Central Virginia Continuum of Care

Homeless and Housing Services Committee Minutes

April 26, 2017

Present: Chris Howell, Jim Meador, Jamie Warrick, Tashama Carter, Michele Bauman, Keith Cook, Kristen Nolen, Jeff Bennett, Tab Robertson, Nan Carmack, Kate Donaldson, Vince Sawyer, Lisa Bailey, Tammy Venables, Debbie Engel Joanna Casey, Caroline Hudson, Linda Ellis-Williams, 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. The only remaining barrier to shelter entry is shelter availability for persons with pets. Megan met with staff at the Lynchburg Humane Society to discuss the possibility of them providing temporary shelter for the pets of persons who become homeless. They agreed to do this. Others in the group shared skepticism that they would follow through. The committee decided to explore other options if the Lynchburg Human Society does not follow through on their agreement.
   5. Explore the feasibility of completing a vulnerability assessment at the point that homeless persons enter CHIA-**COMPLETED**

The committee reviewed the Year Two and Year Three goals assigned to the HHS committee. The goals were prioritized by the committee in order of urgency. The committee will review the goals at the June meeting and begin identifying action steps and assignments.

1. CHIA Update- Megan Wood
   1. Diversion from homelessness in March: 4 households
   2. Referred to homeless prevention in March: 26 households
   3. Referred to dv shelter in March: 5 households
   4. Referrals to emergency shelter in March: 30 households
   5. Next step referrals in March: 16 households
   6. Persons not served by homeless response in March: 4 adults (3 females, 1 male) couldn’t access shelter due to both SA and HUL being full. Three others (2 females, 1 male) could not access shelter due to being banned by SA and HUL being full
2. Next meeting- Next meeting- **CCR:** Wednesday, May 10th, 2017, 8am at Miriam’s House

**HHS**: Wednesday, June 28, 2017, 9am at Miriam’s House

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

1. Announcements:
   1. Chris shared that there would be a Mental Health First Aid training being offered by Horizon. She will circulate the information to the CoC today so that interested persons can sign up.
   2. Jamie announced that there would be a Lunch and Learn on May 11th at Salvation Army to learn about the Safe Families program through Patrick Henry.

Submitted by: Sarah Quarantotto, Chair HHS Committee