

Continuum of Care Oversight Committee

Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2017

3602 Pacific Ave., Soundview Conference Room 1

Members Present

Ellie Ottey, Pierce County Housing Authority
Tess Colby, Pierce County Human Services
Valerie Crout, AM
Marilee Hill-Anderson, Sumner School District
Chris Baird, Veteran's Administration
Deborah Howell, Workforce Central
Patti Spaulding-Klewin, CCS
Seth Kirby, Oasis Youth Center
Tammy Boros, AP4H
Courtney Casady, City of Lakewood
Connie Brown, Affordable Hsng Consortium
Greg Claycamp, Pierce County Housing Authority

Members Absent

Sean Raybell, WSD of Corrections
Keith Galbraith, Family Renewal Shelter
Laneta Able, DSHS Region 3
Beatrice Dixon, Optum Health
Sebrena Chambers, TPC Health Department
Diane Powers, City of Tacoma
Pam Duncan, City of Tacoma
Nick Bayard, the REACH Center

Staff: Jeff Rodgers, Anne Marie Edmunds and Elsa Jaramillo

The meeting was called to order by Ellie Ottey at 8:37. There were no changes to the agenda.

Ellie called for a motion to approve the minutes. Deborah Howell moved to approve with Valerie Crout second to the motion. Motion approved. Ellie and Patti Spaulding-Klewin abstained.

Welcome & Introductions

Three new members were present, Seth Kirby, Patti Spaulding-Klewin and Tess Colby. Additionally, Pam Duncan and Diane Powers will hold seats on the committee and Tess Colby will replace Jeff Rodgers and Jeff will attend the meetings as staff.

An announcement was made regarding the last agenda item - CoC Funding Updates. All potential funding applicants will be asked to excuse themselves from the meeting at this point of the agenda in order to avoid creating an unfair advantage.

Public Comment

In an effort to be respectful of public attendees and the need to cover tight agenda schedules, Ellie Ottey proposed to limit the public comment period to five minutes at the beginning of the meeting and five minutes at the end of the meeting for responses to the meeting discussions. She



additionally called for a vote of the committee. The committee approved the change unanimously. Please include these comment periods in the future agendas.

Progress Reports

Key Result 1

Ellie indicated this committee needs to have additional members to complete this work. Valorie Crout suggested perhaps students could work on the cost analysis update. Tess Colby indicated there are national reports with information she can provide but the County currently has no local data.

Collaboration with local police and agencies outside of the homeless system will likely require recruiting members from these systems to the CoC committee. Through participation in the process it would be easier to establish connections to track data such as police arrest and releases from hospitals.

Key Result 2

Courtney Casady reported they have been working with the Lakewood Police Department. There is no formal process for tracking people released from Western State Hospital but rather anecdotal information from the officers that the majority of homeless citizens in Lakewood are former Western State patients. They are currently attempting to meet with an administrator at Western State to further address these concerns.

Jeff Rodgers reports that his staff will begin developing the dashboards to provide data to meet the needs of the committee.

Key Result 3

Tammy Boros reports the Data Subcommittee was not able to move forward on this task until a County staff person is available to attend the meeting. It is hoped this occur at the next meeting.

There was discussion about the term “functional zero” and if it should continue to be used. While it has fallen out of favor, it is still language that is used by HUD and it could potentially affect the application process if the language is removed.

Key Result 4

No Update. Another Health Department representative for the committee will be recruited.

Key Result 5

Covered in the report for key result 3.

Key Result 6

Courtney Casady reported that she has approached the GMCC and they are currently engaged in other topics so she will revisit next month.

Key Result 7

Valorie Crout has timelines developed for reporting on the equity of services and outcomes across the system. She needs more gift cards for the participants. She also reports that AM has begun quarterly community meeting to discuss homelessness and discuss how people of faith can directly

impact homelessness. They had about 80 people at their two kick-off meetings in January. Their goal is to get 30 pastors to endorse these meetings. She will continue to source more gift cards through this venue and the offers from the CoC members today.

Key Result 8

No update.

Point-in-Time Count Briefing

Jeff Rodgers reviewed the results of the 2017 PIT. The information is posted to the County website so the data is available for use. The total count was 1,321 people counted in 2017. County staff reminded those present that the PIT is a snapshot only. It is anticipated the CoC Dashboards that are in development will provide a more reliable set of data.

CoC Funding Updates

At this time, members who are potential applicants for CoC funding were dismissed to avoid a perceived advantage over those applicants not in attendance.

Anne Marie Edmunds shared a document that will only be available for the duration of this meeting and will then be collected. She asked that the information not be shared.

Anne Marie provided a brief overview of the application process for HUD. She further explained how the County is approaching the application process this year and how it is different than in the past.

Ellie called for a motion to approve to the Counties proposed changes to the CoC NOFA for 2017. Motion to approve was made by Courtney Cassady and seconded by Chris Baird.

Discussion: A suggestion was made to have a communication strategy for the key leaders that are taking the input from people that don't get funded. As long as that is in place Marilee Hill-Anderson votes in favor.

Connie Brown abstained with a request for further discussion regarding information on applicant investments.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30