**Northwestern Continuum of Care**

**Tuesday, March 21, 2017 – 10:00 AM**

**Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) & Continuum of Care (CoC)**

**Programs Subcommittee Meeting**

**VAYA Health Conference Room, 895 State Farm Rd, Boone, NC**

**MINUTES**

* **Welcome & Introductions**
	+ **Attendees:** Lori Watts (Vaya Health), Bob Taylor, Marty Johnson, and Shelby Coleman – intern (Hospitality House), Kim Cashatt (NWRHA), Laura Kaylan Lewis (OASIS), David Barr (Easter Seals)
* **Agency Updates**
	+ **Easter Seals:** All programs/apartments full except Wintergreen – interview on Thursday for one spot; also have another opening to fill
	+ **OASIS:** 1 open permanent unit, suggest inviting newspaper to next CoC meeting to get word out to community about HUD cuts and importance of programs – what this money means for Watauga
		- Put together facts of multiplier effect – facts about $, # of people housed, demonstrate impact
	+ **NWRHA:** Holding off on vouchers except for emergencies in order to decrease numbers
	+ **Vaya Health:** Veteran’s Stand Down 4/21/17 Hickory, meeting w/ Ned at Winterstone on Monday 3/27/17 to talk about housing development, housing development role to utilize community reinvestment funds
		- PIT data report for next CoC meeting
	+ **Hospitality House:** Avg # in Winter Shelter 2017 is 2.5 times higher than same months in 2016; increase may be due to other counties learning about Hospitality House but likely due to severe need – lack of housing/shelter resource in community; received final RRH 2016 payment now enrolling people through RRH w/ caution
		- **RISE:** Starting a new cohort in a few weeks – poverty, trauma, impacts, mentor/ally; networking with other similar programs
* **CoC Grants update**
	+ FY 16 CoC Collaborative Application score debrief
		- Scored 154 out of 200 potential points; within .5 of mean, but 6.5 below weighted mean
		- Scored well in Data Collection and Quality and in Cross-cutting Policies; room to improve in CoC Structure and Governance and CoC Performance and Strategic Planning
		- Reaching out to other CoC’s in western VA and eastern TN to understand how we can improve our score
		- Priority area we need to improve: CoC Structure & Governance
			* How can we learn from other CoC to adopt practices that increase our effectiveness and efficiency?
	+ Implications for FY17 cycle
	+ Discussion of:
		- Increasing number of PSH units
		- System Performance Measures: Data skewed from winter shelter previously being reported within emergency shelter
		- Coordinated Assessment
			* Webinar: detailed what HUD will be looking for in regard to compliance; prioritization methods
			* Need prioritization tool to better divert and assess for correct programs
				+ Implementation of VI-SPDAT
		- NWCoC structure and governance
		- NWCoC performance and strategic planning
* **Planning Project Update**
	+ Ashe-Wilkes Housing Forum scheduled for May 11, 9-1, at Wilkes Public Library
		- Reach out to Ashe county manager – desire for stronger Ashe component
		- Working on getting policy makers and county commissioners to show up to meeting
		- Room has capacity of 110-120; ideal goal of attendance – 40
		- Suggest topics to Bob for agenda
	+ Include participation from UNC Poverty Research Fund, NC Housing Coalition, Northwestern Regional Housing, MCAH
		- Panel discussion
* **Other Business**
	+ ESG/Rapid Rehousing
		- A Safe Home for Everyone (A.S.H.E.) contract
	+ HMIS
		- New APR format
	+ Governance Committee
		- New cost breakdown – increase our expense $1,000
		- Tina Krause (Executive Director – Hospitality House) now serving on finance committee
	+ NWCoC website
		- Changes to better describe different housing programs within CoC
			* Not agency-based but service-based (ES, TH, PSH, RRH, etc)
			* Send other service descriptions or any suggestions to Bob to post on website
	+ UNC Chapel Hill – SAMHSA grant
		- In-shelter treatment provision for expecting or recently new mothers with substance use issues
	+ SAMHSA grant
		- Case management and supportive services provisions
		- Up to $400,000/yr for 5 yrs of support
		- For whole CoC – partner w/ other agencies in CoC for community-wide effort
		- Deadline April 25
* **Key Upcoming Dates**
	+ **May 1: PIT/HIC submission deadline**
	+ March 22: Wilkes County Agency Fair
	+ April 7: Community Substance Abuse Collaborative Meeting
	+ April 18: NWCoC Meeting 10:00am
	+ April 21: Veteran’s Stand Down, Hickory
	+ April 27-30: Merle Fest
	+ May 5: State of the Child Forum
	+ May 8 & 9: NC Homeless Conference, Raleigh
	+ **May 11: NWCoC Ashe-Wilkes Housing Forum**