

Out-Wayne County Homeless Coalition Ranking Committee Meeting
July 2, 2017

Meeting Notes taken by Michael Appel

Goal: Adopt policies & procedures for submission, review and ranking of projects for 2017 NOFA submission. Once decided, the work to create the application itself will be delegated to WMCAA and AppelWorks.

The follow new options in the NOFA were highlighted and discussed:

- Dedicated Plus as a new category of participant eligibility/
- Joint TH/RRH, as a new project model for Permanent Housing.
- Centralized Intake, eligible for new project through reallocation
- HMIS, eligible for new project through reallocation.
- More flexibility on RRH eligibility
- Tier 2 is 6% this year.
- Increased MSHDA ESG allocation in re: to HMIS is not clearly a reliable, renewable source to complement HMIS in the NOFA.

The group discussed the local Housing Inventory and specific populations in order to identify needs:

- Reviewed GIW to compare to need
- General agreement that Chronic Homeless restriction has been tough to use for permanent housing.
- RRH has been appropriate for many at intake.
- DV clients have timing issue, as priority is in working with client around safety, which may not always be consistent with efforts to rehouse immediately.
- RRH has most potential for expansion.
- Waiting list still has fewer folks who need PSH and there is room in existing + new PSH project
- The data do not identify added need for units for unaccompanied youth
- The CoC is at or near functional zero for homeless vets
- The CoC still needs additional housing units for families, w/o disabilities
- There was discussion about strengthening Street Outreach, but probably not until 2018.
- Strengthening HMIS is a CoC priority, but ESG seems a better source at this time.

The specifics of the local NOFA were reviewed:

- Contacts were agreed to be AppelWorks and/or WMCAA, as appropriate.
- Reviewed and confirmed funds available.
- Reviewed timeline requirements in the HUD NOFA.
- Reviewed RFP language around Scoring & Eligibility & Audit.

- A number of edits to the draft document were identified:
 - On page 5 #7 add comparable database for DV providers
 - What period for APR: Use calendar year 2016. WMCAA can download report on morning of Aug. 8.
 - Desire to have New PH after other projects in Tier 2
 - Should adjust the 3 points for HMIS Agency Administrator meetings, as they didn't happen. Adjust
 - Use zero income at entry as consideration of severity of need
 - Need factor for serving DV population
 - The proposed threshold for prioritization based on documented chronically homeless households needs to be adjusted.
- WMCAA will submit renewal applications for HMIS and Centralized Intake