**Northwestern Continuum of Care**

**Wednesday, June 22, 2016 – 9:30-10:30 AM**

**Steering Committee Meeting**

* **Welcome & Introductions**
* **Agency Updates**
* **CoC Grants update** – Lori Watts
  + CoC Registration Review submitted – due in Esnaps by Mon. 5/20 - next step in 2016 Competition for CoC grant funds
  + Grant Inventory Worksheet Verification – submitted to HUD Field Office by Thurs. 5/26
  + HUD likely accelerating 2016 CoC Competition – expected late June through late Sept with project applications being open in August
  + **CoC 2015 Competition Score**
    - CoC Engagement: 40 out of 55
    - Homeless Management Information System: 25.5 out of 27
    - System Performance: 71 out of 98
    - Accessing Mainstream Benefits: 10.75 out of 19
    - Leveraging: 1 out of 1
    - CoC Application Score: 148.25 (erroneously reported as 151.25 b/c of HUD + error)
    - Bonus Points – Early Submission: 3 out of 3
    - Total Score w/Bonus Points: 151.25 (not 154.25) out of 203
    - Highest Score among CoC’s Nationwide: 188
    - Lowest Score amond CoC’s Nationwide: 49.5
    - Median Score for all CoC’s Nationwide: 149.75 so our CoC slightly above at 151.25
    - Weighted Median Score for all CoC’s Nationwide: 158.25 – CoC’s that scored higher than the weighted median score more likely to gain funding relative to their Annual Renewal Demand, while CoC’s that scored lower than the weighted median were more likely to lose money relative to their Annual Renewal Demand.
  + **CoC System Performance Measures** – New element in CoC application – **Opened Thurs. 6/16/16 and closes 8/1/16 in HDX and reporting period will be from 10/1/2014 through 9/30/2015 (Federal Fiscal Year)** – will include all adults in not just CoC Program Funded projects; will be graded on these system performance results for this time period going forward for CoC with HUD looking for improvement each year on each measure. *Will not include System Performance Measure Information for Victim Service Providers (DV agencies) as not in HMIS*
    1. Length of Time Homeless
    2. Returns to Homelessness
    3. Number of Homeless Persons
    4. Employment and Income Growth (CoC Program Funded Only)
    5. Persons who become Homeless for the First Time
    6. *Homeless Prevention and Housing Placement of Persons Defined by Category 3 HUD Homeless Definition (CoC Program Funded Only) – not applicable in 2016*

7a. Successful Placement from Street Outreach

7b. Successful Placement in or retention of Permanent Housing

* **Point in Time Count and Housing Inventory Count questions –** Lori Watts
  + **PIT Issues**
* There was a large decrease in the unsheltered number of homeless persons, from 639 to 404. Please verify these figures, and if they are correct, please explain the decrease.
* **The decrease in the number of unsheltered homeless persons from 639 to 404 (a difference of 235) can be attributed to our increased training of school systems staff, particularly in one of our largest rurally populated county - Wilkes. The NWCoC covers seven rural counties in Northwestern North Carolina and thus seven school systems. CoC agencies worked with school systems to help them understand the Point In Time Count requirements for tracking homeless persons according to HUD’s Homeless definition and only report students and their households who were homeless according to this definition.** **Also a change from 2015 to 2016 is that the unemployment rate was significantly higher in 2015 than in 2016 particularly in Wilkes leading some families into homelessness.**
* There was a large decrease in the unsheltered number of persons in households with at least one adult and one child, from 492 to 257. Please verify these figures, and if they are correct, please explain the decrease.
* **The decrease in the number of unsheltered households with children** **from 492 to 257 (a difference of 235, same as the difference above for total unsheltered persons) can be attributed to our increased training of school systems staff, particularly in one of our largest rurally populated county - Wilkes. The NWCoC covers seven rural counties in Northwestern North Carolina and thus seven school systems. CoC agencies worked with school systems to help them understand the Point In Time Count requirements for tracking homeless persons according to HUD’s Homeless definition and only report students and their households who were homeless according to this definition.  Also a change from 2015 to 2016 is that the unemployment rate was significantly higher in 2015 than in 2016 particularly in Wilkes leading some families into homelessness.**
* **HIC Issues**
* The following projects appear to target veterans (based either on the name or the federal funding sources selected), yet you have reported fewer veteran beds than year-round beds:
* **Project**: Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry - Mitchell Supportive Services for Veteran Families (Row 263612) **Veteran Beds**: 1 **Year-Round Beds**: 4
* **Project**: Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry - Watauga Supportive Services for Veteran Families (Row 263613) **Veteran Beds**: 1 **Year-Round Beds**: 3
* If a project has dedicated veterans beds for veterans in families, the number of dedicated veterans beds should include beds dedicated to BOTH the veterans themselves AND their family members. Please confirm that the numbers of dedicated veteran beds for households with children reported for the following projects are counting beds dedicated to both the veterans themselves and their family members:
* **Project**: Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry - Mitchell Supportive Services for Veteran Families (Row 263612) **Dedicated Veterans Beds for Households with Children**: 1
* **Project**: Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry - Watauga Supportive Services for Veteran Families (Row 263613) **Dedicated Veterans Beds for Households with Children**: 1
  + - **Our understanding of the guidance from HUD regarding Dedicated Veteran Beds resulted in our indicating too few Veterans beds dedicated.  With your clarification above, we need to correct our total Veteran Dedicated Beds to 4 for the Mitchell Supportive Services for Veteran Families and 3 for the Watauga Supportive Services for Veteran Families since dedicated beds include both veterans and veterans’ families.  Please accept our apologies for an incorrect interpretation.**
* **Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) & Rapid Rehousing (RRH) update** – Tina Krause
* **NC HMIS (Homeless Management Information System) update** – HH – Bob Taylor
* **Governance Committee Update** – Hospitality House - Bob Taylor
* **Other Business**
* **Upcoming Meetings and Dates:**
* **Wed. 7/20/16, 10 AM:** Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) & Rapid Rehousing (RRH) Sub-Committee – Smoky Mountain
* **Mon. 8/1/16, 7:59:59 PM:** Deadline for Submitting CoC System Performance Measures in HDX
* **Tues. 8/16/16, 10 AM:** Steering Committee meeting – Smoky Mountain