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NC Balance of State CoC Funding and Performance Subcommittee Meeting Minutes 03.26.20

Members Present: Amy Modlin, Talaika Williams, Joel Rice, Sarah Lancaster

NCCEH Staff Present: Brian Alexander

Minutes:

- Brian welcomed members and introduced the agenda for today's meeting.
- Brian gave an update on the progress for a dashboard to use for monthly Steering Committee meetings.
 - The process has been delayed due to the emerging COVID-19 response. Amy Sawyer has shifted priorities to the response. While she continues to work with the consultant to test the raw data reports and develop the dashboard, her time has been limited to finish this work. Staff will update FPS members as we have more information.
 - Brian asked for feedback and questions. None given.
- Staff emailed members a draft version of the 2020 CoC Funding Priorities document which incorporated feedback from members at the January 17th meeting and updated the regional programmatic priorities based on 2019 data. Brian stepped members through the changes in the document:
 - All dates have been updated from 2019 to 2020.
 - Per FPS member feedback, the overall CoC Funding Priorities remain the same.
 - 2019 CoC-wide priorities
 - Ensure essential infrastructure elements are in place, including HMIS and coordinated entry.
 - Ensure adequate coverage of permanent supportive housing across the CoC.
 - Increase the availability of rapid rehousing.
 - Ensure CoC funding is being used well, including potentially re-allocating some funding from projects that have patterns of low spending or poor performance.
 - In the first two paragraphs of Section I, staff have added more detail to the procedure for ranking projects and the approval process by the Steering. The process has not changed year over year, but the description of the process was not complete.
 - In the third paragraph of Section II, staff added more explanation of how the Project Review and Steering Committees should consider projects funded through the DV Bonus, including specific criteria for Supportive Services Only-Coordinated Entry project applications.

- In the fourth paragraph of Section III, staff have removed a sentence that no longer applies: “The Project Review Committee historically ranked renewal projects ahead of new projects, with few exceptions.” In the past two CoC competitions, the Project Review Committee has been ranking new projects above renewal projects.
- The New Projects Priority Grid on Page 5 has been updated to reflect new calculations using the 2019 Point-In-Time Count data and information recently released on FY19 CoC Awards.
 - Staff reminded members how the priorities work in the grid.
 - Priority 1: The region has more unmet needs than existing PSH beds, implying that it needs to significantly increase PSH stock to meet the need.
 - Priority 2: The region has no current CoC-funded RRH.
 - Priority 3: The region already has CoC-funded RRH and /or some need for PSH but less than their current stock of PSH beds, implying a relatively small increase in PSH in the region could meet the need.
 - No Priority: The region has the PSH stock to currently meet their needs.
- In the Appendix, staff have updated each of the columns in the chart to reflect updated data using the 2019 Point-In-Time Count and FY19 CoC Awards. Staff followed the same calculations and assumptions as it has the past three years. These assumptions are still used by HUD and USICH to make decisions about number of expected people to determine need.
 - Joel asked questions specifically about Region 9 and the region’s continued problems with the existing PSH program. He stated that the PSH program has not excepted anyone for the last 3 years, and while the region has a lot of funding for the area, highly vulnerable people do not currently have access to PSH. He asked what we can do to fix this problem.
 - Brian answered that CoC staff are aware of the problem and have been working with a HUD TA provider to help the PSH grantee to build capacity. The region also needs to reach out to the provider to ask questions and discuss the problem this poses in the region. Brian also noted this highlights the importance of the PIT count. The region has likely undercounted its unsheltered and chronic homeless population, showing a low need for PSH. Brian mentioned that Jenn Von Egidy has conversation with the Region 9 Regional Lead this week and that once travel restrictions have been lifted, NCCEH staff will travel to the region to help with CE implementation.
- Staff asked for feedback or questions.
 - Sarah asked for clarification on what increased access means under DV Bonus-funded SSO-CE projects.
 - Brian answered that “increased access” can mean many things and did not provide further detail so applicants could indicate how they would do this. Increased access could mean: increasing the number survivors of DV accessing the current CE system from victim service providers who already participate in CE or providers that have traditionally

- unwilling to participate in CE; increasing the number of DV providers using the VI-SPDAT to assess shelter clients; increasing the participation of victim service providers in local case conferencing, and many others.
- A motion was made to recommend the draft 2020 CoC Funding Priorities to the Steering Committee for approval at its April 7, 2020 meeting (Rice, Modlin). Staff asked for any further discussion. None provided. The motion passed unanimously.
 - The next Funding and Performance Subcommittee meeting will be held on **Thursday, April 23rd at 11 AM.**
 - The meeting was adjourned.