

Meeting Minutes

Somerville Arlington Homeless Providers Meeting

October 16, 2018

1. Introductions/Sign In

2. Emergency Transfer Plan (ETP) Joyce T.

Originally this was to be discussed in November CoC meeting. However, due to the number of issues to be covered, this discussion has been split into 2 topics, the first to be covered in this October CoC meeting.

Topic A.- October meeting: What are the HUD requirements for an ETP?

Topic B: November meeting: What are some best practices for ETP's?

Joyce distributed summary document and 4 forms numbered 5380-5383.

-VAWA (Violence Against Women Act) compliance date was 5/15/17. A working ETP is part of this compliance date. HUD covered programs that need to be in compliance are CoC, ESG, HOME, plus programs that may have Federal HUD money as part of funding.

A CoC must develop an ETP when someone is a victim of DV, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. Also VAWA applies if partner does a destructive act that the victim not be penalized.

-Must have an ETP for tenant based rental assistance programs. Perpetrator leaves and lease is bifurcated. Issues can arise if perpetrator was the chronically homeless (CH) person that qualified for the program. Can determine course of action on a case by case basis.

-Not required or realistic to place HH in a motel. Only held to moving HH if a comparable unit is available, or if nothing available, HH goes to the top of the coordinated entry list.

-If an agency has a non DV shelter, TH, PSH, PH or RRH program and provider funded by HUD money they must have an ETP.

-Notice of Occupancy Rights under VAWA (HUDCLIPS form 5380)

This form must be given if you have an applicant that was denied assistance; agency must inform applicant that assistance was denied NOT because applicant was a victim of DV. This form must also be given to every applicant accepted into a HUD funded program, as well as attached to any Notice to Quit given to a household. This should have been implemented as of end of 2017.

-Form 5382 is an optional form to be used as a way of certifying incidents of DV, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking. Also can use a police report, DV service provider report, or other 3d party report. Have 14 days to provide documentation.

-Form 5383 is used as an emergency transfer form. Do not have to commit to a time for transfer but can see what is possible as to availability or be placed at the top of the coordinated entry list.

-Form 5381 is a model ETP. CoC needs to plan how CoC implements an ETP. Kelly D. will work at preparing a draft ETP.

3. Update for Statewide CoC meeting on 10/10 (Joyce, Heidi)

Discussion of listening session involving planning for procurement of family shelters in MA. EA shelters as gateway to shelter. 15 CoC's in MA also as shelter gateways. How do systems talk with one another and integrate.

Very little PSH for families; can state help to identify the most CH families as they are hardest to house with most complex needs. How to bring in resources for the hardest to serve families. Need resources to come to the shelters to offer services. Higher levels of engagement and success when services come to the households where they are residing.

In the past there was analysis of CoC NOFA and it was found that there was racial disparity as to access to housing for homeless. Concern that African-American and Hispanic HH's are disproportionately homeless.

Announcements:

-HCA looking for a P/T social worker and F/T development worker.

-An outreach worker is currently being hired by Town of Arlington to assist people who are unsheltered. Possibly try to find housing for them through CoC agencies.

Next Meeting: **November 13, 2 pm**

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Somerville