

# COC SYSTEM PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

## Minutes of the September 15, 2015 Meeting

Maria Heege called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. In addition to Maria, the following members were present: Stephanie Ascani, Renee Biggums, Michele Boone, Vicki Conley, Jennifer Keaton, Amy Krebs, Natalie McClesky, Jean Van Ness, Shannon Williams, Carla Wright, and Duane Wykoff.

**Community Meeting:** Congratulations were offered to Jean Van Ness for a great and well-prepared community meeting. Jean thanked everyone for their support and input.

**Minutes:** Jennifer Keaton moved that the minutes of the August 18, 2015 meeting be approved as printed. Carla Wright seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Point In Time Count:** There is data missing on individuals under 18 on the PIT. The PIT Committee is looking at ways to improve this. Kelly stated that Perry Schools are on board. Canton City Schools listed 5 unaccompanied minors---there are probably more. The Hotline doesn't have a way to count this. There are no housing programs that can lease to minors. There are no shelters for minors. The under 18 usually coach surf--they don't want to be entered into the system. We need more research on what other counties do for this issue during the PIT. Angela said the Sisters of Charity Foundation of Cleveland reports that the Cleveland has ways to count underage youth. The United Way in King County Washington is another place to research.

For PIT and ongoing throughout the year---we need to reach out. There is a need to prioritize the wait-list. There is anecdotal information on 18-21 year old. See the report. We must put the literally homeless first before those at-risk of homelessness.

**Youth Homelessness Subcommittee Report:** This report was distributed to the Committee at the meeting. Some of the items discussed include the following:

Nature and extent---3 Main Groups:

- Youth in double-up situations---Jennifer commented that they have a lack of skills to maintain housing and are thus evicted and they don't have jobs or budgeting skills. This is not a priority for the CoC.
- There is a need to identify other resources for housing and help them understand budgeting, etc. The United Way has "My Budget Coach".
- What other needs should the committee consider"
  - How to fill out applications well.
  - Résumé writing
  - Interview skills

Shannon Williams suggested that we need to get information on "Ohio Needs Jobs" to Jennifer and the Youth Committee.

Duane Wykoff commented that many of the people he sees need mentors and higher education. Ohio Means Jobs offers lots of support coupled with employment training.

Goodwill works with fewer people more intensely, provides coaching, and for longer periods of time. Youth is our 2<sup>nd</sup> Target Population after the Chronically Homeless and Families with Children. We need to develop TRUST and how to instill HOPE.

**Corrections Discharge Planning—Fall 2015 Update:** This report was distributed to the Committee at the meeting.

Corrections Discharge Planning is another area that needs to be considered. TASC, Coleman, and the MHRSB could possibly help in this area.

**National Association of Recovery Residences (NARR):** This report was distributed to the Committee and highlights were presented.

**Stark County's Application:** Natalie reported that the State questioned us on our target measures. We reported the following back to the State:

- How we put the targets together
- Got counsel for some of the targets
- Based on data from last 4 years
- Change in our software system

We did not hear back yet on our response. Hopefully they were satisfied.

**Recovery House:** Michelle reported the following:

- Definition of Recovery House---most of the time those who go into Recovery House are self-pay and there are no time restrictions on length of stay.
- There are 4 levels and standardized criteria. We have levels 2,3, & 4. Most of what Quest is proposing is Level 3. They are willing to prioritize people when length of stay is recovery residence is usually under a year. They are willing to prioritize people who are literally homeless.

**Report on Community Meeting:** Jean and Shannon reported the following:

- Reports will be posted on our website.
- No one disagreed with option 3 being our priority.
- Richard Regula spoke to Kevin Finn---no way will get county funding.
- The area Foundations are willing to help, but need to see other funding sources.
- We need to get the Chamber and others to get behind the CoC.
- People went away with a much better understanding of what the CoC is and does.
- We need to develop a business plan.

Jennifer asked---when did the CoC make the decision that Veteran Homeless reached fundamental zero when they can be housed in 30 days? Natalie said the Veteran's Task Force is in agreement with this goal.

A meeting has been scheduled with the VA and the CoC to cross reference the various report systems and to communicate with each other.

Respectfully submitted,  
Vicki Conley

**The next SPC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. at United Way.**