

Central Assessment / HMIS Joint Committee Meeting

June 10, 2013

Present:

Sherri McKinney-Frantz - Chair

Natalie McCleskey

John Aller

Amanda Flether

Rhonda Albu

Shellie Thomas

Jennifer Keaton

Celeste Barnes

Renee Biggums

Jeff Allen

Absent:

Amy Dornack

Shirene Starn Tapyrik

Introductions

Introductions were made and Sherri briefly shared about our temporary merger of the two committees.

Eligibility Chart

- There was discussion on the eligibility chart and the group was informed that there have been many requests from several agencies to change information.
- There was a consensus that there should be a process that is consistent for all agencies to ensure we have accurate information and that the Chart will hold value as a tool for the Hotline to use when making referrals.
- We also discussed the need to open this process up to other non-CoC funded programs and to shelters and homeless prevention programs such as the HOME Program and Quest.

Barriers to Services

- Sherri & Natalie gave an update on where we are with the birth certificates and photo ID's issue. Discussions are taking place with Mayor Healy, the Canton Health Department and Court System.
- A portion of the fees are required by the state of Ohio. It was suggested that we contact COHHIO to see if there is any advocacy with the State on this issue.

Other Communities

- Sherri had participated in a conference in Oregon and attended some Central Assessment workshops. She shared about what L.A. County and Toledo are currently

doing and successes they are witnessing through their centralized assessment processes, such as having shelter space available for the first time.

- A trip to Toledo, to learn more about their system, is being planned with a tentative date of Thursday 25th July. If any members are interested in participating please speak to Sherri.

Wait Lists

- The committees discussed how we could move towards a centralized waiting list.
- We discussed the Hotline keeping track of where people would have been referred to, if there were no delays in housing people, in order to get an accurate gauge on where the demand is (what type of housing would be the first and best choice for people).

Assessment Tools

- At a previous meeting we had discussed looking at some of the HPRP tools but we would like to have Celeste's input on this and she unfortunately had to leave the meeting early.

Timeline & Budget

- Sherri and Natalie will get together to review the NAEH's sample timelines and put together a draft to present to the committee.

Other

- We discussed the need to have more information about affordable housing which can be used by the Hotline as referral locations as there is more than just SMHA that provides this.

Next Meeting

- Our next joint meeting will be on July 16th at 2pm at Goodwill.