



Data & Grants Workgroup Meeting Notes

Monday, September 21, 2015, 10:00-11:00, S. Human Services Center, Room D, Chapel Hill

Present: Debra Farrington; Desmond Frierson; Suzanne Hitt; Nick Lemmon; Jamie Rohe; Rachel Stern

Absent: Beth Bordeaux; Jonathan Crooms; Martin Friedman; Matt Kauffman; Stephani Kilpatrick; Joel Rice; Tia Sanders-Rice; Gretchen Senez; Mary Jean Seyda; Suzanne Storch; Debra Vestal; Jon Young

***Action items are in bold.**

1. Welcome & Introductions

- Agency updates
- Review action items from previous meeting

2. Landlord Recruitment update

- The Landlord Recruitment Workgroup (subcommittee of 100,000 Homes Taskforce) held its first meeting last week; it is tasked with increasing the number of landlords willing to accept subsidies and to rent to our clients.
- We are exploring possible sources of funding for a Housing Locator position.
 - Debra: tenancy support funding from the state is a billable service; Cardinal or HFNH could find out from state-level staff whether funding could be used for Housing Locator functions. **Debra or Joel will inquire about the status of this funding. Debra will email Gretchen and copy Jamie to ask what Gretchen knows about this and who should pursue it further.**
 - Debra: the PATH street outreach program is supported by federal funding - can the amount be increased to help support a Housing Locator position? She thinks the fiscal year runs July–June so we could explore this for FY 2016-17. **Debra will work with Cardinal staff to explore whether PATH funds might be increased and used for this purpose.**
 - Suzanne: Rapid Re-Housing can pay for housing-related purposes including: up to 6 months of past expenses; up to a maximum of 24 months funding for each household (clock starts after client is enrolled). Clients must be below 30% of AMI and be housed in Orange County. She anticipates the ESG application will be released within the next several weeks; the ESG Application team can explore whether we want to dedicate ESG funding for Housing Locator functions. So far for the 2014-15 ESG grant, approx. \$60,000

has been paid for client-related expenses and approx. \$15,000 for staff; the total grant amount is approx. \$125,000.

- Debra: Cardinal has a pot of funding that can be used for security deposits and utility payments – **Debra will ask Joel to find out how much money might be available and whether it can be used for Housing Locator expenses.**

3. CoC Grant

- The CoC Grant NOFA dropped this past Friday; **Jamie will convene the first meeting of the CoC Application Team next week**; the team includes Cardinal Innovations (Joel), HFNH (Martin and/or Desmond), UNC CECMH (Nick), Jamie, Mary Jean Seyda, and NCCEH (maybe Beth and/or Tia?).
- We anticipate that we will request input from public schools (Jeff Reilly and Lisa Knapp, coordinators for homeless student services), maybe Bebe Smith (UNC SSW, grant writing), Crystal Mitchell (DSS Foster Care), and Brian Sangutei (VA).
- **Cardinal (Joel) and UNC CECMH (Nick) need to make sure their APR's are completed and that the information they submitted matches their data in HMIS.**

4. HMIS Update (October 19 meeting)

- **NCCEH staff will address external visibility/sharing (training and discussion).**

5. Coordinated Entry (October 19 meeting)

- **NCCEH will lead a discussion on using HMIS for Coordinated Entry**
- We should focus on beginning to use CE for prevention, diversion, and RRH eligibility, ranking and referrals (targeting people staying in shelters).

*Next meeting (tentative due to CoC and ESG application team schedules): **Oct 19th**
Future 2015 meetings: **Nov 16th, Dec 14th** (instead of 21st)*