

Housing & Services Committee Meeting Report

Monday, May 7, 2018, 2:00pm-3:30pm

Walker Conference Room, 3rd Floor, United Way – 2955 N. Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN 46208

Meeting report was recorded by Emily Bair, Continuum of Care Manager, CHIP

Topic	Presenter	Decision
Welcome & Introduction	Emily Bair (facilitator)	Called to order at 2:05pm
WIPA Presentation	Stephanie Gage, Aspire Indiana Works	WIPA – Work Incentive Planning & Assistance is a free program for individuals receiving SSI and/or SSDI. Aspire covers 58 counties in Indiana to assist anyone receiving SSI/SSDI to re-enter the workforce, keep benefits, and understand how work and benefits can enhance each other. Aspire employs 4 WIPA staff, all of whom work remotely with clients via phone, email, and snail mail. Aspire recommends referring clients when they are ready to actively seek employment. WIPA is free to beneficiaries, and available to anyone aged 14-retirement age. Staff are currently focused on youth and young adults (ages 18-24) and individuals doing self-employment (including Uber drivers). Stephanie provided handouts, which are also emailed to the committee.
SOAR Training cohort	Emily Bair & Danielle Bagg-Wireman, CHIP	Next online training cohort will begin with kickoff call on 06/03/2018. Classes are self-paced online, and SOAR Leads will host weekly check-in webinars each Wednesday in June. Informational flyer and registration form were handed out. SOAR Steering Committee meets quarterly; next meeting is Monday, May 14, 3:00pm-4:00pm at 1100 W. 42 nd Street, Krannert Room.
Landlord Engagement follow-up	Rachael Sample CHIP	Planning to have small group meet every other month to discuss engagement and retention strategies. A landlord within the group is working on inroads with Central IN Realtors Association and the IN Apartment Association. Next meeting will be scheduled for May/June.
McKinney-Vento Policy	Rachael Sample CHIP	Rachael reviewed policy and flowchart with the group. Policy came from guidance released last year for any ESG/CoC funded agencies, stating they must have an identified agency educational liaison (AEL. This staff is to connect with schools and daycares to ensure that students are able to attend consistently. Policy information will be presented in more detail at the May 18 training CoC/ESG providers training at 1100 W. 42 nd Street. CHIP will maintain a list of McKinney-Vento liaisons, to be updated at least annually. CCDF prioritizes childcare vouchers for low-income families currently receiving TANF. CHIP is working with CCDF on improving access for families experiencing homelessness. CCDF completes all correspondence through snail mail, leading to a high need to keep a household's address updated. CHIP will also provide Head Start and Early Learning locations for CoC providers. During the summer, families will have to locate other childcare

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		as CCDF is only operable during the school year; there are providers at a sliding scale rate, but most do not offer transportation.
Risk Mitigation Funds	Rachael Sample	Funds are anticipated to be available late 2018; Tom Tuttle at CHIP will be the coordinator and is working on a handbook and trainings. Funds will be available once an eviction is filed to help in mediating the process without an eviction being completed. Funds can cover what is beyond the deposit. While this can be used as an enticement for landlords to be more open to renting to households experiencing homelessness, it should be an additional carrot, but not the only reason landlords rent to us. Funding caps per household are still being determined.
CES Navigator & Prevention Discussion	Robert Worden, PBSO	CES recently completed housing navigation survey, most questions were in regards to housing prevention – maintaining housing/subsidy for households currently in CoC units. Who votes on housing prevention/who should be in the room? How detailed/prescriptive should the policy/policies be? Robert provided the current policy from 2016. Discussion of having a policy as it may also provide education/security to landlords; develop a clearer, more consistent policy and re-determine who should be in the room during prevention discussions. Robert will assemble a small (5-6 person) working committee, beginning with CES Oversight committee volunteers.
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List of meeting attendees in accordance with the sign-in sheet:

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