**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**