

**Minutes of the July 18, 2017 meeting of  
Somerville-Arlington Homeless Providers Group**

**1. See attached *sign in sheet* for attendees. A round of introductions was made.**

**2. 2017 NOFA is open**

Renewals and new funds

- Project Apps due Aug 29
- Collaborative Application due Sept 28

Full NOFA available online

- Permanent Housing
  - o Points system in past, not currently
  - o Policies is priority this year
  - o Goal: End Homelessness for All. So the following will be considered
    - Performance data (for CoC)
    - Local data
    - In favor of reallocating funds based on goal
    - Scoring based on performance and ability to support
- Projects- eligibility based on certain criteria:
  - o HUD will review all docs they have access to
  - o Timeliness standards
  - o Is helping clients sustain permanent housing
  - o How working with HUD and others on issue
- Consult Heidi G/CoC before going to HUD
- Handout to be emailed that explains needs for app

**3. Updated Scoring Tool**

- o The application will be scored out of 200 total points, and the breakdown of points is below:43- overall coordination and engagement
- o 29- project ranking, review and capacity
  - 18 of those points are awarded based on the CoC using objective criteria and positive performance to drive ranking
  - 4 points for meeting people with the biggest needs
- o 13- HMIS
- o 6- **points for PIT counts**
- o 49- system performance
  - 7 measures for this including overall reduction of individuals and families experiencing homelessness (10 points), reduction in the number of people

that became homeless for the 1<sup>st</sup> time (3 points), reduction in the overall length of homelessness (11 points), successful PH placement or retention (9 points), reduction in returns to homelessness (6 points), and jobs and income growth (4 points)

- 60- performance and strategic planning (focus on ending homelessness for subpopulations)
- 25 points for merging
  
- Permanent housing bonus projects to CoC early for review
  - HCA has one in mind to bring to the CoC for consideration
  - Call for projects on CoC website (<http://www.somervillema.gov/coc>)
- There was a question addressed to the group as to whether members want to create a CoC dropbox for future access to CoC related docs. The discussion resulted in holding off on this for now.
- Ranking/ Scoring Tool being created
  - Project type
  - Utilization rates and expenditures
  - Serving vulnerable population
    - HUD interested in directly from street?- we won't focus on this
    - Handout being sent will have APR info and what to pull for target pop'n
  - Data quality
    - Beds/info needs to be in HMIS for capacity
    - Outcomes- destination and income
  - Compliance and length of stay (% exceeding limit)

#### **4. City Supplemental ESG Award**

- expecting level funding of about 203,000
- also received a one-time supplemental ESG fund of\$ 219,785
  - must follow guidelines of ESG
  - RFP will be done
  
- 1 yr action plan to HUD by mid-Aug. Should coordinate with their guidelines to show collaboration
- ESG- includes arrears. Shelter, HMIS, rapid rehousing
- Trust- doesn't include arrears. More brick and mortar, less program/social service funds
- CoC to put together list of all funding sources/types
  - Source, program, \$
  - Focus on homelessness programs and prevention
  - Form to be finalized and sent out. Agencies to add to it.

#### **5. HMIS Policies and Procedures**

- Additions/changes
  - o exemption for DV added: due to confidentiality-could be something other than HMIS but same criteria needed.
  - o Clarity on town/city
- Heidi to share again for Thurs deadline of edits. Remote vote on Fri

## **6. Update on Tenant Selection Plan**

- for 52 Sydney and 293 Alewife Brook Parkway (Somerville Community Corp project with 5 units of rental housing with project based section 8)
- MRVP- open to all, not coordinated entry
- Preference for chronically homeless
  - o 3 of 5 set aside for Somerville/Arlington
  - o 2 open state-wide
- 60 day opening for apps
  - o Aug/Sept
  - o Lottery selection

## **7. Next Meeting**

August 15, 2017

2:00 - 4:00pm

VOA- 2 North Street, Somerville