

Data Collection Committee Minutes

Date and Time

Thursday, October 17th, 2013 11:00AM-12:00PM

Location

Manchester Community Resource Center, 434 Lake Avenue

Attendees

Cathy Kuhn	Mark Stokes	Mary Sliney	Ann Pancine
Kyle Beaulieu	Susan Howland	Keith Howard	

September Minutes Approved

Initial Approval for Scoring for Peer Review

- We currently have ‘Yes’ votes from all but one agency, which has yet to submit theirs.
 - (This final vote came in as “yes” the afternoon of the 17th, just after the meeting)
- Mary was wondering about the Financial score concerning drawing down funds from HUD, as some of her contracts have just begun.
 - This is a perfect case of extenuating circumstances.
 - We will include a section in the tool for explanation/narrative to explain such circumstances.
 - The Peer Review Committee can review these narratives to discern legitimate circumstances, such as this, from excuses.
- There was discussion about how to address missing APRs in the NOFA. It was thought that the data from missing APR’s will not be included in the analysis of CoC outcomes to be submitted with the NOFA. The committee will need to determine whether and/or how an organization that did not submit an APR will be scored and ranked during the peer review process.

Coordinated Assessment Update Tabled until General Assembly

NOFA Update: Goals for 2013 NOFA

- Mark drafted a list of goals for this year’s NOFA.
- Participants remaining in PH for 6+ months
 - MCoC Goal: 85%
 - HUD Goal: 80%
 - Actual: 79%
 - This number is due to high turnover in one of FIT’s programs with the new round of tenants having moved in less than six months ago.
 - Many of the leavers did move on to permanent housing with vouchers
 - This number would have been 96% otherwise.
- Participants moving from TH to PH
 - MCoC Goal: 77%
 - HUD Goal: 65%
 - Actual: 79%
- Participants with Employment
 - MCoC Goal: 29%
 - HUD Goal: 20%
 - Actual: 29

- Participants receiving non-cash benefits at program exit
 - MCoC Goal: 80%
 - Actual: 84%
- All these numbers are much higher than many previous years.

Overview of HUD Strategy Directives

- Rapid Re-Housing
 - HUD wants us to increase our use of Rapid Re-Housing, especially for families.
 - Temporary assistance/case management for low-barrier persons.
 - Data shows success for RRH initiatives so far, 90% retaining housing for at least one year.
- Transitional Housing
 - HUD wants us to rethink how we use TH
 - Lower eligibility criteria
 - Convert TH units to PH, if participants are simply in TH waiting for PH.
 - TH is good for youth, DV survivors and providing substance use treatment.
- Housing First
 - HUD would like cities to use Housing First to place CH persons in Permanent Housing.
 - Move away from “first come, first serve” or “housing ready”
 - This strategy is intended for people with complex service needs who would otherwise be unable to find housing and remain housed.
- Families and Youth
 - Many youth tend to avoid entering the homeless services system
 - TH is, however, ideal for many homeless youth
 - PH may be more appropriate for youth with frequent contact with justice system or otherwise in need of more intensive assistance
 - Family homelessness has actually remained the same despite the recession
 - HUD encourages CoCs to use Rapid Re-Housing to house families
 - They also wants CoCs to work with Public Housing Agencies and Project-Based Rental Assistance units to adopt homeless preference

The entire packet with HUD guidelines will be sent along with this document.

Next Data Collection Meeting is November 21, 11:00-12:00 in the MCRC, 434 Lake Ave.

Minutes prepared Erik Wirkkala