**Northwestern Continuum of Care**

**Tuesday, June 20, 2017 – 10 AM**

**Steering Committee Meeting**

**Vaya Health Conference Room**

* **Attendance**
  + Bob Taylor, Tina Krause – Hospitality House; Leslie Icenhour, Kaylen Lewis – OASIS; Kritsie Reisig – ABCCM; Kim Cashatt – NW Regional Housing Authority; Lori Watts – Vaya Health; Katherine Buchanan - ASHE
* **Agency Updates**
  + Hospitality House – shelter and programs are full, service coordinator staff held training on Housing First and VI-SPDAT, all staff introduced to Trauma awareness
  + Vaya will have some housing funds on July 1st, referrals can come from trained/qualified provider agency in network
    - Targeted units for person with disabilities, new property in Marion
    - Also going through some internal restructure
  + OASIS- 3 PSH units open each of which is 2 bedroom
  + ABCCM
    - working with referral of family of 4 adults from Ashe
    - NC Serves –Western NC Veterans can call in to get referrals one care coordinator will make all referrals. Soft launch is July 1st
  + A Safe Home for Everyone
    - Reported on data of services, documenting success in serving more households and positive exits
    - Working on rapid rehousing with Hospitality House
  + NW Regional Housing
    - Vouchers about the same, still prioritizing Wilkes and Watauga
    - Dire emergency and replace one by one
* **Housing and Mental Health –** Tina Krause
  + Discussion of housing options for mental health patients exiting hospitals; CoC members committed to meeting with hospital exit planning staff to assess service gaps
  + Supportive network for mental health needs in permanent housing
* **HUD funding/ CoC Competition (NOFA) preparation**- All
  + Housing first implementation
    - Wintergreen can look at some of the housing first guidelines. Housing First is priority for HUD: NWCoC scored 8 out of 9 in our collaborative application. NWRHA will examine agreements to help strengthen that number
  + Coordinated entry – update specification as per HUD requirements
  + Sections for improvement as per HUD debrief:
    - CoC Governance and Structure
      * Lori and Bob will look at the charter for CoC, to see what we may need to add to the charter.
    - CoC Performance and Strategic Planning
* **Regional and Local Data, Local and Regional Needs**- Bob Taylor
  + Discussion of locally compiled data, including the System Performance Measures, to use with local/reginal policy makes
    - PIT questions from ABT – verification Bob will draft an answer on the sheltered families, Lori will look at the veterans and the unaccompanied youth questions
* **Service Prioritization, Diversion, and Entry Update** – Bob Taylor
  + Implementation of Vulnerability Index Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI SPDAT) to lead Coordinated Entry
  + Outreach and training roll out of VI SPDAT and Coordinated Entry
    - HH and a Vaya each have staff member trained to train on VI SPDAT
  + Identification of housing, shelter, and supportive services and gaps in services to build diversion and coordinated entry network
    - Possibly formulate another Mtg of the housing coalition in Wilkes. Ashe is mtg monthly
    - Mitchell and Yancey has Charity House coordinating
  + **Other Business**
    - Governance Committee and NC HMIS update: New executive committee of NC Governance mtg
    - NWCoC Website – send content or suggestions to Bob Taylor
    - Homeless Housing Service Mapping – Review Orange County Model (attached below)
  + **Upcoming Meetings and Dates:**
    - June/July ??: NOFA for CoC competition
    - July 11-13: LSA training for HMIS system upgrade
    - **July 18: NWCoC ESG and RRH sub-committee meeting**
    - July 17-19: NAEH National Homeless Conference, Washington, DC

