

Pueblo Continuum of Care

Minutes for May 16, 2017
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Members Present: Sister Nancy Crafton – Los Pobres; Meagan Schroeder, Anne Stattelmann, Jelsea Ford, Joseph Rael, Charlotte Bieber – Posada; Benjamin Strand, Alison Gerbig – RMHS/HAV; Stephen Bundy, Barbara Turner – VA HUD/VASH; Kimberly Yarbrough, DSS; Brenda Nemick – ADRC/211; Barbara Ripperger – King of Kings Lutheran Church; Mary Rivera – Pueblo Step Up; Antoinette Garcia, Samantha Nava – DSS; Kathy Cline – Salvation Army; Cindy Bernal – Pueblo EPIC; Bella Vigil – Crisis Intervention Center; Melissa Bruce – Health Solutions; Jacinda Ramos, Judy Kagey – Parkview Medical Center; Galen Beaver – Pueblo County Sheriff's Office; Avanye Renner, Community Health Center; Ada Clark – City of Pueblo; Melissa Bernstein-Linan, Mary Lucero-Hill – SCAP; Tina Sauer – Children First; Bridget Byerly – SSA; Jackie Jaramillo – PRM; Shawn Hayes – CCH; Kristen Castor – CO Cross Disability; Lili Avalos – Pueblo County HHS; Amanda Cardinal, Susan Lindeman – Center for Disabilities; Trevor M. Hardin – SRDA; Adrian Medina – Pueblo County Veteran Services; Evie Harris – Catholic Charities, Patrick Hurley-First Presbyterian Church and Friendly Harbor, Margaret Comstock-Pueblo City County Health Department, Jayln Perkins and Amanda Cooper-Christlife Ministries, Nancy Arredondo-COOC-Adult Parole, Bella Vigil-Crossroads Turning Point and Amanda Cardinal-Independent Living Center

I. Updates and Introductions:

Charlotte Bieber, Posada: Opening Youth Shelter, transitional home at 2105 Norman Ln. We are seeing a lot of increased numbers at our drop-in center, which is open from 8am-12pm M-F.

Jelsea Ford, Posada Intern: Community picnic, Take Care Fair and Petra McCulley Remembrance Event June 24th, call LaTanya if you know anyone who has passed away with their name. Again at Grome Park between Jewell and King Street on Abriendo---from 10am to 2pm

Joseph Rael, Posada Intern: Elko Family and Children Shelter is full.

Ben Strand, HAV: Had small caseload, but it's been increasing. Having trouble finding housing for veterans.

Alison Gerbig, HAV: Have influx of veterans and individuals moving to Colorado Springs. For Veterans the reason may be medical care, Medicaid Expansion. Cannot meet rate of newly homeless veterans, it exceeds the rate of available housing. Working on the Mayor to help speak with landlords to assist in housing veterans. Average rent for 2 bedroom is \$950. People are scared and want to get into an apartment so they may not look at safety of apartment.

Cindy Bernal, EPIC: Working on a curriculum on Second hand substance abuse.

Avanye Renner, PCHC: New MP to start in August.

Ada Clark, City of Pueblo: CDBG Applications available, due end of month at 4 p.m. Sangre de Cristo will demolish one of their buildings and build a new facility.

Mary Lucero Hill, Interim Client Services Manager, SCAP: Many changes, hiring a full time case manager for Pueblo office. Melissa Bernstein will be moving to Colorado Springs office. Will be posted until the end of May. Caseload for the Pueblo office is around 70 clients, still growing in all age groups and all genders. No funding has been cut yet and we do not anticipate any cuts for 2017-2018.

Bridget Byerly, SSA: Can provide Social Security training to any agencies interested.

Evie Harris, Catholic Charities: Placed 22 participants in subsidized employment. Able to help several homeless with jobs and housing which is still a problem. Funding ends Dec. 31st. We've seen a high number of individuals with disabilities and a high number with anger issues. Able to get 47 individuals into program, can place up to 55.

Melissa Brues, Health Solutions: Have 54 people on waiting list. Vouchers are funded by Division of Housing. Voucher holders need to meet preferences, disabled, homelessness, DV survivor, coming out of institution. Once they meet one criteria they are placed on waiting list. FUP vouchers available for young voucher holders coming from Foster care system.

Susan Lindeman, Center for Disabilities: OIB program, older individuals who are blind.

Adrian Medina, Pueblo County VS: Grant is down to \$71.75. Still seeing influx of veterans. Grant will go to Posada in the future. Homeless Stand Down coming in September.

Antoinette Garcia, DSS: Completely staffed at north office. Have one vacancy at main office. Will be closed on 29th.

