

SICOCN Annual Planning Membership Meeting

Location: Rend Lake College, Ina, IL

Thursday, November 5, 2019

Annual Planning Meeting Minutes

Committee Drive and Sign Up:

Each committee was explained for the Committee Drive and Sign-up

Public Education: Maintain the website through the posting of event notices, meeting minutes and other information pertinent to membership

Members: Rob Schroeder is Chair, Dorian Heimbach, Andrea Stephens

Program Evaluation: Annual Monitoring, Review/Recommend changes and prioritize grant applications

Members: Peggy Russell is Chair, Sue Castleman, Camille Dorris, Jenny McCarthy, Monica Cruthird, Deb Little

Membership: Recruit members, track member participation, identify participation

Members: Jennifer Harnish is Chair, Bethanne Chance, Renee Kindle

Child Youth Committee: Provide information on services available for homeless youth

Members: Johna Schullian is Chair

HMIS: Maintain HMIS policy, consistent participation – required HUD requirements.

Members: Linda Bookwalter is Chair, Deb Little, Jeannie Woods, Bridgette Holder, Jessica Pauley and Becky Boren

Coordinated Entry: Required. Receiving HUDS fund any homeless enter in system for prioritizing. Any homeless assessed and prioritize.

Members: Linda Bookwalter, Chair, Deb Little, Camille Dorris, Sue Castleman, Rob Schroeder, Kim Herrin, Rebecca Suddeth and Anna Margram

Racial Disparity, Reallocation & Youth: LeAnn Speiser, A.E. Consulting:

Worked 15 years for CAA – BCMW. Now with State of Illinois. Own consulting agency for writing grants. Housing & Homeless services – 11 years completed CoC HUD Grant.

Three elements – Racial Disparities, Reallocation and Youth Homelessness

1. Racial Disparity – completed assessment – what doing to eliminate it. Disparities – monitor your outcomes. Incarceration rate 16 times more. Provided an analysis – need to have some discussion on this.

2. Reallocation – pulling funding for other projects to do new projects. Strategic changes – eliminate under performing projects. Show HUD serving people with highest need. Needs are Gaps in Service, Performance. Can have agencies to volunteer to reallocate funds. Choose to reallocation for different component. Assess why not getting deficiencies. Board can vote to reallocate. Projects should be monitored more than once per year. If some fall below threshold. Quarterly APR's.

3. Youth Homelessness – 18-24 years – If have children are considered parenting youth. Average two years on street. Something geared toward youth. Coordination with homeless coordinated youth providers – inventory who youth providers. Centerstone provide youth – Sparrow Program – Mt Vernon. Unaccompanied youth under 18. Everyone not being reach. Point in time survey Tool. Child welfare – DCFS. Deb volunteering – suggestions for homeless youth – SIU. Discussion who youth providers are.

Housing Action Illinois Policy Updates & Vista Program – Willie Heineke

Items Mr. Heineke will discuss are: refresher on housing, policy updates and America Vista Program.

Housing Action Coalition: There are 170 different organizations in coalition. This coalition was formed over 30 years ago. This coalition was working for affordable place to call home. They work for affordable housing, housing counselors and first-time home buyers.

Capacity building: Specified training. Training for housing counselors – for home, student debt. They are HUD certified housing counselors. Housing advocacies – a united public policy.

Public Education: Issues specific – working groups and have annual conference.

America Core Vista Program: America Core positions have 12-month terms and 8-10-week terms. Will explain more a little later.

2019 Legislative Updates: 9 million dollars, a 4 million increase for homeless prevention. Assisting household with rent and utilities. Changes in rule for homeless prevention. Will be able to pay up to six months rent. Three months past and the next three months. Now can use up to 15% Admin. This will take effect first of January.

Capital budget funding – 2 million budgets for 2,000 homes to be built.

Last update – protection for people with records – arrest without conviction – bill for expungement. Stroger protection. HB 1780 – January first come in effect.

Fair Tax Amendment: Require flat income tax. Vote in 2020 ballot to weigh in on Fair Tax Limit. Housing have fair tax calculator right now. Increment on each tax bracket. Housing action have a great website about this information.

America Vista: Members for building capacity. New and diverse talent. Planning on youth. Statewide – focus areas – affordable housing – economic development – summer, hunger and education. Distribution of positions – summer positions – 8 to 10 weeks – any Monday in June – have them for 10 weeks, a 1-year positions. Member organizations be actively recruiting for America Vista. People will have to be 18 years or older. To participate program – 482 every two weeks. Applications are available now, due December 20. There will be a webinar on November 20. Announcement for America Vistas on January 31st.

BREAK OUT SESSIONS

ESG Rapid Rehousing Group: The ESG Rapid Re-housing Group discussed the need to be more standardized across the SICOEN continuum. We currently all provide different service with some agencies providing just one month's rent and the deposit to up to six month's rent and utility service. We need to meet again to try and come up with a closer range. It was suggested that we our policy as three month's rent and deposit with the possibility for up to six month's rent, but nothing was really decided to recommend to the board.

CoC performance measures: HUD performance measures – length of time. Departure not extended timely.

HMIS: 2020 data standards. Online support tips and tricks at help.pathwaysmisi.org

