



CECIL COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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CC Inter-Agency Council on Homelessness March 19th 2014

Attendees: Gwen Parrack, CCHD; Julie Wright, CCHD; Earl Grey, Cecil County Housing Agency; Jason Burns, HMIS; Barbara Bessicks, UHCC; Elieen Ondra, SSCT; Rose Capriotti, CCDSS; Jean Marie Donahoo, UHCC; John Blakely, VA; Mark Reich, VA; April Miller, Help Center; Dana Brady, UBCSS; Issa Lee-Hall, OEEP; Carole Hires, Chesapeake City Ecumenical Association; Sherry Weleski, UBCSS; Trish Dana, CCDSS; Gerry Crockett, Help Center; Shana O'Brien, ESMC; Cate Dagilas, ESMC; Michelle Digiovani, OOO; Kathryn Barakat, DSS; Robanne Palmer, Community Kitchen

Gwen described the status of the Continuum of Care grant as it was submitted. The DV Rapid Re-housing project was decreased by 5% of the annual renewal demand (based on rating & ranking committee's determination) and a bonus project was created and placed into tier 2 with those dollars. This way, if there is a cut, we should only lose the absolute minimum. Tier 1 projects are considered safe. HUD outlined how projects should have been prioritized and we were fairly consistent with that.

During the rating/ranking committee's review process, several issues and problems were identified with the way projects are completing their Annual Performance Reports (APR) which are sent to HUD. Jason has been providing some technical assistance on how to complete them correctly and how to use the data from service point (if it's been entered correctly and completely) to correctly complete the APR.

Gwen discussed the HUD requirement that CoC's hold at least one training per year on how to access mainstream benefits for local homeless provider agencies. Trish Dana stated that Michelle Smith at DSS would be a good contact person for this. Eileen Ondra informed the group that the senior center may house workshops/trainings to educate agency providers.

Jason Burns discussed the preliminary PIT results with the group. The handout is NOT the final draft, so please don't consider these official results yet. There were about 10 less total surveys this year than last, while the veteran count is up by about 13. The final count should be done by next week. The information is due to HUD by April 30th. The plan for FY2015 PIT survey is to have all CoC's conduct the survey on the same day.

Jason Burns gave an overview of the MSHDW meeting. The purpose of this group is to share ideas and resources between agencies. Attendance at this meeting is encouraged. People unable to attend in person can participate by phone conference.

Earl Grey reported that the housing agency waitlist is down to three years and five months. He informed the group that an application can be obtained online, completed, and faxed back. The process is fairly easy.

The next meeting will be May 21st @ 1:30pm in the Health Department Auditorium.