

Marion County Family Homeless Resource Group Meeting

February 14, 2017

Wheeler Women & Children's Center

2:30-4 PM

The meeting started at 2:35

Attendees: Chevaria Minor, Simona Reising, Brianna Gates, Jenni White, Lisa Hoffman, Rachel Joray, Stephanie Teeter, Cal Nelson, Nate Ferreira, Rachael Sample

Family Homelessness Criteria & Benchmarks

Rachael presented the USICH Criteria & Benchmarks to End Family Homelessness. Discussion of the plan:

Brianna suggested we take a look at our Family Homelessness Plan and see how these plans compare.

NAEH: prioritized reducing shelter length of stay, is this contradictory to our prioritization of Chronics for housing? Won't this make LOS longer for families if all the Chronic are to be housed "ahead" of families?

Where are we as a committee? We are very behind as a community. Do these benchmarks mean much when we have so much work to do in the other populations?

Jenni asked how do special populations (DV) and TH resources play into this plan? We review the last section of the criteria and benchmarks to discuss this issue.

There is a need to bring partners back to the table or to the table for the first time. Funding is limited, so we need to be collaborative in our planning and include everyone.

Rachael asked those providers in the room without major HUD funding what would be valuable to them in having a discussion?

Written standards are going to bring people to the table.

The group suggested personal one-on-one discussions for a targeted discussion about how they fit into the CoC.

Rachael asked about an area of specific concern we know is an issue: Family Unity

What are challenges to keeping all youth in the household together?

Age restrictions, marriage status issues

What can we get for family separation statistics? Rachael will ask Children's Bureau's shelter/respice

Other Business

Chelsea will be sending out the information about the services dollars for the RRH funds via email.