

GRCoC Board Meeting

Monday, September 27, 2021

3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m., virtual

Notes

- I. Participants: Hana Yun, Fred Karnas, Beth Vann-Turnbull, Tyler Agee, Sherrill Hampton, Matthew Leslie, Christine Elwell, Annette Cousins, Dr. Patricia Cook
Guests: Jay Brown (Commonwealth Catholic Charities), Cindy Chambers (Commonwealth Catholic Charities),
Staff. Kelly King Horne, Michael Rogers
- II. The meeting was called to order. The June Minutes were approved.
- III. Commonwealth Catholic Charities (CCC) provided an update on Non-congregate shelter (NCS) and the Inclement Weather Shelter (IWS). CCC began NCS operations on August 1. Cindy Chambers was hired as the Program Manager for both NCS and IWS. NCS is operating exclusively at Days Inn; however, CCC has several isolation units for COVID+ clients at Quality Inn.

The City of Richmond awarded CCC \$1.9MM for IWS operations. The IWS will be open October 15-April15 and can shelter approximately 90 single adults. About \$750,000 of the City funding will be used by CCC to retrofit their existing site on Oliver Hill Way as the site of IWS. The ballroom at Quality Inn is being used for IWS until the construction is complete. CCC shared that their ICW shelter model incorporated recommendations from the GRCoC Seasonal Shelter Task Force. They are working through the details to accept referrals through CES. Daily Planet Health Services will provide vaccines and testing. Outreach will supplement case management. Board members asked for clarification on isolation capacity, funding for this program as compared to other year-round programs, and case management.

- IV. Staff shared an update on the HUD FY21 Continuum of Care funding opportunity. On August 18, HUD released a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) making \$2.656 billion in FY 2021 Continuum of Care Program (CoC) competitive funding available to homeless services organizations across the country. The GRCoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD), the amount of currently funded programs, is \$4,943,293.

The NOFO also includes Domestic Violence (DV) and CoC bonuses. The GRCoC's DV bonus is up to \$916,132 and its CoC bonus is up to \$305,377. Applications for bonus funds can consist of new or expansion of renewal projects.

The supplemental project applications have been updated, along with the scoring forms for renewal and new projects. Project applications are due to Homeward by Friday, October 1 at 5pm. The Ranking and Review Committee is scheduled to review, score, and rank project applications on Wednesday, October 13. Homeward will contact each applicant with their project(s) score(s) and ranking on Thursday, October 14. The consolidated application, which includes the community narrative and the project priority listing (as developed by Ranking) is due to HUD by Tuesday, November 16 at 8pm.

- V. Staff shared a funding opportunity through Virginia Housing for CoC strategic planning. The funding is for \$20,000 to hire a strategic planning consultant. The funding guidelines lay out specific components to be included in the plan. Staff shared that racial equity and engaging people with lived experience would be highlighted. Staff requested the board's endorsement on applying for the funding. The board voted in favor of endorsement. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until May 2022.
- VI. The statewide Point-in-Time count has been set for Wednesday, January 26, with most activities occurring on Thursday, January 27.
- VII. The GRCoC was not awarded funding through the HUD Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP). Most communities that were selected were very large metropolises or rural communities. Homeward's Special Project Manager will continue to build the partnerships and infrastructure to support ending youth homelessness and increasing our CoC's competitiveness for future YHDP funding opportunities.
- VIII. The next GRCoC board meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 29 at 3pm.
- IX. The meeting adjourned.