

**BLUE RIDGE CONTINUUM OF CARE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2013
MEETING NOTES**

PRESENT: Aaron Fallon; Beth Lutjen; Carol Tuning; Dan Merenda; Ali-Hamed Moore; Kenneth Argot; Katye Hale; Karen McNally; Kristin Moses; Matt Crookshank; Marie Muddiman; Pat Rolley; Sacil Armstrong; Susan Carroll; Tanyia Jones; Tammy Mann; Kristin Adkins; Susan Trout; Tommy Phillips; Elvin Mainor.

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

The Council of Community Services (CCS) conference room had been renovated as a training center where webinars can be available on an interactive screen and smart board. The room can comfortably accommodate 25 persons. Funding was provided by a grant award from UPS.

- July Meeting Notes & Attachments – Carol Tuning
Committee was advised that beginning with the July meeting all CoC meeting notes will be posted on the Council of Community Services website. CoC requests for postings on the (CCS) website should be sent to the CoC Chair.

A new, more in-depth electronic membership application which will tie into the CoC application has been posted on the (CCS) website. Members are asked to update their membership through this posting as soon as possible.

- Committee Assignments – Committee Description and Assignments was distributed. At this time Carol will Co-Chair all committees. The Executive Committee is staffed by representatives of member agencies which are not CoC funded. Marie Muddiman requested removal from the HMIS Steering Committee. Blue Ridge Continuum of Care Structure document was provided to CoC members.

NEW PROJECT FUNDING

Shelter Plus Care funds of \pm \$55,000 were returned which can be partially attributed to the lower rental rates available in this area. The requested expansion funding for Shelter Plus Care was not granted. The grant cannot be changed; however, permission was granted to increase the number of leases in the program to 27. Also, RRHA administration fees may be increased. HUD has been contacted for approval to reallocate funds to a housing stability position to run the program. Plans are in place with TAP to fill the 3 vacant slots in Alleghany County.

- 2012 Planning Grant – Carol Tuning/Dan Merenda (CCS) will provide planning assistance. All applicants will be brought together to run through ESNAPS once as a group. Goals from the Strategic Business Plan and CoC Operating Guidelines will be incorporated in the application. Super NOFA release is forthcoming. A group will meet to design planning sessions followed by a partial day meeting of all groups.
- City DHCD HSG
The City received notice of the award of HSG funding which will replace unfunded CDBG requests. Committee recognized Carol for her efforts.

INTENSIVE CASE MANAGEMENT-INTEGRATED SERVICE DELIVERY – Captain Argot

A pilot program funded by United Way is underway at Salvation Army initially working with 4 households. During the 2-year program period clients will receive financial assistance to correctly navigate the system and improve credit. The program is partnering with Wells Fargo. Contact Priscilla Carter by phone at The Salvation Army (343-5335) for additional information.

UWRV – FINANCIAL EDUCATION – Kristin Adkins

United Way is working with all the area financial institutions (14 banks and credit unions) to run a new coalition called Bank On Roanoke Valley. The coalition will launch in January and will feature marketing and materials to promote banking and financial education to the end of discouraging the use of payday lenders and other high-cost services.

United Way will partner and collaborate with service providers to find opportunities to share financial education and promote banking. Please contact BankonRV@uwrv.org with questions and ideas.

HMIS FORMS/UPDATES

Placed on hold for September 17 meeting.

PATHWAYS (HMIS) – Tommy Phillips/Elvin Mainor

- Coordinated Community Assessment – available on the (CCS) website.

UPDATES

- ID Cards – funding was received for the card logo. Printer and scanner were purchased. Working with Pathways to set up the system.

- Supportive Services for Veterans Families Program (SSVRF) - is designed to support private nonprofit organizations and consumer cooperatives as they coordinate and/or provide supportive services to very low-income veteran families in or transitioning to permanent housing. The SSVF program is not designed to provide long-term support for participants, nor will it be able to address all of the financial and supportive services needs of participants that affect housing stability. Rather, the aim of the program is to assist very low-income veteran families residing in permanent housing to remain stably housed and to rapidly transition to housing. Anticipated program starting date is December 1. Please contact Kristen Moses, TAP, for additional details.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- HELPS Meeting – September 11 @2pm
- DHCD Housing Conference
- Salem VA - A national assessment for homeless veterans is ongoing. Copy will be provided electronically. Anticipate 5 to 7 months to complete the assessment. Contact Tanyia Jones, Salem VA Medical Center, for further information.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

- September 17, 2013
- October 15, 2013
- November 19, 2013
- December 20 (Homeless Persons Memorial Day)