

HCCSC

SYSTEM PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, August 20, 2013

9:00 a.m. at Goodwill

Present: Stephanie Ascani, Celestine Barnes, Renee Biggums, Vicki Conley, Amanda Fletcher, Sherri McKinney Frantz, Maria Heege, Jennifer Keaton, Amy Krebs, Beverly Lewis, Natalie McCleskey, Jean Van Ness, & Duane Wykoff.

Call to order: Committee Chair Maria Heege called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

Approval of minutes: Bev Lewis moved that the minutes of the June 24, 2013 meeting be approved as printed. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Keaton and approved unanimously.

System wide priorities: Jennifer Keaton presented the attached chart listing the 2012 new cases of families with children and eight possible reasons for becoming homeless. She indicated that the percentages in all of the categories except veterans and mental health issues were significant. She indicated that there could be multiple reasons for each family. The chart also shows the types of housing the families used. A family consists of at least one adult and one child and/or in utero. Jennifer also pointed out that there are several transitional housing units that are not part of the system and they do not report their occupancies to HCCSC. She also said that about 30% of those leaving emergency shelters don't report where they are going or go to a place that is not in the system.

Natalie McClesky commented that we should consider making permanent supportive housing one of our priorities because it targets the chronically homeless.

Point in Time (PIT) Count Discussion: Amanda Fletcher stated that PIT is a HUD requirement. Each community must report the numbers who are homeless on a specific day that is set by HUD. She also said that points 1& 2 of the System Performance Committee (SPC) Available Guidance on

the "What Needs to be Done" document (see attached) demonstrate the top two priorities. These two sections of the document list relevant changes under HEARTH and how the SPC will help HCCSC respond to the changes.

HUD requires that the PIT count re: the number of homeless in the community be held on a specific day. HUD usually specifies that it be held on a specific day during the last 10 days in January. In Stark County we usually begin the count on a Monday and continue throughout the week by asking where the person or family was/slept on Monday. The Homeless Collaborative has assumed responsibility for PIT and ICAN has led this for the last few years and is willing to do so again in 2014. Jennifer Keaton, HCCSC's data guru, commented that ICAN has done an excellent job.

Bev Lewis commented that many homeless people spend time in libraries, especially in January. She asked if we have gotten any information from the libraries. To date we have not, but this possibility should be investigated. Stephanie Ascani stated that the homeless are often present in hospital emergency rooms. She wondered if we could ask the hospitals if this would be possible considering the HIPPA regulations.

Jennifer Keaton moved that the HCCSC charge the Homeless Services Collaborative to continue to assume leadership for the 2014 Point in Time count. The motion was seconded by Stephanie Ascani and approved unanimously.

Beverly Lewis moved that the System Performance Committee present this Point in Time policy to the HCCSC Board at its next meeting. The motion was seconded by Renee Biggums and approved unanimously.

It was decided that future System Performance Committee meetings will be held from 9:30-11:00 a.m. on the third Tuesday of the month.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Submitted by: Vicki Conley

NEXT MEETING---SEPTEMBER 17th