

Norfolk Homeless Consortium Committee: Continuum of Care

Date: 11/7/07

Attendees:

Stacie Walls-Beegle, ACCESS
George Davies, CAMG
Suzanne Davis, NCSB
Mary Mann, Salvation Army
Debbie Williams, The Planning Council
Roxie Hoven, YWCA
Irma Hinkle, ACCESS
Al Torres, TACT

Barbara Gaddy, Barrett Haven
Vikki Henderson, ForKids
Alisa Berry, OTEH
Alicia Matthews, St. Columba
Julie Dixon, The Planning Council
David Wall, VA Med Center
Katie Kitchin, OTEH
Clara Smith, VSH – Gosnold Apts

I. Agenda Items

- Finalize Standards of Care Review Schedule
- 2008 Renewal Supplemental Application Revisions
- 2008 Renewal Spreadsheet
- Guidance for Priorities Setting

II. Key Decisions/Action Items

- The Committee reviewed the Renewal application and evaluation tool. The following changes need to be made before the application can be finalized:
 - Clarify the requirements of HMIS participation. Julie Dixon will talk to Pat Vedomske and the HMIS Committee about what level of participation will satisfy the threshold requirement.
 - Debbie Williams will add a section to the application that evaluates a program's occupancy level.
- The Committee recommended that the CSB Housing First IV project apply for the Samaritan Initiative bonus since it will serve chronic homeless clients. This will remove those restrictions from additional project applications.
- The Committee makes the following recommendations to the NHC for the priority setting session on November 28th:
 - The Continuum of Care Committee recommends that funded projects meet an eight unit minimum threshold. However, additional consideration may be given to projects that are larger than the minimum eight units. Projects can meet this threshold using one of two methods:
 - add units to an existing Continuum of Care funded program or
 - a new project may apply for funding over two years to reach the required minimum.
 - To continue improving the housing emphasis score, the Committee recommends that new projects may use up to 20% of its funding request for support services.
 - The Committee also recommends that new projects support the goals of the Norfolk Blueprint to End Homeless.

III. Additional business

- The Committee also discussed at what point renewals would no longer automatically receive funding. If all projects that are scheduled to renew do so in 2009, the only money available for new projects will be the Samaritan Initiative bonus.
 - Next year the Standards of Care will become a scored part of the application process. If agencies are not meeting the Standards of Care renewal projects may become vulnerable.
 - The suggestion was made to use the evaluation tool and if projects do not meet a minimum score they may lose their funding.
 - Another recommendation was to give underperforming programs a one-year probation period. If they do not improve by the next grant cycle, those programs would have to go to the ranking committee and be considered with all new projects.

IV. Upcoming Meetings

- January 9th – 12:30pm