



United Way
of Lancaster County

Minutes:

CROSS PROBLEMS AND HOMELESS SERVICE PROVIDERS NETWORK

Monday, March 16, 2015

2:30 pm, Blair Room, Community Services Center

ATTENDANCE

Doug Hopwood, TLC, Chair, presided. Attendants: Beth Crosby, Love INC/Homes of Hope; Marcy Mercer, LGH-ER; Guy Boyer, Andrea Grill, Sarah Fritz, Ann L. Linkey, Dana Robertson, Scott Behrens, Ann Duval, Yvonne Zeiset, Laura Willmer, Desiree Lener, Kristine Forry, Tabor; Rhonda Slinghoff, Autumn Nauman, Mike Foley, BHDS; Faith Peck, BHDS-Crisis; Sarah Billings, LHOP; Amanda Grosh, Lodge Life Services; Matt Barnett, D&A Commission; Dave Ostertag, LGH-MHU-HBP; Brittany Parsons, Circles-CAP; Chuck Albrecht, Carly Gallagher, Water Street; Tracy Broderick, DVS; Fay Schwartz, Amedisys; Lori Walton, Adult Probation; Teresa Danforth, Lancaster County Housing Authority; Eva Dombrowski, Taraya Wright, Clare House; Margaret Griffin, Lancaster CYA; Jason Harnish, LCCEH; Rebecca Hahn, Gate House; Francesa Zola, Wendy Walton, LGH; Raeanna Metzger, YWCA; Shakeel Amanulleh, Hamayun Baksh, Islamic Community Center of Lancaster; Krista Fulmer, PCS; Tricia Warfel, Annette Rosa Pabon, CHI St. Joseph Children's Health; Joan Yunginger, ELANCO Social Services Network; Brian Long, PA LINK to Aging/Disabilities; Yirmares Cuevas, Spanish American Civic Association; Robin Brooks, Rick Groff, Neighborhood Services; Toni Gainer, Carolyn Kurtz, United Way 2-1-1.

WELCOME

Doug opened the meeting with welcome and introductions.

FOCUS TOPICS

Family Based MH Program, Krista Fulmer

Family Based Mental Health Services: a more intense MH service, works with children at risk, goal is to keep the child in the natural home environment or if already out, then back into their home. It is an 8-month program, 2 therapists per family. The therapists work on problems and help the family re-structure how they operate- create balance. They meet in the home, community venues and at school. Situations that would be good referrals to the program include:

- Homelessness
- MH - multi issues
- Running Away
- Substance Abuse
- Low functioning families

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Payment is through Medical Assistance. A specific diagnosis qualifies them for MA. PerformCare is the provider. To receive services, a psych evaluation and a prescription letter are required. Once approved, a family is set up with their "team". In addition, the team will do case management and crisis intervention with the family. For referral information, contact Krista (717-392-8485). She can help with the psych evaluation if needed.

Tabor Community Services, Financial Services, Ann Duval

Review of programs offered:

- Financial Counseling
 - Credit: for folks struggling with debt, will set up consumer debt management plans (client pays Tabor, Tabor pays the bills)
 - Credit Evaluation: credit repair, budget, debt load
 - National Foundation for Credit Counseling: offers an online course "Sharpen your Financial Focus"
- First-Time Homebuyer Services:
 - Covers the entire process
- Mortgage Counseling:
 - Provides foreclosure mitigation which is required to apply for the State HEMAP loan
- Reverse Mortgage:
 - For persons over 62 years of age, turns home equity into income
- Community Financial Workshops:
 - Free and open to the public. Offered on a continual basis, registration required, check online for schedule. Can offer specialized course for specific populations, businesses, etc. Workshops are taught by professionals who donate their time to teach.
- Matched Savings Account:
 - Provides matching funds for a specific asset

Note: all TABOR Financial Counselors are regulated by professional organizations at the national level and they must also remain certified.

Future ideas: Tie education and counseling programs together – helps change the behavior, satellite offices, new technology, new website, counseling through SKYPE.

LCCEH: COALITION UPDATES

- PIT Count:
 - Jason reviewed the PIT process and passed out a 2013-15 results chart, comparative data is from the same time frame each count.

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- Highlights for January 2015 count:
 - 28% overall reduction from 2014, good news- programs are working!
 - 67% reduction in families w/children, mostly young mothers
 - Chronic Homelessness category 11 individuals, down from 34 last year
- Columbia Winter Shelter update:
 - Guy Boyer reported that they served 28 guests this winter. So far 21 have been housed! Committed to getting the last 7 housed within the next 3 weeks.
- HMIS:
 - Continuing to build CaseWorthy database. Still on target for July 1 launch.
- Community Solutions-Zero: 2016:
 - Mike Foley reported on the 100,000 Homes Campaign. Lancaster was 1 of 71 communities chosen to participate. More information coming soon.
- CHART: No update
- School Social workers:
 - Concern about the “hidden” homeless (doubled-up families) the numbers are UP. Will provide a report for May meeting.

AGENCY NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- BHDS - Open position:
 - Transitional case management, case load of 20, degree required. More info on County website.
- Homes of Hope:
 - Beth announced that the Manheim Central home has closed. A Manheim Township home will be opening; funding is still needed for the building.
 - If you want a “Homes of Hope” in your community, talk to your churches to get it started.
 - Note: this model is NOT rapid Re-housing.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be MONDAY, MAY 18, 2015 at 2:30 pm in the Blair Room located at 630 Janet Avenue. Agenda TBA. Please contact Toni or Doug with any suggestions.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Toni at gainer@uwlanc.org or 717.824.8118; or Doug at dhopwood@tabornet.org.

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