Central Virginia Continuum of Care

Homeless and Housing Services Committee Minutes

February 22, 2017

Present: Lisa Bailey, Tab Robertson, Michele Bauman, Debbie Engel, Tammy Venables, Jeff Bennett, Megan Wood, Tashama Carter, Kristen Nolen, Kate Donaldson, Amber Teer, Jim Meador, Jamie Warrick, Sarah Quarantotto

1. Sarah Quarantotto, Chair of the HHS Committee, welcomed all in attendance and everyone introduced themselves
2. HHS Committee’s Role in the Strategic Plan to End Homelessness- Sarah reviewed with the committee the Year One Goals of the Strategic Plan to End Homelessness that had action steps assigned to the HHS committee. The five 5 action steps are below with the progress, future steps, assignments and deadlines:
   1. Create landlord-service provider agreement template that outlines the partnership and expectations for landlord, provider and tenant**- COMPLETED**
   2. Merge individual agency landlord networks to make them available for use by all CVCoC members/partners- **COMPLETED**
   3. Establish CoC wide program standards to bring consistency to prevention, diversion, emergency shelter, permanent supportive housing, transitional housing, and rapid re-housing interventions and services- **COMPLETED**
   4. Partner with emergency shelters to educate, streamline and remove barriers to entry
      1. Several barriers were identified with persons assigned to follow up on solutions
      2. Develop a plan to address barriers at the March mtg
   5. Explore the feasibility of completing a vulnerability assessment at the point that homeless persons enter CHIA
      1. A working group was established to develop the process by which the VI-SPDAT is administered through CHIA.
      2. The process will be discussed with the committee at the March meeting.
3. Review of HUD’s Equal Access Rule: Miriam’s House social work interns, Alysha Laperche and Abby Grace Lyons provided a presentation on HUD’s Equal Access Rule as it applies to homeless response providers and service delivery to persons regardless of gender identity.
4. CHIA Update- There was no data to report. Megan will provide January and February data at the March meeting.
5. Next meeting- Next meeting- **CCR:** Wednesday, March 8, 2017, 8am at Miriam’s House

**HHS**: Wednesday, March 29, 2017, 9am at Miriam’s House

**COC Meeting**: Tuesday, April 11, 2017, 9am at Pearson Cancer Center

1. Announcements
   1. Jim announced that the CoC Annual Meeting will occur in April and nominations are needed for new board members.

Submitted by: Sarah Quarantotto, Chair HHS Committee