**Northwestern Continuum of Care**

**ESG and RRH Subcommittee Meeting**

**Northwestern Regional Housing Authority Conference Space**

**Tuesday, July 17, 2018 – 10:00 AM**

In Attendance: Tina Krause, Dr. Murray Hawkinson, Lori Watts, Brian Huskey, Marti Phillips, Kim Hill, Jennifer Herman, Jessica Peel, Meredith Malpass, Terry Clevinger, Kim Cashatt, Kaylin Lewis, Tamara Franks

* **Welcome & Agency Updates**
  + **Daymark:** Supported Employment Program currently has 84 referrals and is actively seeking employment and volunteer opportunities. The program provides supported employment opportunities, clothing vouchers, transportation assistance, etc. The program is based in Wilkes but Ashe, Alleghany, Watauga, Wilkes, and Yancey. All Daymark clients are eligible for the program.
  + **Vaya:** Vaya has grant funds available for rent deposit, utility deposit, and first month rent.
  + **NWRHA:** There is some movement on the waiting list. The mainstream voucher application results should be in by the first week of August. A second round of applications is anticipated to open in September. Ashe Hospital Project is still on schedule to open units in December. Elk Park also has vacancies.
  + **OASIS:** All programs are currently full. The HUD Monitoring has been completed. OASIS will be opening a new office in Avery County in October.An
  + **Hospitality House:** There will be two openings for singles in scatter site for Wilkes County. Referrals will be accepted through the coordinated entry process. A Housing Review Committee meeting will be convened by conference call. All applications require a VI SPDAT. Additional details will be provided once the unit is cleared by the landlord. The shelter is currently at capacity, but there are overflow spaces being allocated on a case by case basis depending on vulnerability.
* **Guest Speaker**
  + Tamara Franks – Out in the High Country. The agency provides advocacy and education through workshops designed for community partners, educators, councilors, etc.
  + Activity: Privilege for Sale. Participants are given $1,100 to purchase 11 privileges out of 32 total privileges for $100 each.
  + Activity: The Genderbread Person, an activity designed to help us think about our sexual and gender identities. The activity helps participants to understand all of the components of our personal identities and where we are on the continuum.
  + These activities are provided by [www.thesafezoneproject.com](http://www.thesafezoneproject.com). There is a two-hour curriculum available on their website. Out in the High County offers to help facilitate trainings for agencies.
  + Visit outinthehighcountry.wordpress.com for additional resources including local resources for LGBTQ individuals. Additional resources: Campaign for Southern Inequality, High Country UCC OWL (Our Whole Lives) curriculum which provides training curriculum for all ages groups including youth.
* **COC Planning- Members**
  + PIT materials for publication – 2018 PIT Infographic is available for release. County specific publications are also being developed.
  + NOFA Preparation- **Lori** 
    - Applications are due by project applications on August 17th.
    - Ranking and Review Committee will be convened to score applications
    - Submission is due on September 17th
    - The Certificate of Consistency is due to Brian Husky from CoC Funded agencies by Friday. It is due to HUD on Monday.
    - APRs will be pulled from SAGE for the ranking & scoring process.
  + There are new funding opportunities available for DV projects. Additional conversations will be held to determine agency eligibility for new project.

**ESG and RRH Update- Tina, Marti**

* + QPR Reports – Second quarter QPR due on July 31st.
  + Mid-Year Spending Level – Hospitality House was awarded an additional $20,000 in RRH bonus funding. Our capacity to spend this is limited to what we are able to provide out of the agency operating fund. To date, we have spent $22,697.92 in RRH. In ES, we have spent $39,000 +.
* **Governance Committee and NC HMIS updates- Tina**
  + MCAH 2018-19 MOU for extension of MCAH Services for NCCEH. The transition is delayed, and an MOU is required from agencies on the governance committee. NCCEH will be paying for the period of use. NWCoC approves and affirms the MOU.
* **Other Business**
  + - Invites for reports from specific partners (youth/foster care, LGBTQ, etc.)
    - No in-service training will be provided until after the NOFA submission.
    - Michael Johnson, Senior Community Planning and Development Representative from HUD, updated that new HUD contracts should be sent next week. Any additional questions can be direct to him at 336-851-8168 or [Michael.n.johnson@hud.gov](mailto:Michael.n.johnson@hud.gov),
* **Upcoming Meetings and Dates:**
* NWCoC Steering Committee meeting – **Tues. August 21st, 2018 – NRHA**
* ESG QPR- July 31, 2018
* Remaining CoC Dates: Tues. Aug 21
* Tues. Sept. 18 Tues. Oct 16 Tues. Nov 13 Wed. Dec 12

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