

Northern Tier Regional Homeless Advisory Board Meeting – November 18, 2015 @ 10 am

AGENDA

1. Welcome / Roll Call / Introductions
 1. Initially, we did not have enough attendees to reach a quorum. However, after the arrival of a few late attendees, we did reach the number required.
2. Review of previous meeting's minutes
 1. The minutes from our September meeting were accepted with no changes. Motion made by Jeff Rich, seconded by Diane Glenwright, and passed with no objections.
3. Renewal Ranking
 1. Mae-Ling - The final ranking is out. Diana T. Myers will be submitting the collaborative application in the next day or so. Towards the end of the NOFA, HUD approached Diana T. Myers with the plan to move towards a "housing first" model. Transitional housing has become unpopular with HUD. Diana T. Myers came back to the CoC after the initial ranking, and asked if we would like to change the ranking to have all Permanent Supportive Housing ranked at the top. Due to the risk of losing much of the funding for transitional, we decided not to change the ranking. However, we expect that there will be a lot of talk about ranking going into the next year. Moving forward, HUD will be focusing on 3 specific populations for transitional housing: Youth households under 25, survivors of domestic violence, or persons in recovery from drugs/alcohol. There is a lot of uncertainty around what the next year will bring, so it is very important for transitional projects to be "at the table" and have a voice in the changes.
 2. Jeff Rich – This is our chance to decide how to react to the changes. We need to know how these things are going to affect other projects so that our chairs can represent us fairly. Many programs were started at different times when funding and focus were different. We need to know how to adapt programs to fit the new models. Jeff suggested having someone from Diana T. Myers attend one of our face-to-face meetings to discuss different programs and their nuances, so we can see how to make our projects more successful.
4. Northern Tier Rapid Rehousing Project
 1. Jeff Rich – There was room to consider bonus projects in this year's NOFA. Clinton County Housing Authority wrote a proposal to do rapid rehousing for the Northern Tier RHAB. The hope is that this will be a way to foster more collaboration within the RHAB. Jeff foresees referrals coming through coordinated entry, and then on to the appropriate program. The project includes supportive services and case management. The YWCA will be providing in-kind case management. We are still waiting to see if it gets funded.
5. Governor's Challenge – Ending Veteran Homelessness
 1. The Governor's Office made a proclamation to end veteran's homelessness by 12/31/15. DCED is trying to figure out what RHAB's need around technical assistance. Lycoming County VA reps have said that we're 0 for the last few PIT counts. We would like to hear where other counties are.

2. Jeff Rich stated that they want us to look at money to see how it can be better prioritized for veterans.
 3. Noel Duffy described how difficult the system can be to navigate, and provided an overview of how the system works in Luzerne and Lackawanna counties.
6. Lycoming County PIT Review
1. Mae-Ling Kranz – Due to the Little League World Series, Lycoming County moved its PIT count to the end of September. They once again did a walking count. The group found 120 adults and 38 children, who were sheltered; and 21 adults and 5 children who were unsheltered. This was decrease in the number of unsheltered and an increase in the number of sheltered.
7. 2016 PIT
1. The date for the January PIT count has been set for 1/27/16. This year, if your county is doing a street-based count, they cannot go out on the 27th; instead, they must go out on the 28th, and ask any people they find where they slept the night before. During the fall count, we had a difficult time getting all of the counties in the RHAB to participate. It is very important that each county participates, as this is the driving data for funding in our CoC. It impacts how much money the CoC is allocated, and how new projects are ranked.
8. Homelessness Awareness Month
1. November is Homelessness Awareness Month. Attendees were asked if anyone held any events.
 - i. Clinton County tried to do a small program but had to cancel it.
 2. Lycoming County tried to get more press around the month, but it was a challenge. What press we got helped to generate new volunteers. The American Rescue Workers held a Box City that was pretty successful. The YWCA did an editorial column around homelessness.
 3. Family Promise held a dinner fundraiser at Cloud 9. The founder of Family Promise attended and gave a speech about how and why she started the program.
9. Member Attendance & Recruitment
1. We are still looking for new members and to get current members to attend more frequently. Once again, it is very important that all counties participate.
10. We will continue having conference calls throughout the winter. We will try for a face-to-face meeting in March. *(Note: Our December meeting was rescheduled to 12/7/15 and will be a face-to-face meeting at the YWCA in Williamsport. HUD TA will be coming to discuss veteran's homelessness.)*
11. Meeting ended at 11:06

Conference Call Information

Call-in toll-free number (US/Canada): 1855-750-1027

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ATTENDANCE/PARTICIPATION – 11/18/15

Name:	County:	Present:	Absent:
Michelle Chandler	Bradford		X
Maria Garlick	Clinton		X
Jeff Rich	Clinton	x	
Mae-Ling Kranz	Lycoming	x	
Ginny Noble	Lycoming	X	
Rae Weber	Lycoming		X
Diane Glenwright	Lycoming	x	
Tara Day	Lycoming	x	
Melissa Magargle	Lycoming	x	
Karen Parish	Tioga		x
Viginia Boley	Tioga		x
Lisa Boley/Linda Greene	Tioga	X	
Edward Clemens	Tioga		X
Fell Boley	Tioga		X
Kevin Holehan	Wyoming	X	
Madra Clay	DCED		X
Leigh Howard	Diana T. Myers & Asso.		X
Barbara Hodas	Diana T. Myers & Asso.		X
Adrienne Nash Melendez	Philadelphia		X
Karen Kispert	Diana T. Myers & Asso.		X
Charles Burke	Luzerne		X
Athena Aardweg	Chester		X
Dawn Yates	Bradford		X
Darlene Prutsman	Bath, NY/Tioga		X
Melinda Stanley	Luzerne		X
Gary Baker	Lackawanna/ DCED - NE		
Kevin Cope	Northampton		X
Noel Duffy	Luzerne	X	
Kathleen Remington	Susquehanna		X
Nancy Perri	Susquehanna		X
Barb Austin	Bradford		X
Ashley Schrivner	Bradford		X
Kate de Silva	Clinton		X
HAVEN CEO	Tioga		X
Mark Roinick	Sullivan		X
Kim Eroh	Sullivan & Lycoming		X
Amy McGovern	Lycoming		X
Mike Kane	Lycoming		X
Dana Rich-Collins	North Penn Legal		X