Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH)
Minutes
September 7, 2016

In attendance:
Butler: Marissa
Columbiana: Chris
Cuyahoga: Martin and Suellen
Franklin: Kim
Hamilton: Linda, Megan, Sara and Debbie
Lake: Sandra
Lorain: Holly, Jeremiah and Tina
Lucas: Lori, Jim and Deb
Mahoning: Bill
Montgomery: Pam and Heather
Stark: Michelle, Stephane and Frank
Summit: Tim and Jennifer
COHHIO: Josh
OhioMHAS: Roma, Katherine, Kueiting, Kraig and Deborah

Fair Housing Training –
• Joe Maskovyyak will present training on Fair Housing at the face-to-face meeting in November.

Quarterly/Annual Report –
• Kraig presented the report for the last quarter. Kraig will send out PATH program trend analysis for the last 4 quarters and for past 3 years.

2015-2016 Year-End – Actual Expenditure Report–
• Actual expenditure report was due on August 31st. If you have not submitted it to Deb, please do so as soon as possible.

Spotlight on Homelessness in Ohio –
• Deb reminded each county to submit their article to Kueiting and Lisa on time for the assigned month.

Site Visits –
• Deb asked when each county would like to have their 2015-2016 site visit(s), either in November or June.
  • November 2016: Hamilton, Lake and Stark
  • June 2017: Butler, Columbiana, Cuyahoga, Franklin, Lucas, Lorain, Mahoning/Trumbull, Montgomery and Summit
**Monitoring Tool**
- Deb and Josh are working on updating the monitoring tool. For example, in the Percentage of Services section, grantees will be able to enter the actual number; Deb and Josh will calculate the percentage. The updated Monitoring Tool will be available in October.

**Disaster Preparedness**
- Every community should have disaster recovery process/plan in place. A draft plan will be posted on the website or sent via email.

**New Meeting Format and Structure**
- Deb mentioned the new meeting format and structure. A survey will be sent out after the conference call. More updated information will be provided in the November meeting.

**New Funding Allocation Process (Allocation/Competitive)**
- Data from last 3 years will be used as part of the new Competitive Grant Process. Hard copy information will be sent out in November.

**HMIS Updates**
- Josh provided the following updates on HMIS changes.

  Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS) data integration; SAMHSA and HUD have worked to align the PATH data elements with the 2014 HMIS Data Standards.

  **Services Provided**
  “Outreach” has changed to “Reengagement”; “Screening/assessment response” was split into two responses; “Housing technical assistance” changed to “Housing eligibility determination” and “Other PATH-funded service” was removed. Clarification was provided that the element is recorded only for services, which are PATH, funded not including PATH match funded.

  **Referrals Provided: PATH**
  Response options have changed: “Primary health care” changed to “Primary health/dental care”; “Relevant housing services changed to “Housing services” “Housing placement assistance” was changed into “Permanent Housing” and “Transitional Housing” was added; Medical assistance” was changed to “Medical Insurance”. PATH also clarified that collection of referral information on job training, educational services, and housing services are optional response options, not require

  **SOAR**
  Version 5 Updates: PATH is now required to collect this data at project entry, update, annual assessment, and exit.

**Grant Funding Management System (GFMS)**
- An email that was sent out yesterday has some incorrect information about the grant funding process. Deb is seeking clarification and will send out another email with the updates. As for PATH funding, it has been approved. Deb is working on the direction ‘cheat sheet’ to make it easy for grantees to submit the application.
- Any carryover request needs to be sent to Deb.