

Veteran Homelessness Task Force Meeting

**July 10, 2017
10:30 am -12:00 pm**

**CHIP (Indiana Interchurch Center)
1100 W 42nd St
Indianapolis, IN 46208**

Agenda

- I. Welcome & Introductions (5 min) Bryan Dysert
- II. YMCA and Veterans (10 min) Tim Martin
 - a. The Y is currently looking for opportunities to support Veterans, especially at the new location in Pike Township (July 26 groundbreaking), which will include a VA Clinic, diabetes prevention, and financial literacy courses.
 - b. Homeless support program include a current partnership with the Domiciliary and the Ft. Ben Y. Residents use the Y facilities and the agency is looking to partner with other Veteran service providers at other locations. This could potentially include sponsoring memberships once Veterans are housed.
- III. GPD Update (5 min) Bryan & Kay Wiles
 - a. HIP and HVAF have received their conditional offers for GPD. HIP will have nine service intensive beds and six bridge beds (with a focus still on families). HVAF will have 148 beds, which is down from the 171 requested (bridge, clinical, and service intensive). Low demand beds were requested but not approved, which may lead to a gap in services for those who struggle with mental health and substance abuse. There are no other low demand models in the community.
 - b. The service center was not approved, but HVAF is still committed to providing these services.
 - c. VOA still has 29 contract beds for Veterans, as well as a Safe Haven in Fort Wayne. VOA will help clients move to Fort Wayne.

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- d. CHIP will help track the outcomes with the different service models and we will revisit GPD after Q1 (January 2018).
- IV. Master List Update (10 mins) Katie Cordell
- a. Goal for an updated Master List is a completion date of September 30. Ken Davidson is currently completing a scope of work to update the list to include all self-identified Veterans in the HMIS universe. The updates will be reflective of the updated criteria and benchmarks released earlier in 2017.
 - b. Currently looking for a work group of 3-5 people to make sure the master list updates are reflective of the community's needs for tracking data in HMIS. CHIP, HIP, VOA, and HVAF volunteered staff to participate in this work group.
- V. Task Force 2-year Goals (20 mins) Bryan & Lauren
- a. A lack of property owners willing to rent to Veterans with blemished backgrounds remains a barrier to housing. Stacy has resources to help individuals who are about to lose their homes.
 - b. Momentum for completing action steps is another challenge. Having a project manager who can guide the task force's progress on a weekly/monthly basis would be ideal. The current model leads to siloes among service types and providers.
 - c. CHIP will assist with the creation of policies as-needed.
 - d. A system of accountability needs to be increased that includes dates for completion, with a potential focus on 1-2 areas for each monthly meeting. This would include the organizations that need to be part of the strategy.
- VI. Outreach, Prevention, & Screening Tool Discussion (20 min) Rachael Sample

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- a. Final edits for the screening tool due to Rachael by July 31.
 - b. With the engagement policy, the Veteran Task Force currently has no system-wide policies. Please review the proposed policies and return to Rachael by July 31. The biggest update is increased coordination with 211 and formal agreement(s) with Professional Blended Street Outreach (PBSO). Still questions about what this would look like: formal, community-wide, or unique to each agency? **Please review internally with your staff and send preferences to Rachael by July 31.** Other updates include having SSVF providers coordinate with transitional housing programs for housing offers and reviewing these offers in case conferencing.
 - c. Multiple Homeless Prevention Enrollments Policy is still that if something is becoming literally homeless, they will be served. This policy is to better target assistance to help those in crisis. This policy outlines that the Veteran should return in a month if they still need Prevention help and that SSVF providers will share that information with each other. Updates for this policy include reviewing the households quarterly at case conferencing (set the dates for doing this), adding the agency roles who will be the contact at each agency to the policy, and adding language for how soon to share this information across providers.
- VII. Legal Services Coordination (10 mins) All
- a. Tabled until the August meeting.
- VIII. Other Business (15 min) All

Next meeting: August 14, 2017 10:30 am – 12 pm at CHIP (Indiana Interchurch Center)