



Pursuit of Housing Partners Meeting

Date: April 5, 2017

Time: 11:00 AM

Location: Thurman Brisben Center

MEETING CALLED BY	Kate Gibson (GWRC)
TYPE OF MEETING	Monthly Meeting
NOTE TAKER	Kate Gibson
ATTENDEES	Kate Gibson (GWRC) Kim Lally (TBC) Kathy Anderson (Empowerhouse) Lisa Crittenden (Loisann's Hope House) Meghann Cotter (Micah) Tara Best (Loisann's Hope House) Shelly Shipman (TBC) Tammy Torres (Empowerhouse)
ABSENT	Lorena McDowell (NVFS)

DISCUSSION	
<p>Introductions</p> <p>Approval of January 4, 2017 Meeting Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kim Lally moved to approve the minutes and Kathy Anderson seconded the motion. The minutes from September were approved by all committee members. <p>Housing Inventory Count</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The partners reviewed a draft Housing Inventory Count for the 2017 submission, due May 1. Empowerhouse advised that the Domestic Violence Shelter – House numbers should be reduced to reflect the sale of one of the houses. Additionally, Empowerhouse had no overflow beds or hotel vouchers in use on the night of the PIT. 	

Rapid Re-Housing Spending

- The group discussed the status of VHSP rapid re-housing funding within the community, and agreed that if any partners are not projected to spend all funds by June 30, the money should be redistributed to other agencies. Micah indicated that they have money they cannot spend by the end of the fiscal year. Empowerhouse indicated they are out of money, and that they would follow up with Micah to utilize some of their funding.

3rd Quarter Conversation with Monica

- Monica Spradlin will reach out to schedule a quarterly conversation for VHSP.

Feedback on New Processes

Coordinated Assessment

- One concern is that clients are not always being referred back to the referring agency when they are denied.
- There is a need for “quality control” to ensure all partners are carrying out the process the same way. The CoC may need to establish a central access point. This could be staffed by interns, and/or could be mobile. The CoC should aim to implement in the summer.

Prevention

- Partners discussed concerns around prevention. Kate Gibson said she would communicate the information back to Lorena McDowell. She also indicated she would invite Prevention staff to the next Prioritization meeting.
 - One concern is the rigidity surrounding prevention referrals. Staff has sent several referrals back for not being completed correctly.
 - The partners were concerned that no one seems to be qualifying for prevention.

Housing Locator

- Things are going well with the housing locator. Once she gets more established, it would be good to determine the expected number of placements per month. Meghann Cotter let the group know that she plans to have someone put together a brochure about the community’s RRH program to help sell the program to landlords. Lisa Crittenden suggested that the brochure include the housing habitability standards that all units must meet.

Schedule Next System Walkthrough Meeting

- The partners will meet on Wednesday, April 26 from 9:30-11AM to begin discussing potential solutions to the gaps and weaknesses identified through the two System Walkthrough meetings.

Furniture Bank

- Meghann Cotter updated the group on the furniture bank. Micah has secured a warehouse, and is partnering with organizations throughout the community to utilize and help pay for the furniture bank. Any POH partners interested in partnering are welcome.
- There was concern that this is a duplication of CVHC's efforts. Micah and TBC indicated that they had experienced problems getting furniture in a timely manner from CVHC.

CONCLUSION		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON(s) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE