

PORTLAND CONTINUUM OF CARE

Wednesday, February 18, 2015

MEETING MINUTES

Present:

Aaron Geyer	City of Portland, Health & Human Services Department, Social Services Division, Home to Stay
Jeff Tardif	City of Portland, Health & Human Services Department, Social Services Division, Family Shelter
Cindy Namer	MaineHousing
Vickey Rand	CHOM
Norm Maze	Shalom House
Joanie Klayman	Preble Street
Amy Grommes-Pulaski	City of Portland, Community Development Department

I. Introductions

Aaron welcomed everyone and brief introductions were made.

II. 2015 CoC Application Update- GIW

Aaron discussed the FY 2015 GIW and the due date of February 27. Once he hears back from the last organization, it will be ready to submit to HUD.

III. Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

Amy introduced herself and explained her position with the City. ESG requires CDBG meet with ESAC and CoC to go over the 5-year plan. Cindy clarified that they also use their HOME funding for TBRA. Amy stated that TBRA was funded for two years at approximately \$135,000 per year. TBRA has been challenging to serve, since many of those in need do not qualify for funding. The original plan was to only work with homeless individuals, but this is not a requirement. They are looking to take off the homeless requirement and work on prevention as well. Cindy warned that since all funds must go to an HQS-inspected home, this may increase the number of required inspections performed by the City.

Amy reviewed the ESG funding history, including the jump in FY 2011-12 and the HMIS/Admin change with the HPRP funding by HUD. Aaron discussed the loss of CoC funds and how ESG will help fill those gaps. Cindy clarified that the Rapid Rehousing funds at OSS is the salaries for navigators.

Amy will work with Aaron on a narrative to explain the way funding has been moved and allocated and will distribute for a vote at the March meeting.

IV. Coordinated Assessment

Anne reviewed the history of the HUD-mandated Coordinated Assessment and the drafted Policies and Procedures. This is in response to HUD's inquiry regarding the need for them. She asked that everyone review and notify her of any changes or corrections to be made.

V. Betterment Fund

Aaron discussed the receipt of the Betterment Fund to hire a part-time employee to work specifically with the planning grant. The position has been approved and he asked for volunteers for the hiring committee. Vickey and Cindy asked to be involved. Anne reminded everyone that the Betterment Fund was geared towards the statewide focus and rural Maine. She suggested a steering committee from both Maine and Portland CoCs to write a job description and the RFQ. Vickey offered to present this to the Maine CoC for more input. Aaron will also send an email.

VI. HUD Technical Assistance with ABT

Cindy distributed a scenario for HMIS funding and stated that MaineHousing will have to invoice each organization for HMIS licenses and admin fees. She will work with Aaron to set up a separate meeting to discuss this breakdown with those requiring licenses. She will work with Aaron to establish this meeting.

VII. Point in Time Survey 2015

Cindy stated there will be an update at the March meeting.

VIII. Mainstream Resources Committee Update

Aaron stated that Julie G will be doing her SSI/SSDI overview on February 19 at 10:30 am.

IX. Other Business

None to be reported.

Next Meeting:

March 18, 2015

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

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190 Lancaster Street

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