Samantha Nova, DSS, Supervisor of LEAP: Program ended in April, still processing applications. Will be a third payment if they applied before, \$125 end of this month. Start again in November. Pueblo is one of counties that had an increase in applications. About 9,000 applications.

Kathy Cline, Salvation Army: Out of utility assistance until July 1. Shelter is closed. Focusing on summer camps, daycamp, slots left for Rocky Mountain Youth Camp at Estes Park.

Galen Beaver, PCSO: Presentation for State law enforcement command stamp for Vivitrol program and reentry program.

Tina Sauer, Children First: Pueblo Youth and Family Resource Guides are available, at PCC. Will update the guides June or July.

Brenda Nemick, ADRC 211: Influx with assistance to pay for hearing aids.

Amanda Cardinal, Center for Disabilities: New Thrift store manager, to open in 2-3 months, located at 901 W. 8th St.

Steven Bundy, HUD VASH: Have 12 vouchers open, will be placing 2 this week. We run into same issue of lack of housing. Jones Healy has 4 places available.

Mary Rivera, Pueblo Step Up: June 20 hypertension through Centura. Free and open to public. Colorado Mission of Mercy, free dental clinic on Oct 13-14. Looking for volunteers, Coloradomissionmercy.com will have a volunteer form available to complete. USDA Foods Program will be sponsoring nutrition class.

Partick Hurley, Friendly Harbor: New location on N Grand since Oct. Program for people recovering with mental illness.

Kristin Castor, CO Cross Disability Coalition: Medicaid is only thing that pays for long-term care includes home health on daily basis, nursing homes, etc. for people with disabilities. Both Health proposals would cut this in half. Looking at caps, per capita basis of funding. Either choices may force

state to make choices on who to fund with health care. This may force people back into nursing homes that have less quality of care. Senator Gardner, we need to ask him and staff to take into consideration people with disabilities.

Sean Hayes, CCH: 11 regions in CO, Pueblo is one of them. Working on finding a new vendor to replace HMIS.

Jackie Jaramillo, Pueblo Rescue Mission: Closed shelter May 15th. Will start renovations of 4th St building. Neighborhood went against Lake St plans. Will continue to look for another property down the road. Will start advertising for new staff positions around August. Temporary office, 4037 Club manor for this summer during renovations. Regular number is the same. Will be operating shelter by night and micro day center during the day.

Lili Avalos, HHS: Works with CSAC Grant, deadline to apply is June 5th.

II. Minutes from April 2017:

Minutes were accepted.

III. Continuum of Care:

a. HIC and PIT Data

Will send reports out to everyone. BHE people are still being shut off. Over 1700 shutoffs for 1st Qtr.

b. City of Pueblo Consolidated Annual Report

Ada Clark, City of Pueblo: Work with Medicaid and children, Health Dept. experience is that folks do not get their kids tested for lead poisoning. Test results are not just in smelter site, but outside the site. It's a covered expense. HUD has a requirement when building with federal money, hire low income people to work on those projects. Those bids contractors will need to hire section 3 individuals. Need to pass a drug test. They provide preference for section 3 individuals at that moment, but then they cannot pass the drug test. We cannot get these people employed or out of being low mod. We are taking public comments until 26th of this month. We see increases of waiting lists and individuals who cannot be served. The HMIS system shows that the West is the fastest growing population. 5% and 6% year over year. The East states are reporting a decrease in homeless population. Some think it is a migration of homeless individuals. Sister Nancy Crafton asked is this migration because of marijuana? Ada Clark replied Hawaii, CA, WA, CO states, you could make the connection, but not a direct correlation. Usually growth is because of jobs. It's a valid point.

c. CSBG

Lili Avalos, Pueblo County HHS: We are reapplying for CSBG and need to do a Needs Assessment. UA, Housing, Transportation were top 3 community needs in 2015. Have developed questionnaires for nonprofits, elected officials, community, etc. Will work with a few service providers to hand out to clients. Would like to document client assessments beginning of June. I will send an email out. We do also have a Spanish one for the clients.

IV. Pueblo Issues

a. Shelter current status for single individuals/Salvation Army/Pueblo Rescue Mission

b. DOH Vacancy Reports

Pueblo is 1 in the state for lowest vacancy rate at 1.7%.

c. NARUC First Quarter 2017 Report

d. Posada Transition

As of July 1, shutting down Supportive Services facility, but services will be in place at locations around Pueblo. All details are on our website posadapueblo.org

V. Community Picnic, Take Care Fair and Petra McCulley Memorial

VI. Other Business: There was no other business.

VII. Adjourn

There will be no June meeting.

The next meeting of Pueblo's Regional Continuum of Care Group will take place Tuesday July 18th.