

PORTLAND CONTINUUM OF CARE

Wednesday, July 16, 2014

MEETING MINUTES

Present:

Bob Duranleau	City of Portland, Health & Human Services Department, Social Services Division
Jeff Tardif	City of Portland, Health & Human Services Department, Social Services Division, Family Shelter
Tammie Butner	City of Portland, Health & Human Services Department, Social Services Division, Family Shelter
Rob Parritt	City of Portland, Health & Human Services Department, Social Services Division, Oxford Street Shelter
Matt Pryor	City of Portland, Health & Human Services Department, Social Services Division, Adult Services
Ginny Dill	Shalom House
Norman Maze	Shalom House
Tom Natalie	Milestone
Jon Bradley	Preble Street
Cindy Namer	MaineHousing
Joe Everett	The Opportunity Alliance
Jenny Stasio	Family Crisis Services

I. Introductions

Bob welcomed everyone and brief introductions were made.

II. 2014 CoC Tier Awards Funding Issue – Update

Bob discussed the funding issue with reallocations. He was hoping to have good news. The Boston HUD Regional Office was going to make the correction. He is working with a lobbyist for the City and HUD's Boston office. At this point, the issue has been elevated to HUD's legal department. The lobbyist will most likely start calling delegates today; Jon offered to reach out to his contacts in various delegate offices as well. Bob will follow-up with the CoC members on any progress.

III. HMIS – Cloudburst Group TA Survey Update

See handout. Lindsey and Joel from Cloudburst joined in a conference call to discuss the highlights of the survey results. Lindsey posed questions on next steps with a report on what is the priority of the continuums and the feasibility. In addition, a small group from the Portland CoC is going to attend the Maine CoC Data Committee on August 19. Krista will send out the full report (approx 80 pages) for everyone to review prior to the meeting. This will allow individuals to report back to the August CoC meetings with their recommendations for additional TA needs. MaineHousing will be reviewing this data as well as attending the Data Committee meeting with additional questions.

IV. Portland CoC & Maine CoC Planning Grant Update & Sub Committees – Update

Jon updated the Continuum on the Project Performance Committee, including himself, Don Harden, Dan Coyne, and Betty from Mid Maine Shelter, as well as Melanie and Samantha from TAC. This committee is working to create the platform, by defining the accurate standards and performance outcomes and how they should be looked at (see handout). The committee is looking to have a clear outline in time for the September Continuum meetings. Portland's presentation will be at ESAC because it will touch more individuals.

Regarding the Planning Grant Committee, Cindy discussed more the need for people being involved. Ginny stated there were concerns about the need of a framework of how services can work together and overlap, they want an understanding of what the reporting will be, as well as concern that project monitoring committee is too small, and need more of a representation from the Maine CoC. Ginny and Heather pointed out to the Maine CoC that when originally given the opportunity, no one jumped at the chance to be on the committee. The final issue was the timeline and they would like it moved along quickly.

V. WorkReady Contract

Matt Pryor discussed the Workready contract and how the City has a 90-day free trial. It shows results in real-time and has been effective in verifying and identifying job placements in the program. The only downfall is what may include a single job worked five years prior as a “hit”. Once the 90-day trial is complete, the price structure will be established by the company based on the number of names run and hits received. Bob asked that the agencies contact him if they would like to participate in the WorkReady contract.

VI. New HMIS Data Standards

Bob handed out the new data standards and asked everyone to review before the next meeting. One item discussed was the use of ZIP codes to determine previous residency.

The group voted to keep ZIP codes as a field: Unanimously Agreed.

VII. Other Business

Mainehousing training coming is holding a training symposium on August 5th and 7th. Cindy reminded everyone to bring their questions and concerns listed in the survey results to the trainings. She also recommended that agencies send their IT representatives to discuss data sharing requirements.

Bob distributed the HUD CPD Ask A Question response. He discussed the Transitional Housing program citizenship eligibility. This took one year to be resolved. DV visas are eligible, while B1/B2 visas are not.

Jon discussed Portland’s CDBG’s focus on job placements for the homeless and immigrants/refugees who are eligible for work. CEI applied for it, but left homeless individuals out. This is to create new opportunities for all individuals, with the target of 100 people to work in the project, 25 of which being new jobs. He feels that working with the Workready program may help track these individuals and how long they stay employed.

Next Meeting:

August 20, 2014

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

REFUGEE SERVICES CONFERENCE AREA

190 Lancaster Street

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