**Northwestern Continuum of Care**

**Tuesday, August 15, 2017 – 10:00 AM**

**Steering Committee Meeting**

**Vaya Health Conference Room**

**Present:** Bob Taylor, Tina Krause, and McKala (Intern) (Hospitality House), Lori Watts (Vaya Health), Jennifer Herman and Kaylen Lewis (OASIS), Kim Cashatt (NWRHA), David Barr (Easter Seals), Tommy McClure (Ashe DSS), Kim Hill (Daymark)

* **Welcome & Agency Updates**
* **O.A.S.I.S.** 
  + Staff day in Avery to do team building
  + 3 permanent (2BR each) units open
  + Wants to do similar informational session in Watauga as Ashe DSS
* **ASHE DSS**
  + Adult services is heavy in activities
  + Foster care program is loaded right now
  + Vaya Health providing Crisis Intervention Training - coming to help with challenging issues such as violent situations (August 30th) at Ashe County 4H Building 9 – 10:30
* **Hospitality House**
  + Moving several families to housing this week (White Laurel)
  + Graham working heavily with rapid rehousing and housing coordination
    - Taking clients to see housing provides confidence as well as reassurance
  + Space has not freed up
* **Daymark**
  + Getting people into housing w Vaya Grant
  + Agrees with funneling people better- keeping people from getting lost in the system
  + Had an apartment complex join the roster for housing in Blowing Rock – subsidized apartments and age restricted 55+ (all one bedrooms) – Ransom Street Apts
* **Northwestern Regional Housing Authority**
  + Releasing small batches of vouchers across 7 counties
  + Small amount of movement in housing
  + Ashe County we hope in September we will start demolition at the hospital for apartments – no projected completion date
* **Vaya Health**
  + Update of funding – handout
  + Shows what cuts are to come and how they are mitigating the cuts
    - **Update onto the website**
  + Being able to use housing grant, funding available (up to $500) for rent deposit, utilities, etc. – available for any member active in their network
  + SU Housing grant funds provide help for getting to halfway house, maximum $250
  + Set meeting in September
* **Easter Seals**
  + Wintergreen has one opening – talked to Graham as well as alerted Daymark
  + Wilkesboro apartment (Highlands) possibly open pending medical assessment
  + Opening for jobs – apartment manager (15 – 20 hours a week)
  + Almost done with project application

**\*New point on applications –** must be exclusively 100% chronically homeless until 30 days, then non-chronically homeless may be served

* **Additional ESG funding may be available upon request for current program year** 
  + Only for rapid rehousing
  + Do not know the exact amount – they will look at different levels of thresholds placing organizations in tiers (HH in tier two)
  + Follow up with Kim Crawford to see what kind of funding will be available
* **Coordinated Entry Notes**
  + Background: developed a triage tool that serves as an initial assessment
  + Moved to adopt VI SPDAT as initial assessment tool: provides same scale from the same questions no matter what organization is conducting assessment
  + Coordinated Entry network will include shelter providers, non-shelter provides, CoC-funded and non-CoC funded organizations
* **HUD funding/CoC Competition (NOFA) preparation** – All
  + UPDATED: PPRN/ARD report
    - PPRN = $542,719
    - ARD = $273,671
    - 94% of ARD (Tier 1) = $257,251
    - Eligible Planning Grant Award = $16,281
    - Eligible Permanent Housing Bonus Award = $32,563
  + Report on USICH and NAEH webinars on NOFA
    - Priorities on:
      * Ending homeless – data driven programs; reallocation process
      * Systemic response to homelessness
        + System Performance Measures
        + Coordinated entry – promotes choice, prioritizes services
    - Scoring:
      * Performance & Strategic Planning (60 pts)
      * System Performance Measures (49 pts)
      * CoC Coordination and Engagement (43 pts)
      * Project Ranking (29 pts)
      * HMIS (13 pts)
      * PIT (6 pts)
    - Reallocation opportunity
      * Opportunity to reallocate to PSH, RRH, joint TH-RRH, or SSO (explicitly for coordinated entry)
    - PSH Bonus
      * Opportunity for PSH (for chronically homeless or Dedicated-plus), RRH, joint TH-RRH
      * Note about TH-RRH
        + Provide low-barrier, temporary housing with quick connection to PH; Housing First approach;
        + Advantageous for communities with high unsheltered population; ideal to serve specific populations (DV, youth, individuals in recovery)
    - Keys to success
      * Refer to HUD’s rating and ranking tool
      * Intervention appropriate metrics
      * “Closed and subjective ranking tool is not effective”
* **Response to TA offer**
  + Abt Associates has offered to provide technical assistance to NWCoC primarily around updating the Coordinated Entry requirements
  + Will accept the TA with Bob as the contact
  + They will clarify the guidelines that the CoC must have for coordinated entry
  + Via phone call
* **Service Prioritization, Diversion, and Entry update –** Bob Taylor
  + Implementation of Vulnerability Index Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI SPDAT) at HH by September 1st
    - **Training available for all partners**
    - **October 1st ideal date for implementing into other programs**
  + Outreach and training roll out of VI SPDAT and Coordinated Entry with interested parties – need to plan strategically to build out system/network
  + Identification of housing, shelter, and supportive services and gaps in services to build diversion and coordinated entry network
  + Learn from Wilson County DSS on Diversion implementation

* **Other Business**
  + Governance Committee & NC HMIS update
  + NWCoC Website
* **Upcoming Meetings and Dates:**
  + **August 29, 2017 – CoC project application deadline in esnaps**
    - **Meet for consolidated application work @ 10 AM**
  + **September 13, 2017 – CoC project application rankings released**
  + September 19, 2017 – NWCoC PSH & CoC Programs subcommittee mtg
  + **September 28, 2017 – CoC Collaborative Application deadline**
  + **October 23, 2017 – (anticipated) ESG deadline;** application released late August