**Northwestern Continuum of Care**

**Tuesday, November 15, 2016 – 10:00 AM**

**Data Quality Sub-Committee Meeting**

**MINUTES**

**Attendees**: Bob Taylor (Hospitality House), Shelby Coleman – intern (Hospitality House), Murray Hawkinson (Daymark), Janie Finnin (OASIS), Laura Lewis (OASIS), Jennifer Herman (OASIS), Lori Watts (Vaya Health formerly Smoky Mountain)

**Agency Updates**

**OASIS:** employee transitions, open associate director position, all beds are full – many people from Ashe County and some people out of state, one opening in permanent, 2 family justice center (FJC) visits yesterday – Hendersonville, Buncombe, influx of calls & requests, discussion of FJC

**Hospitality House:** winter shelter opened nov 1st, 25 additional people, figuring out how to implement Housing 1st & harm reduction across programs (PSH, TH, ES, WS), beds are full, winter shelter vs ES overflow, Wilkes scattered site is full; RRH – coordinating between agencies

**Daymark:** hiring LCSW half-time – reimbursement from medicare

**Vaya Health:** official name change Jan 1st, new housing employee in Asheville office in December, busy with housing grants from state funds, depleted funding for Buncombe area and southwestern area due to high needs in those areas, foothill counties have the most funds, Northern counties have some funding but will probably deplete early in new year; busy with HUD APRs for Permanent Supportive Housing programs in Foothill counties and Southwestern counties of Vaya

**Northwestern Regional Housing Authority:** distributing vouchers but at slower rate

**Easter Seals:** has one opening with group home in Ashe, Wintergreen PSHP in Wilkes has 3 openings

**NC HMIS Update**

* MCAH and NC HMIS Governance Committee approved new Policy and Procedures – document available upon request

**Final AHAR due 12/1**

* PSH shells approved
* fine tuning reporting in ES-IND, TH-IND, and TH-FAM
* submitted ES for families, a shell previously reported as having “no provider” - important to convey to Congress the continuing demand for homeless services for families in NW despite no dedicated beds in HIC for ES-FAM
* Report in HDX
* **Governance Committee Update** – Hospitality House Bob Taylor
  + start bringing quarterly reports: average length of stay, positive program outcomes
    - Evaluate effectiveness of programs
  + working on paying attention to grant benchmarks
* **2017 Point in Time Count Planning** – Lori Watts
  + 1/25/17
  + National Alliance to End Homelessness survey
  + Contacting agencies at beginning of January
  + Getting assistance from previously homeless people
* **Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) & Rapid Rehousing (RRH) update** – Bob Taylor
  + RRH has enrolled three new households in the past few weeks as an effort to spend down 2016 ESG RRH funds; the three households will probably exhaust funds
  + For 2017 program, exploring the set up of partnering agency work with RR Coordinator to enroll household, take responsibility for upfront costs, and submit for reimbursement from Hospitality House. Will consult with other CoC's to learn if they have that kind of set up; Hospitality House and ASHE will develop guidelines and draft MOU prior to their January board meeting – will bring to CoC at the same time.
* **Upcoming Meetings and Dates:**
* **Thurs. 12/1/16:** Final AHAR due
* **Wed. 12/7/16, 10 AM:** Steering Committee meeting – Vaya Health
* **Tues. 1/17/17, 10 AM:** Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) & Rapid Rehousing (RRH) Sub-Committee – Vaya Health
* **Wed. 1/25/17:** Annual Point in Time Count