

Hartford Continuum of Care Meeting Minutes

Thursday October 27, 2016

Present:

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The meeting was called to order at 11:30 am at Bev's Place at the Upper Valley Haven.

1. Approval of Minutes from September 29th Meeting

- September 29th – minutes passed by unanimous vote

2. Discussion – Intersection of Local CoC's and VCEH – Luke Dodge

1. We are good at communicating about our resources and what we have to offer
 - Pat Burke – what does VCEH really do? Who are they? What can they offer us? What happens at VCEH meetings?
 - Can we get information back from Service Point reports, etc.?
 - Some organizations are collecting information by hand and anecdotally
 - Could use more statewide conversations
 - Lead Agency will still need to manually take care of keeping all the info
 - Are there too many meetings?

2. Question 2 – covered above

3. Who comes to the meetings?
 - Fairly steady meetings – are we missing anyone?
 - Maybe landlords
 - Law enforcement
 - Faith based organizations
 - Local hospitals
 - Youth organizations
 - Windsor County youth Services – Tara Chase
 - Maybe have thematic meetings?
 - Problem with hospitals and jails releasing people to homelessness
 - We are looking for partners for coordinated entry. Maybe this is a good time to invite them to the CoC.

4. Value of BoS:
 - HUD grant every year

- Share HUD's guidelines
 - Coordinate PIT and Homeless Awareness Day at the State House
5. Outreach to Landlords – agencies do it individually, but one housing agency does come to meetings.
 6. Affordable housing stock
 - We need more vouchers
 - Change VRS rule (9 months)
 - Case management not paid for for enough agencies
 - More prevention to stop homelessness
 - More flexible uses of funding
 - The wait to become eligible for section 8 again after eviction is way too long

Make Service Point Work!

Commitment by state to work w/ local government to accept shelters in places where people are trying to make it happen. Advocate!

7. VAHC–
 - how to help people w/ active psychosis who won't engage with services
 - How to effectively help
 - Need group homes / boarding house options for this population
 - What do we do about people who get sanctioned?
 - People with serious medical problems are being released into homelessness but don't qualify for GA

If anyone has additional feedback they can contact Luke at luke.vahc@gmail.com

3. Reports / Updates / Announcements

- Upper Valley Haven – GA Pilot – The Haven is working w/ ESD to reduce hotel stays. 80 days has gone down to 30 days. Permanent housing has been difficult to find. Lack of accessible temporary housing. The Haven will hold a homeless vigil in December. Warming Shelter opening mid-November. Still need coverage.
- PIT Count is coming up. There will be a work group that meets once a week. Talk to Luke if interested in participating in the work group. Renee will collect PIT forms for our area. She would like a list of who they should be coming from.
- Capstone – Homeless Vigil planned in December in Randolph.
- JFI in our area – one of the barriers to employment has been housing.

Next Meetings

- *Thursday January 19, 2016 – PIT Count*

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Ramsey Papp

w/ edits by Linda Anderson