



Working Group Report to the Board

July 2017

Working Group: Evaluation Working Group (EWG)

Champion: Mike Pawlak

Meeting date, time, and location: July 10, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Working Group Members: **PRESENT** – Annie Wilson (LVMPD), Bridget Claridy (HELP), Donna Jordan (SNAMH), Ella Ramirez (NHC), Emily Paulsen (NV Homeless Alliance), Jocelyn Bluitt-Fisher (City of Las Vegas), Leone Lettsome (City of North Las Vegas), Peter McCoy (VA), Stacy DiNicola (City of Henderson), Tameca Ulmer (Clark County), Julee King / Tauri Royce (Bitfocus), Mike Pawlak (CCSS) **ABSENT** – Alisha Barrett (Ryan White), Christy Shannon (Safe Nest), André Wade (The Center), Bobby Gordon (CCSS), Elaina Mulé (United Way of Southern Nevada), Norma Dorn (Dept. of Family Service), Sarah Reber (State Division of Welfare), Steve Silverman (HELP USA), Tracey Torrence (SNRHA), and Thomas Hart (Anthem).

Accomplishments - Action Items Completed:

1. **Update on Jurisdictional ESG Funding and Projects**

- Leone Lettsome reported that City of North Las Vegas received their FY 17/18 allocation amount and are awaiting for the final HUD award agreement
 - Sub-recipient agreements are being executed
 - FY 18/19 application process will begin in late August or early September
- Tameca Ulmer reported that Clark County also received their FY 17/18 allocation amount and are awaiting for the final HUD award agreement
 - FY 18/19 application process will begin in late September or early October

2. **Recruitment**

- NOFA / Consolidated Application Review Subgroup Volunteers:
 - Consolidated Application Reviewers focusing on community-wide questions
 - Bridget Claridy, Donna Jordan
 - Project Application Reviewers focusing on eSnaps application prior to submitting to HUD
 - Stacy DiNicola, Leone Lettsome, Annie Wilson

3. **Discussion regarding the NOFA**

- As of the date of the EWG meeting, the NOFA had not been released
 - *It was released on July 14, 2017 with a due date of September 28, 2017*
- Local applications remained open pending necessary information from the NOFA, especially on the new TH-RRH project type
- Training on the NOFA will be scheduled after the NOFA release

4. **Discussion regarding Reallocation**

- Michele Fuller-Hallauer reported that HUD has been emphasizing active reallocation for the past few years.
 - Reallocation is the process to shift funds from existing CoC-funded renewal projects to create one or more new projects
 - Reallocations can be voluntary or involuntary
 - Involuntary reallocations can occur after an objective review of project performance
 - If HUD reallocates or defunds a project, the CoC might lose that money in their community

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- Reallocated projects can be put in Tier 1
- HUD’s Policy Priorities include strategically allocating and using resources
- HUD will award more points to a CoC if there is a system for reallocation
- The EWG believes they need to have discussions on how they would like to see reallocation handled
 - It’s difficult for providers to make informed decisions regarding new projects without information on how reallocations will be handled
 - Some communities award extra points to providers that submit voluntary reallocations
 - Historically, the EWG Scoring & Ranking Team would decide reallocations and notify the CoC Board
 - Recommend creating a Data Working Group for future years to better decided community needs
 - Two proposed meetings to discuss this issue:
 - Community Needs Meeting – discuss the needs in the community according to data sources such as PIT Count, Analysis of Community Queue, Gaps Analysis, Housing Inventory, Performance Measures & Data Collection, and System Performance
 - Bridget Claridy and Emily Paulson volunteered to help prepare for this meeting with help from Bitfocus
 - TH-RRH Meeting – discuss reallocation for new projects

5. **Near term: Action Items In-progress/Pending:**

- Items that are currently “in-progress and on-going”:
 - SWAP Tool update
 - Discussion on creating webinars/FAQ page for providers to access
 - Update from Steering Committee on when ad hoc groups should be reporting
 - Assign members to all of the 2017 CoC Process Review Teams

6. **Announcements:**

- Grand Opening of the Shannon West Homeless Youth Center on July 14 at 10:00 am
- United Way of Southern Nevada – Collabcon 2017 – Building a Culture of Healthy Collaboration – July 17 at the M Resort
- The National Alliance to End Homelessness’ (NAEH) Conference on Ending Homelessness will take place in Washington D.C. on July 17-19
- Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health is opening a satellite location on Boulder Highway and Basic – sharing an office with the Division of Welfare on Mondays and Tuesdays
 - The SNAMH location on Eastern is now closed on Fridays
- The Nevada Homeless Alliance will be hosting pop-up events beginning in August that will be smaller events with 6-10 providers that compliment services
- Bootcamp launch at the Government Center on August 1 – similar to “25 Cities” campaign to end chronic homelessness
- Veterans Administration quarterly outreach on August 25-27 – looking for volunteers