of transitional housing to PSH or Rapid Rehousing programs. If our CoC is able to increase the % of Housing First model programs, the % of TH programs will natural decrease and improve overall score.

**Other Issues to Consider:**

Members discussed a need for social enterprises in Indy that could provide much needed jobs or housing to high risk populations while producing revenue streams to lesson agencies reliance on federal dollars. People emergency Center in Philadelphia and Delancey Street in San Francisco were cited as examples. Recycle Force and Bosma Enterprises are local examples. Members will research models and come back with ideas.

**Next Steps:**

- Alan will circulate the case statement when it is ready for review.
- Alan will pull HMIS data on transitional housing programs for analysis.
- Ben will report back details on the Women's Fund's social enterprise investments.