

Somerville-Arlington Homeless Providers Group Agenda

June 21, 2016 - 2-3:30 PM at the Somerville Homeless Coalition

1. Welcome and introductions
2. HUD CoC Update
 - TAC Review of HIC – federal funding sources – submitted June
 - PIT Conversation with William Snow of HUD – June 20, 2016
 - CoC Review – submitted on June 20, 2016
3. Four Steps to Prepare for the Next NOFA (follow up from 5/20 email)

Kelly suggested committees to begin to tackle the work below. The following CoC members agreed to work on the topics below and urged other CoC members to consider assisting so that the CoC application can be as strong as possible (there is a need for every member to participate as fully as possible):

 - a. Review applications from last year to identify places that need work. – **Kelly Donato**
 - b. Determine next steps with Coordinated Entry – **Mike Libby**
 - c. Reassess your review and ranking process – **Lisa Davidson**
 - d. Start gathering data now to evaluate system performance - **Lisa Davidson & Nancy Kavanagh**

Noted again that NOFA will be released earlier this year than in the past and the CoC has a lot of work to do to get ready.

4. Reallocation – reiterated again the need for reallocation. Updated that Cross St. Program (SHC) is being considered for reallocation and updated on discussion with CASPAR.
5. Performance Measures Reports and APRs . Lisa noted that performance is based on how fast clients go from shelter to permanent housing, and then for how long they remain housed. For Annual Performance Reports, data is not yet available in ESNAPS. The format for entering data is about to change.
6. Co-Chairs for July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017 – Susan Hegel and Nancy Kavanagh have agreed to be Co-Chairs.
7. Coordinated Entry Form – None of the agencies have used the new form. Agencies are supposed to do intake and send form to appropriate agency. Susan raised privacy concerns. We might want to use initials or a code rather than names. Lisa will create a google doc to share with all agencies to test it out. We may need to do training for intake. Kelly will send the form.
8. Meeting space – We will remain in Somerville Homeless Coalition office in Davis Square.
9. Other Updates
 - Somerville Affordable Housing Trust – application for innovative housing programs due June 27th
 - HCA is holding a financial literacy workshop for its tenants; agency moving from 20 Academy location
 - Celticare—health insurance for homeless. Put on the July agenda?
 - Heading Home will present in August
 - SHC is working with TAC to put together procedures and policies for their agency.
 - Project Soup moved to 165 Broadway.

Next meeting: 7/19/16