

Coordinated Entry System Committee

January 26, 2021

8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

ZOOM VIDEO CALL

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Members Present:

Scott Schnyders
Natalie McCleskey
Kim Stanley
Jackie McDougle
Lisa Waikem
Amy Dornack
Marcie Bragg
Shirene Starn-Tapyrik
Melissa Terrell
Lisa Snyder
Jennifer Keaton

I. Welcome & Introductions

At 8:37a.m., Natalie McCleskey, Coordinated Entry Committee (CEC) co-chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

II. Approval of Minutes from December Meeting

Motion: Natalie requested a motion to approve the December Coordinated Entry Committee meeting minutes as presented. Scott motioned to approve. Marcie Bragg seconded the motion and the motion carried.

III. Active Warrants Discussion

Scott presented that he recently was contacted by a participant inquiring about the current practice of requiring people to take care of any warrants before they would be eligible to be housed in a PSH or RR placement. Melissa shared the AAQ from HUD for the group to view as well as the minutes from the June 2019 CE meeting minutes. A couple different housing providers talked about the housing money and resources invested to house someone with warrants that we might house in one of our programs. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that Natalie, Scott and Melissa would go back and create a policy for the entire system to abide by and present that policy at the February meeting. Melissa asked that any agencies that currently have such policies could forward them along, by February 5, 2021, as a reference for the group creating this policy.

IV. COC Updates

Marcie let everyone know that that fiscal year 2020 CoC competition will not be a competitive process for renewals. According to the omnibus bill, passed in December, congress approved for HUD to release funding to renew previous grants. Some additional funding will be available for new projects, which will require a competitive application, but no news has been released yet regarding that process. There is expected to be some form of 2021 CoC competition but, again, HUD has not released details on this to date. However, the Stark Housing Network Inc., as the Collaborative Applicant, did have to complete the registration for the 2021 CoC competition.

Marcie also gave an update that Diane Waite, Shawna Smith and Amelia Kocher are joining the CoC Board. The board now has 18 members which is the maximum allowed. Danielle Lightner from Jobs and Family Services is now serving on the CoC Board executive committee, replacing John Aller.

Marcie updated the group on the funding that came into Stark County for Rental Assistance. SCJFS is going to be the agency administering that funding and they are proposed to get \$11 million dollars which includes administrative cost.

There are providers meeting with Barbara Poppe about the funding that came into our county through OHFA and other funders for Homeless Prevention, making sure our resources are being targeted. Barbara is evaluating our system to help our system be the most effective/efficient/equitable for the clients we are serving.

V. QA Updates

Melissa has drafted a VOD document and sent it out to local health providers who are being asked to fill out the form regularly. She is seeking feedback about what parts of the old VOD they are uncomfortable completing. A meeting will be held with these providers. After receiving feedback she will move forward with the draft.

A couple agencies have expressed frustration with the amount of time it was taking for participants to leave the unit they were transferring from. It was suggested that they give them a 3-day time frame to move after they had signed their lease. Jennifer mentioned that the overlap in programs is causing some problems in our HMIS system data. Shirene made the comment that the policy has no standing since it violates landlord/tenant laws. Organizations would have no standing in court and will still have to evict them to remove them from the apartment they are transferring from. Lisa Waikem suggested we talk to our local HUD rep or file an AAQ about the double subsidy issue as opposed to creating a new policy.

VI. Old / New Business

Natalie gave an update on the PIT Count for 2021 and let the group know that Stark County filed an exception request, which was approved by HUD, to not do the count as it has traditionally been done in every other year because of the coronavirus. The Hotline, Path Outreach and other shelter agencies will still work to complete a count as best as we are able and direct people to the hotline to have them counted.

Scott mentioned that he had run into a couple of people who were staying in the HOT Shelter but upon further questioning were actually renting rooms from HOT at different houses they own. It sounded like it was more of a boarding house and that people were paying rent. These people shouldn't be considered homeless because they are technically housed. A couple individuals had been referred to PSH programs but were unable to meet the literally homeless criteria.

Melissa shared that the CoC Board did approve of the ESG-CV policy for Homeless Prevention a couple months ago. However HUD just released some new guidance on ESG-CV funding and it does look like we will need to make some minor changes to the policy at our February meeting and then bring it back in front of the board.

VII. Adjournment

With no further business to be discussed, Natalie adjourned the meeting at 10:16 AM.

Coordinated Entry System Committee 2021 Meeting Schedule

February 23 rd	- 8:30am
March 23 rd	- 8:30am
April 27 th	- 8:30am
May 25 th	- 8:30am
June 22 nd	- 8:30am
July 27 th	- 8:30am
August 24 th	- 8:30am
September 28 th	- 8:30am
October 26 th	- 8:30am
November 23 rd	- 8:30am
December 28 th	- 8:30am