

SICO CN Membership Meeting

Location: BCMW, Centralia, IL

July 23,2020

Welcome and Introductions:

Sue Castleman, SICO CN president, opened the meeting and welcomed all who were in attendance. The following people were present: Sue Castleman, BCMW; Jennifer Harnish, BCMW; Bethanne Chance, Crosswalk; Cathy Felter, ERBA; Bonnie Campbell, ERBA; Patty Mullen, Good Samaritan; Deb Little, MISI; Johna Schullivan, ROE #21; Renee Kindle, SDC; Monica Cruthird, SDC; Jennifer Orban, SHPA; Camille Dorris, SICH; Matt Robbins, SWAN; Anna Margrum, The Women's Center Rebecca Sudduth, St. Louis VA; Robert Schroeder, Western Egyptian; Peggy Russell; Roger Web, Warming Center in Carbondale.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the March 5, 2020 meeting were reviewed. Jennifer Harnish motioned to approve the minutes. It was seconded by Peggy Russell, minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Peggy Russell explained the treasurers report. The balance on hand as of 2/28/2020 was \$11,239.90. We received one 2020 membership due fee in April and one in May. A voided check was returned to the balance in April. No receipts in March or June. Total receipts for the period of March through June was \$300.00. Disbursements in March was \$100 SHPA Dues. No April, May or June disbursements. Total Disbursements for the period of March through June was \$100.00. Balance on hand as of June 30, 2020 is \$11,439.90. No report was prepared for the cancelled May, 2020 meeting. Anna Margrum made a motion to approve Treasurer's Report, second by Patty Mullen, Treasurer's Report was approved. Peggy made a motion to approve the bills for conference calls we have had and for future calls for the Continuum to pay rather than the planning grant. Deb Little said we could use her 800 number to do conference calls. Peggy motion was put on hold. Peggy made a motion to approve payment for the last two conference call fees, second by Deb Little.

Committee Reports:

HMIS: Deb Little stated she is currently getting ready for the LSA report. The LSA Report is for the period of October 1 2018 – September 30, 2019. She will try to figure out how to shorten report and remove the errors on the report. She will keep us updated.

Child/Youth Education: Johna Schullivan stated that they have received a grant notice and have been funded for FY21. They ended the year with the highest number of students they have ever served. They started looking at how school will look and how the Liaisons will be able to do their job which is to identify the students that are homeless and get them served.

Public Education: Rob Schroeder gave his report and let him know if you have something to put on the website. You can email him at housing@weeoc.org .

On another subject, the state has come out with funds for the Covid difficulty to assist with rent and mortgage around the first of August. Western Egyptian will be one of the agencies. The funds are coming through the Cares Act from IHDA. Renters have a potential to receive \$5,000 and mortgage will be up to \$15,000. This is statewide and you complete the application on line. State will handle themselves. Will send information to COC when available since it is not released yet. Rental assistance portal should be available around the first of August, then week or two later an online portal for mortgage assistance. The agency's role in this process will not be doing applications for customers but assisting them. When they get more information will let everyone know.

Membership: Nothing new. If there are changes to your contact or you need a membership package, send to Jennifer at jharnish.bcmw@gmail.com.

Program Evaluation: Peggy Russell said the board approved the forms that were sent out. If you have any questions, you can call or email her. The monitoring process will be explained in a letter. On sight monitoring will be conducted. Items to be reviewed will be : the most recent APR, items needed for threshold and examining client files. Try to get on sight monitoring started and most completed in August. You can email Peggy at homeless@mchsi.com if you have questions and copy Sue Castleman and Deb Little.

Coordinated Entry: Still need to have a meeting but been putting it off because of the COVID. Probably in September by phone.

New Business:

Collaborative Applicant: Deb Little is new collaborative applicant. The planning grant is what pays Deb for her service to the SICOCN. Still working with Linda to outline all of her duties.

ESG Cares Act Covid-19 Fund: Deb just got email from DHS and will be sending out notices that was funded and should be completed by next Wednesday. There will also be a second round of ESG COVID which will be 30% more than what the first round was with the following categories: Street Outreach, Emergency Shelter Operations, Emergency Services, Rapid Rrehousing, and Homeless Prevention. We will be using same ESG applicants already funded.

Expenditures of Funds ESG/HP: Lot of agencies have lots of funding left from FY20 that ended on June 30th. Peggy went over the programs 2018 Carryover funds, 2019 Carryover funds and Homeless Prevention.

Old Business:

2019 HUD NOFA Funding Awards – Tire I, Tier II: We have gotten awarded for Tier I. Tier II will come out this week or next. Revisit amounts at a later time.

Scoring of 2019 HUD Grant: Deb went over the scoring of the points and where we may need to improve our performance measures.

Point In Time Count Report: The report came out in May. In 2020 – 233 homeless individuals, 46 unsheltered, 136 sheltered and emergency sheltered and 51 in transitional housing. Don't know how it compared to last year. Need some improvements here. 22 chronically homeless. Forward material or have available at Planning Meeting.

2020 HUD Funding: Do not have it. It cannot be completed without legislation. Fund renewal at same as 2019 without legislature language. We have to wait to see on 2020.

Updates and Announcement:

Next meeting will be held on September 3, 2020 will see what it looks like.

Need a nominating committee for the September meeting. Have to collect Region Reps and President. Sue asked for any volunteers for the nominating committee. Deb would do it and Peggy, Sue and Camille will help. Deb would be chair of the committee. Any interest in being the chair of the Continuum.

Jennifer Harnish made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jenny.