

Minutes from the OHS Advisory Board Meeting – May 13, 2015

1. **Welcome and introductions**
 - a. Minutes from the March 11 Board meeting were approved without change.
 - b. Co-Chairs alerted everyone to the note from Dorothy Noga McCarthy in the meeting materials.

2. **Plan to End Veteran Homelessness – VA, VOA and FLS**
 - a. Kathy Penman described the continuum of services the VA can provide to veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and explained that a primary goal of the Plan to End Veteran Homelessness by the end of 2015 is to achieve “functional zero” which would mean there are no unsheltered veterans; those who do experience homelessness are homeless for shorter periods of time, and all who become homeless have access to permanent housing.
 - b. Ed Gernerchak and Brad Hutchinson described the role that the Supportive Services to Homeless Families program is playing in ending veteran homelessness. Ed reported that most veterans now come through Coordinated Intake and that partners have compiled a list of every homeless veteran which is critical to tracking progress. He said that locally, the effort to reach Functional Zero is going well, with the likelihood that the milestone will be reached before the end of 2015.
 - c. Rosie Palfy recommended that the CoC hold an annual safety planning meeting.

3. **County Update:** Matt Carroll discussed the importance of human services to the County administration and said he would follow-up with Ruth regarding the possibility of pursuing funding for the ID Collaborative.

4. **Decision issue – Recommendations for Capital Funding to End Homelessness Projects –**

The Board voted to approve the recommendation from the CFEH Working Group for the third, and final, round of applications submitted through our CoC. Beau Hill and Sue DiNardo abstained.

5. **Point in Time Count 2015 results** – Shari provided an overview of this year’s PIT and said that final numbers would be available once the report was submitted.

6. **Housing First Initiative –**
 - a. **Mobile Clinic** – Kate Nagel reported that efforts with the mobile clinic are going very well. The clinic visits each PSH site once every 2 weeks, providing both primary health and behavioral health services. She discussed the advantages of having these services to residents onsite and said that Care Alliance is exploring ways to expand services to homeless persons using both the mobile clinic and other agency resources.

- b. **8301 Detroit** – Kate Monter Durban briefly explained the zoning issue that had delayed the start of construction and said that a rezoning ordinance expected to be approved by City Council prior to summer recess will allow construction to begin late summer/early fall. The building could open 12 months after construction begins.
 - c. **HF Outcomes** – Danielle Cosgrove distributed HF outcomes. Rosie Palfy noted that it would be helpful to have the same outcomes from other projects such as Cogswell.
 - d. **Broken Connections** – Barbara Thomas announced that the organization had received a \$85,000 grant for work with youth.

- 7. **Homeless and Unstably Housed Youth Count** – Kate Lodge reported that a wide range of organizations have come together to conduct a youth count designed to identify both homeless and unstably housed youth. The count will take place during the first week of June. A survey instrument has been designed and will be circulated in shelters and at sites frequented by youth.

- 8. **HEARTH Act Technical Assistance** – Sue DiNardo reported that the contract for technical assistance with Housing Innovations has been signed and preliminary work – mainly information gathering – is underway. More details to come soon.

- 9. **Rapid Re-Housing Case Management Update** – Ed Gemerchak reported that after much deliberation, RRH partners are moving forward with a detailed framework of meetings and milestones to increase the potential for positive outcomes for program participants.

- 10. **NOFA News** – Shari said that it appears that the NOFA will be out soon – perhaps as early as June. CoCs will, again this year, have to rank projects in 2 tiers, and this year, for the first time, CoCs will be allowed to reallocate funds for RRH for individuals.

- 11. **Super Conference Announcement: City Music and Project Act** – Co-Chairs called people’s attention to the notice for the conference in the meeting materials.

Attendance

MEMBERS: Kate Nagel for Francis Afram-Gyening; Vivian Catchings-El; Diana Cyganovich; Brian Davis; Sue DiNardo; Valeria Harper; Beau Hill; Sherri Brandon; Kathleen Jackson; Kate Monter Durban; Keith Moody; Eric Morse; Rosie Palfy; Kathy Penman; Abigail Staudt; Barbara Thomas (16/23 members)

COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS: Jerome Baker;; Amanda DeSantis; Ed Gemerchak; Elaine Gimmel; Brad Hutchison; Norika Hancock; Alicia King; Kate Lodge; Miss Loh; Joan Maser; Helen Murphy; LaTonya Murray; Melissa Sirak; Danielle Cosgrove; Nellie Rogers; Anne Spelic; Brendan Woodburn

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