**Northwestern Continuum of Care**

**Data Quality Subcommittee Meeting**

**Northwestern Regional Housing Authority Conference Space**

**Tuesday, June 19, 2018 – 10:00 AM**

**In Attendance:** Tina Krause, Dr. Murray Hawkinson, Marti Phillips, David Barr, Kim Cashatt, Kim Hill, Brian Huskey, Lori Watts, Tommy Mcclure, Tamara Franks, Ed Hurst, Aylssa Johnson, Meredith Malpass

* **Welcome & Agency Updates  
  Daymark**: Daymark is opening up a program for opiod abuse. It will be an out-patient program for individuals transitioning out of detox. The referral process is walk-in.   
    
  **Easter Seals:** Two openings for program in Wilkesboro. There are some prospective clients, but additional referrals are being accepted. Wintergreen is currently full.   
    
  **Out in the High Country:** The agency is offering 6-7 hour workshops for organizations in the high country. Another workshop is being offered in July. The capacity for the training is 30-40 people.   
    
  **Northwestern Regional Housing**: The grant application for targeted units was submitted last Friday with 22 letters of support from community partners. If the application is not successful, the agency will apply for the next round of funding. There has been some movement on the waiting list and vouchers have been released.   
    
  **Vaya Health:** Vaya’s fiscal year is ending and new funding will be available in July.  **Hospitality House:** The agency Emergency Shelter is currently full with some openings in overflow. A recent fire destroyed a permanent supportive housing unit, and the agency is seeking a single one-bedroom unit for the tenant. Please direct any resources to Tina Krause.

Hospitality House will be participating in the Town of Boone City Council meeting tonight to appeal the decision to reduce funding by $20,000. Individuals are requested to come in support.

* **Guest Speaker**
  + Child Protective Services of Ashe County- Foster Care Transition
    - The agency is focused on ensuring that foster children age out of foster care with a housing plan.
    - Teenagers aging out are eligible for the NC Links program
    - Foster Care 18-21: Program for individuals age 18 who are aging out. It is a voluntary program that offers a monthly stipend of $634 to assist with housing and other costs related to stability. They are also eligible for an additional $4,500 per year to assist with needs and paid directly to a third party vendor. The only limitation on eligibility is that the individual cannot return to previous living situation. They must pursue alternative safe and stable housing. The program also includes DSS case management oversight and home-based assessments.
    - Additional eligibility for 18-21: Individuals must be enrolled in an educational program or work.
    - Individuals can continue involvement, pursue involvement, or re-enter services up until their 21st birthday.
    - The counties in the state offer the 18-21 program.
    - NC Links: State program for children in foster care on their 13th birthday are eligible for the NC Links even if they have exited the foster care system. The program provides $3,000 per year up until their 21st birthday. The program is optional and requires parental consent for children placed back in their home of original. There are limited case management services offered with NC Links.
    - NC Links participants are all provided with a transitional living plan and is updated every 3 months. The plan is individualized to address the goals of each participant. Each participant must identify 5 adult supports as apart of the plan.
    - For students enrolled in 18-21, college tuition in the State of NC is free for up to five years towards a Bachelor Degree or below.
    - Enrollment: Contact local DSS to initiate services. The home county is responsible for providing services but it can be deferred to the current county where the participant is currently residing.
    - It is the agency’s goal to place all foster children in a home-based environment. Any individuals interested in foster care are encouraged to call DSS.
    - Aylssa Johnson direct contact – 336-877-7683
* **COC Planning- Members**
  + PIT materials for publication
    - Several inquiries about releasing PIT have been made. Consensus is requested before releasing the data. Additionally, any infographics, statements, graphs, or marketing assets are requested to be shared with all agencies in the CoC.
    - Hospitality House will produce an infographic by counties to share with all partners. IT will be emailed out before the next CoC meeting.
  + Update from NWRHA on Additional Voucher Grant Application- **Kim**
    - NWRH continues to reach out to community partners, especially hospitals.
    - NWRH should receive a funding decision by early August and the funding will be immediately available.
    - A timeline for additional funding opportunities has not been released. NWRH is continuing to collect MOUs and strengthen the application in the event the first application is not funded.
  + NOFA- Registration, Preparation- **Lori**
    - The release of the NOFA is anticipated in July.
    - Lori Watts completed registration in preparation for the release.
    - Contracts for the previous year are still pending. Tina reports that NC governance committee revealed that no agencies have received new contracts for existing programs.
    - Hospitality House will evaluate reallocating transitional programs as funding for this intervention has drastically decreased across the previous years.

**ESG Update- Tina, Marti**

* + QPR:
  + Desk Monitoring: The ESG office is conducting desk monitoring and on-sight monitoring. Hospitality House has had one on-sight monitoring and two desk monitoring in the last three months. Agencies across the state are also experiencing similar requests and monitorings.
  + The turn-around time on monitoring and follow up is extremely limited.
* **Governance Committee and NC HMIS updates- Tina**
  + MCAH 2018-19 Contract, Scope of Work- Vote required
    - Governance committee met last Monday. Copies of the contract with MCAH has been provided to CoC members. Nine CoCs remain with MCAH.
    - The NWCoC cost share, based on HIC bed count, is $7,000+. This represents a slight increase from the previous year, but remains lower the years prior. The agency is billed monthly for these services.
    - Motion to Accept contract is made by Lori.
    - A second is provided by Dr. Murray.
    - All approved.
  + HMIS Transition- Update from Veteran Crossover agencies and Governance
    - The governance committee has held several meetings on the transition. After the transition, MCAH will have increased capacity to address provider needs.
    - Veteran services agencies that cross geographic territories and systems will enter in both systems. If any conflicts arise for Veteran agencies entering into MCAH, please contact Tina Krause.
    - The transition is currently scheduled by July 1, but delays are anticipated. There may be a daily rate charged to those exiting programs who must continue to utilize the system until the new NCCEH system is available.
* **Other Business**
  + - Invites for reports from specific partners (youth/foster care, LGBTQ, etc.)
    - Asheville Veteran Standard is scheduled for September 7th from 9:00 to Noon at Stevens Lee Recreation Center. Veterans from surrounding areas are invited to attend. Please contact Meredith Malpass for information of participating.
    - Two VAMC Members are completing SOAR training. Veteran clients in the service area may be eligible for SOAR Services. Additional information will be provided.
    - Purple Heart Homes is a local organization the offers assistance to Veterans with home repairs to reduce barriers. Services are provided at no cost. A copy of their organizational information is attached.
* **Upcoming Meetings and Dates:**
* NWCoC Steering Committee meeting – **Tues. July 17, 2018 – NRHA**
* ESG QPR- June 30, 2018
* Remaining CoC Dates: Tues. July 17 Tues. Aug 21
* Tues. Sept. 18 Tues. Oct 16 Tues. Nov 13 Wed. Dec 12