

Volusia-Flagler Continuum of Care Steering Committee

Friday, September 25, 2015 Meeting Agenda 1:00 – 3:00 PM

Volusia County Health Department

I. Call to Order - Susan Clark, VFCoC Chair
Meeting called to order at 1:09. Quorum was established.

II. Prior Minutes - Susan Clark, VFCoC Chair
Minutes approved with change that Ray Salazar was present.

III. Nomination of additional members.
Two resignations have been received from the CoC:
Ray Salazar – resignation at the end of the calendar year
Kris Zolondek – immediate resignation

The following additional members were brought before the committee for approval:
Sam Willet with Bank of America (who is a current member of United Way board)
Carl F. new regional director of SOAR and is assuming roles currently filled by Kris Zolondek with Lutheran Services Florida

Carl F.'s application approved for board and steering committee.

Edward requested his request to serve on the steering committee be considered; Edward was encouraged to attend and participate.

IV. Collaborative Applicant Update – Jeff White, VFCCCH Executive Director

Chairman Clark called on Jeff White to present update on strategic plan. Mr. White discussed the VFCoC strategic plan and the concern brought up at the CoC planning meeting on strategic priority #4. Mr. White showed where transitional housing is part of the strategic priorities where it is implied in strategic priorities #1 and #4

An argument must be made to HUD if transitional housing remains a priority of VFCoC. Clarification was requested and given on the difference between transitional and permeant housing. Discussion was held on moving more toward rapid rehousing and NOFA requirements of CoC to do a review of the effectiveness of the programs in place before continuing with a renewal.

Recommendation is to determine what transitional housing programs which to continue, then to review outcomes to determine performance before we move forward. Do not have local rapid rehousing numbers to compare. Committee discussed priorities. After discussing priorities, committee changed the word "increase" to "enhance" under priority #4's Heading along with adding "and transitional housing" to follow "Emergency Shelter" (see page 9 of 15-16 Strategic Plan, dated 8/27/15);

1. Renewals-permanent supportive housing
2. New chronically homeless
3. New rapid rehousing
4. New HMIS (lead agency)
5. New Coordinated Entry

Chairman Clark called on Mr. White to present information on Coordinated Entry and the requirement of HUD in the interim rule. Mr. White presented PowerPoint (see attached presentation) and explained the process and the benefit to clients and the Continuum in implementing Coordinated Entry.

Committee members asked for current status. Today staff can conduct first two steps of prioritizations; missing pieces are coordinated entry and front-line staff understanding the benefit to client and Continuum of using referral system.

Mr. White called upon Michelle Wilson to present Bowman Systems' presentation on Referral Workflow for End Users (see attached presentation). Ms. Wilson reported the HMIS will be updated on October 1st and that she is working with agencies on preparation.

Mr. White highlighted HUD priorities where new proposals may be considered with reallocations.

6. HMIS -Robin King

Chairman Clark called on Ms. Robin King to report on HMIS Committee. Ms. King presented the recommended VFCoC HMIS fee policy from the HMIS committee.

Ms. King reported that the HMIS committee has not yet been able to balance a budget and therefore is recommending that the Lead Agency submit two proposals under the NOFA; one for HMIS and Coordinated Entry.

Committee discussed budget and fees and impact of HMIS in the future of the Continuum. As the budget of HMIS is still not covered, research will continue on funding HMIS.

Upon discussion, motion to approve and duly second, VFCoC HMIS Fee policy approved.

c. NOFA / Training Dates will be released in accordance to NOFA guidelines

Mr. White reported that he is creating the training schedule and will publish within in the next week.

V. Mission Statement

Chairman Clark called attention to the five mission statement ideas submitted by CoC members. And asked each attendee their preference. Consensus was developed

Mission Statement:

CoC's mission is to prevent and end homelessness

Vision Statement:

CoC's plans, develops, and implements comprehensive and coordinated strategies to address homelessness/ individuals at risk of homelessness in Volusia/Flagler Counties to ensure that every person is appropriately, safely and decently housed.

These statements will be presented to the Board of Directors in November for consideration and approval.

VI. New Business

On November 1st the Salvation Army will announce 0 homelessness among Veterans in Volusia County.

VI. Old Business

VII. Public Comments

VIII. Adjourn meeting adjourned at 2:52