Three County CoC Ranking and Evaluation Committee Meeting notes

June 14, 2021

2-3:30pm

Present: Dave C, Hilltown; Kim Scammon, GHA; MJ Adams, Town of Gfld; Justine Dodds, City of Pittsfield; Andy Klatka, Eliot CHS; Brooke Murphy; CoC, Michele LaFleur, CoC; Keleigh Pereira, CoC

welcome, introductions, check ins/announcements

Hilltown event – Alliance for Digital Equity – Dave has been on the planning group

* Connectivity literacy, affordability

On **June 30, from 9:00 – 10:30am**, the Alliance will be hosting a forum to report on its findings from a regional assessment on the dynamics of digital inequity. The forum is intended to be interactive so that we can engage with people like you from various parts of our community and identify the necessary work for the coming year. The forum is free and will occur via Zoom. I invite and encourage you to join me at this forum.

**You can register here -**[**http://bit.ly/DigitalForumRegister**](http://bit.ly/DigitalForumRegister)

I recommend that you also download the assessment report whether you attend the forum or not. It can be found at: <https://bit.ly/digitalequityreport>

FY21 NOFA release/updates etc.

* Expecting release in the coming month
* Hoping there will be additional funding for new projects

YHDP projects as part of the CoC renewal application process for FY21, recommendations to the board

* TA Providers are suggesting to make no actual decisions
  + We would like to have an idea of our communities input
    - Meeting with this committee, the YAB, the Board, and the CoC team.
    - Will then present suggestions to the YYA committee on Thursday.
    - Could we list them alphabetically? By size.
* Hold harmless?
  + There may still be an order..
  + Are they then placed above all other CoC projects?
    - We do already have a precedence for this- new CoC projects are not ranked within their first year.
    - This may be a concern for all of the CoC projects – it’s a lot to hold harmless.
    - Evaluate for project readiness?
      * Areas the CoC staff considered:
        + Policies (already showing in YHDP CQI policy expectations
        + Secured buildings/sites/office spaces needed
        + Percentage of YYA served
        + Percentage of YYA housed
        + Funding utilization/billing timeliness (from regular project ranking)
        + CE participation (from regular project ranking)
        + CoC participation (from regular project ranking)
  + Are any organizations new to this type of work?
    - Most of them had good experiences recently.

Site monitoring updates and initial ranking of CoC projects.

* All subrecipient projects have been through site monitoring
  + Still awaiting some information/documents from projects
  + Scoring is extremely preliminary currently
  + Still waiting for some scoring – utilization of funds, costs and fiscal management, housing units/leases.
  + Corrective actions are not yet scored due to response to actionable items.
  + Scores are raw/will be weighted and shared with this group for feedback and “board approval recommendation”

Tier structure and ranking plan

* Projects will be ranked and this submitted with the response to the NOFA in a tier structure determined by HUD
* Funding allocations may change/increase based on the NOFA release.
* Historically, is there a geographic funding allocation plan.

next steps and meeting dates

* Suggest dates for the board meeting in July – special project presentation and ranking discussion.
  + YHDP projects – complete the self monitoring document and present as well?
  + Preliminary plan for the meeting – 1-3:30pm- Wednesday, July 28th. This will be confirmed with the board on Wednesday (Ranking and Evaluation committee will be
  + Next ranking and evaluation meeting will be August 6th at 11:00am.