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AGENDA

I. Call to Order – Mike Temple

II. Lead Agency Report – Coalition for the Homeless Staff
   a. Strategic Planning & Public Affairs Department and Internal Operations Update – Mike Nichols (Page 2)
   b. Harris County Homelessness Taskforce Update – Mike Nichols
   c. Performance Measures – Ana Rausch (Dashboards, Pages 3-14)
   d. Youth Update – Mike Nichols
   e. 1115 Funding Gap –Ana Rausch
   f. H3 Update – Ana Rausch
   g. Five-Year Plan Update – Concetta Scerbo
   h. Public Funding Update – Concetta Scerbo
      • NOFA Feedback (Attached), EFSP Update (Pages 14-20)
   i. CoC Provider Rep Selection Process – Concetta Scerbo (Page 21)

III. Discussion: The Way Home and Other CoC’s
   a. Data Comparisons– Ana Rausch
   b. Austin, TX Issues

IV. Upcoming Events:
   a. Funders’ Forum – November 12 – Don Titcombe

V. Public Comments

VI. Adjourn

Next Meeting Topics
- Additional Steering Committee Representatives: youth services, youth/young adult with lived experience, juvenile justice, faith community, Texas Medical Center
- Monitoring PSH Providers (eviction, etc.)
- Approval of CoC Charter

Next Scheduled Meeting:
December 12, 2019 @ 12:00 pm
2000 Crawford, Ste 700 Conference Room
The Coalition, as the Lead Agency for the Way Home CoC, reaches out at the end of every Competition to receive feedback on the competition to identify strengths and areas requiring improvement. We received 15 responses from the entire community. As a reference, we have roughly 30 agencies in our community applying for these funds.

What type of applicant are you representing?

15 responses

Did the information presented at the Mandatory Grantee Conference increase your understanding NOFA competition and requirements?

15 responses
How would you rate The Coalition's availability during the FY2019 CoC Competition period?
15 responses

How would you rate The Coalition's quality of response during the FY2019 CoC Grant period?
15 responses
Open Ended Feedback:

- New Projects: It would be great to know the members of the review committee (Project Presentations) before the presentations. Even if it was just the agencies represented, not names.
- I felt it was Transparent - I knew what was due, or they answered my questions right away if I was unsure. Very patient staff.
• As an agency interested in applying, I found the process complex, and too difficult and I understood that the COC could not help me nor knew of anyone to hire to help write.
• While it was a very transparent process, I think it would help to provide a more in depth explanation of the components that were selected to be a part of the CoC Ranking Tool and why those elements were prioritized.

Are you aware that for CoC projects currently operating, agencies can pull and run test APRs to evaluate projects?
15 responses

Did your agency participate in a new or renewal project TA meeting?
15 responses
Open Ended Feedback:

- We actually didn't think we needed one for the new and expansion but turns out we did. Staff was accommodating. With detailed instructions on this going forward, it should cut down on the need to TA.
- This was just all new to us, so we were just getting an understanding of the process and requirements, and did not know what to expect
- Houston presenter is excellent. Present a grant writing workshop going page by page. With the forms in front of me. Give me a copy of a completed successful grant.

Where are some areas of improvement for The Coalition prior to the next CoC competition? Please add any comments or concerns you feel The Coalition should know regarding this CoC competition.

- Make sure all participants in the PIT count sign in and out to insure all are accounted for.
- Coalition staff has been helpful and responsive. Thanks.
- None, I feel like the mandatory conference was very straight forward on the process of the whole application as well as what to do.
- No areas of improvement, but I would love to see a more in depth "101" type of workshop for the PSH program in general.
- Give more time for people to respond to the scores.
- Alert me 6-9 Months before the next NOFA is opened.
• Make sure that all events including the mandatory COC meet are listed on the Way Home event calendar
• The provided timelines and communication via the newsletter is extremely helpful. Without the assistance of Concetta this process would not be as digestible! For newbies, things tend to be a bit clouded, not because of the process, but experience. Concetta and Nancy both have been crucial in our understanding of the program and process.
• The turnaround time to submit questions about scoring was too short. HMIS site visit results were never shared at the time
Coalition for the Homeless
Homeless Data

Houston/Harris, Fort Bend, & Montgomery Counties
Continuum of Care
2019 Homeless Count Results

• 3,938 persons experiencing homeless were counted
  ➢ 1,614 (41%) staying place not meant for human habitation
  ➢ 2,324 (59%) staying in emergency shelters, transitional housing, or safe haven that evening.

• 2019 PIT count represents:
  ➢ 5% decrease compared to 2018
  ➢ 54% decrease since 2011
Characteristics - 2019

- Zero unsheltered families
- Zero unsheltered minors
- 1 in 4 chronically homeless
- 1 in 3 had mental health issues
- 1 in 3 had substance abuse problems
- 1 in 7 experienced domestic violence
- 1 in 9 Veteran
- 2 in 5 unsheltered were homeless for the 1st time
- 1 in 9 unsheltered due to Harvey
Number Homeless by Location

- Unsheltered, Harris Co., 1,515
- Sheltered, Harris Co., 2,052
- Unsheltered, Ft. Bend Co., 13
- Sheltered, Ft. Bend Co., 60
- Unsheltered, Montgomery Co., 86
- Sheltered, Montgomery Co., 212

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Comparing the Counts 2017 – 2019

Sheltered Unsheltered

2017 2,477 1,128
2018 2,529 1,614
2019 2,324 1,614

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In the U.S., half of all people experiencing homelessness did so in 1 of 5 states*

*HUD 2019 AHAR Part 1
Count Comparison by TX Cities 2011 & 2019

- **San Antonio**: 2011 - 3,222, 2019 - 2,872
- **Austin**: 2011 - 2,362, 2019 - 2,255
- **Dallas**: 2011 - 2,169, 2019 - 4,538
- **Houston**: 2011 - 3,938, 2019 - 8,538

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Homeless Count Population Comparison*

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*Homeless Count per 1,000 Residents
Things to think about...

- 17,201 housed since 2012
- 3,267 housed in 2018
- Permanent housing + supportive services is key to solving homelessness
- It costs $41,000 per person per year to leave someone unsheltered, but only $17,000 per person per year for housing & supportive services
Thank You!!

The Coalition for the Homeless leads in the development, advocacy, and coordination of community strategies to prevent and end homelessness.

The Way Home is the collaborative model to prevent and end homelessness in Houston, Harris, Ft. Bend, & Montgomery Counties. For more information visit www.thewayhomehouston.org

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