

Northwest Minnesota CoC

Youth Committee Meeting

May 16, 2019

I. Welcome and Introductions

Eric Grumdahl, MDE & State Office to Prevent
and End Homelessness
Aubrey Sitler, Abt Assoc.
Brooke Spellman, Abt. Assoc.
Gayle Peterson, Northwest Community Action
Nancy Ramon, Tri-Valley Opportunity Council
Maureen Hams, Tri-Valley Opportunity Council

Lori W., Inter-County Community Council
Theresa Gilly- Kittson County Commissioner
Catherine Johnson, ICCB
Shannon Wolf –MAHUBE-OTTWA
Dan M.– Evergreen YFS
Chris Kujava, Marshall County
Becky Schueller, NW CoC

II. YHDP RFP Update – Four applicants submitted requests totaling \$924, 461.00 not including the rental assistance dollars.

May 23rd is the ranking and scoring meeting

Timeline Reminder- after the selection is made and awards notified, E-snaps will be the next step.

E-snaps – willing to do an e-snaps application lab for new applicants or on-site TA - Awards should be entered in e-snaps by July 1. All documents need to be submitted in E-snaps at least by July 1st but it can go in earlier.

Contract execution - Everything needs to be in Sept 15th.

Match documentation needs to be submitted.

Evergreen Update on decision not to apply – Two reasons 1. Need for youth and Housing First- Evergreen is shifting to a model that has required services. The HUD grant would not help them move to that new model. HUD grants are required to be housing first. 2. Taking a holding pattern on new grants that don't meet this model.

III. Other Funding

Federal RFPs - Run Away and Homeless Youth Act for emergency shelter. They call it Basic Center Program, Street Outreach Program funding, and Transitional Living Program .

Grand Challenge to End Youth Homelessness

Becky will send out the links for these grants.

IV. Implementation of Coordinated Community Plan – Brooke and Aubrey

Coordinated Entry Retreat – Brooke reported that the Coordinated Entry Committee met earlier today and discussed Coordinated Entry and making CE work for Youth. Youth need access to entry into the system, mainstream resources need to know how to connect youth and a prioritization plan needs to be put into place. Protocols need to be set to make the system work for youth. Discussed what it is working, what does not work, who is in what roll within the system, etc. Discussed that the CE system is one system within the COC right now and should it be divided geographically. Access points need to be intentional and defined. Discussed having a retreat either June 10 or 11 to plan and develop a better plan. Sub regional meetings will be held as a follow up to the retreat.

Feedback from the committee: Catherine asked how Round 1 sites developed Coordinated Entry for youth and Brooke responded that there were a variety of opportunities. Discussed what resources we already have to move the process forward such as school homeless liaisons and the meetings the service coop has with Superintendents and Principals. Do we need to draw people together or can we, as CoC agencies, go to other agencies. Discussed the need for a 101 Coordinated Entry training for all staff.

The retreat would be a launch to further discussions and forward movement.

Training Plan for the Region -

How do we implement our Coordinated Community Plan? One step is to develop training that will be steps to implementation. Aubrey worked on an outline of a plan and the document was distributed.

Three main audiences – homeless providers, Youth Action Boards and Youth Circles and third Cross-System Partners. Trainings would be multi-pronged starting with introductory/foundation trainings and moving to ½ or full day in-depth trainings. Important that trainings are not duplicative of what is already provided by agencies. The Evergreen conference would be a part of the training. Discussed monthly touch point type trainings that would be by phone as a time to discuss CE, specific issues, adultism, boundaries, topic that are issues for staff.

Next steps include what resources do we already have in the region including, trainers, trainings, funding sources, etc. Also what are other trainings that are needed?

V. Youth Committee Meetings

This committee is responsible for planning and development for our region, system change as well as project oversight. Meetings are not set moving forward. What should we schedule moving forward? Discussed continuing with reducing to 6 times a year and scheduling along with the other committees. Governance of this project is important. People carrying the vision forward is critical. Discussed monthly at least for a while just to keep momentum moving forward.

VI. Tribal and County Human Services & Child Welfare Discussions & Requests

Discussed caseload discussion meetings with county agency staff around youth.