

Veteran Homelessness Task Force Meeting

April 10, 2017

10:30 am -12:00 pm

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- **GPD Update**
 - Current programs end September 30. New applications due April 4. Review on May 7. What is this going to look like
 - Partners in Housing is moving away from GPD Linwood Manor will become HUD VASH– transition out veterans. Focus is on making sure current GPD Veterans will have access to permanent housing. Goal to be down from 14 units from 28, and get everyone down into one building. One building is being rehabbed and all vets will be in one building while the other one is being worked on. They are getting project based vouchers from HUD.
 - VOA decided not to apply for GPD – staff has been talking to vets and letting them know that they should be looking for housing. Larcina Hicks spoke with clients and provided them with information. Monet making sure that each client has a plan for permanent housing. 16 more veterans to get moved into PH. Vets will meet with Monet bi-weekly to discuss their housing plan
 - This is a loss of about 50 GPD beds in Indianapolis - 30 PIH and 20 VOA
 - HVAF submitted four applications – one for each of the four GPD models
 - HIP – 9 service-intensive and 6 bridge beds – they serve families
- **Combined SSVF Brochure**
 - We could make a phablet of the information combined by Rachael once the text is finalized
 - It would be helpful to have the fax number for all the agencies
 - Add the VA seal and the call center number
 - Highlight differences among agencies
- **Landlord Event Recap and Next Steps**
 - Rachael is sending thank you cards to landlords who filled out the request for information
 - Next time – get business addresses (for the management company) – had a problem with invites going to apartment addresses
 - About 130 invites went out
 - For larger management companies – maybe we could do a hand-delivered invite
 - Providers also made phone calls to invite landlords
 - Maybe we could do a video capturing landlord and veteran stories
 - Two landlords expressed interest in helping to recruit new landlords
 - Would like to continue this event on a reoccurring basis
 - Move away from winter/spring to allow for weather concerns
- **Veteran Housing Retention Rates**
 - Katie described two-year look back (2015)
 - Housing retention for HVAF, HIP an VOA at about 80%
 - Dan could provide special training if a lot of agencies what to run this report
- **Community Planning Survey**
 - Asking detailed questions about our community planning processes. Much more detailed than it has been in prior years.
 - The 10 topics covered in the survey are:
 - Submission Information and CoC Involvement
 - Leadership Team

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- Mayoral and Other Executive Support
- Summary of Planning Efforts
- Data Quality and Coverage
- Master/By Name List
- Current Number of Veterans Experiencing Homelessness
- Adoption of Best Practices and Strategies
- Federal Criteria, Benchmarks, and Goals
- Technical Assistance Needs
- Katie and Lauren can answer most of the questions, but they may reach out to Task Force members with questions.
- Plan to review responses with Bryan and Nancy for their input before submission.
- It is due May 3.
- Other Business
 - Data quality – We will continue to discuss the number of homeless Veterans in our community, referencing the report pulled by TA Joyce MacAlpine.