

North Central Oklahoma Continuum of Care Meeting Minutes
September 3, 2015

The North Central Oklahoma Continuum of Care met Thursday, September 3, 2015, at Northern Oklahoma Youth Services in Ponca City, Oklahoma. Chair Jennifer Haney called the meeting to order at 10:12 am.

Attendees: Jennifer Haney-Northern Oklahoma Youth Services (NOYS); James Carter-Northern Oklahoma Youth Services (NOYS); Barry Graddick-CDSA; Emily Hays-Payne County Youth Services; Terrie Hill-Peachtree Landing; Amanda Doran-Domestic Violence Program of North Central OK (DVPNCO); Denise Jack – Domestic Violence Program of North Central OK (DVPNCO); Patti Graham-Wings of Hope; Marie Abraham-Robinson-Wings of Hope; Stephanie Akins – (Mission Of Hope); Joanna Moats-Youth and Family Services-Enid; Janell Bateman-DHS/Blackwell Public Schools

Introductions

Everyone introduced themselves.

Minutes

Jennifer Haney asked for a motion to approve the August, 2015 minutes provided by Marie Abraham-Robinson. There were no changes needed. Terrie Hill made the motion to approve the minutes. Stephanie Akins made a motion to second the minutes. Motion carried.

Agency Reports

CDSA- Enid:

Barry Graddick reported:
Rehabing 3 houses
Plans to buy 4-three bedroom houses

DHS/Blackwell Public Schools:

Janell Bateman works for DHS and reported:
Works with elementary and middle school children and their families
Refers families to supportive services in Blackwell and Kay County when necessary
Makes child welfare referrals and home visits
Monitors clothing closets to ensure children have ample clothing
Planning for Christmas to ensure children have gifts
Participates in backpack program
Partners with Food Bank and Ponca City Alliance Health Fair for snack foods for the weekend

Peachtree Landing

Terrie Hill reported:
Full shelter; seeing more individuals with mental health issues
Currently participating in United Way fundraising campaign

Domestic Violence Program of North Central OK (DVPNCO):

Amanda Doran reported:

Rapid Rehousing program progressing; using transitional housing model for rapid rehousing project

Turn over at shelter

Rooms available for victims

New satellite office in Blackwell- donated by Alliance Health to be used Mon-Wed; 1 counselor/ and an advocate will rotate working in the office.

DVPNCO

Denise Jack reported:

Update on Rapid Rehousing program

Encouraged members to review the website for National Alliance to End Homelessness, for funding opportunities.

Payne County Youth Services-Stillwater

Emily Hays reported:

3 clients in TLP and 10 at youth shelter

Laptops have been provided by Stillwater Public School to the shelter for youth to do school work

Hired Prevention Specialist

Six counseling interns from Oklahoma State University have started working at Payne County schools

Needs to know how many kids at school are homeless, so services can be provided to them

Youth and Family Services-Enid

Joanna Moats reported:

Six children currently in TLP

Currently looking for apartments

Mission of Hope (MOH)

Stephanie Akins reported:

Mission of Hope had been a partner with Central Oklahoma Community Action Agency (COCAA), but is now revamping their programs and transferring to Stillwater Housing Authority. Grateful for the dedication and support of Glen Redding, Director of Stillwater Housing Authority

MOH telephone numbers may change; staff email addresses will be:

first initial and last name@stillwatermoh.org

Had fundraiser, raised over \$15,000

Working on website

All shelter rooms and transitional housing units are full

Looking for chronically homeless veteran to place in new apartment

One family moved to a transitional housing apartment today

One family moving to permanent housing

Northern OK Youth Services (NOYS):

James Carter reported:

School based programs are busy

9 in shelter; capacity is 12

Anticipating "Back to School Night"- Safety Awareness activity for school aged children

CASA expanding services to Perry

Counselor will be available 1 day per week in Perry Schools

Currently participating in United Way fundraising campaign

Jennifer Haney reported:

Provided update on Workforce Initiative Opportunity Act (WIOA)

New office to open in Perry- goal: to help children referred by school administrators/staff

Plans to provide more work experience for youth by encouraging businesses to allow students to serve as apprentices; WIOA will pay students for apprenticeship

Stillwater Domestic Violence Services/Wings of Hope Family Crisis Services:

Patti Graham reported:

Hiring for five positions: Nursery worker; Parent Educator; Volunteer Coordinator; Enrichment Coordinator (Tutor); Rape Prevention Educator

DV/SA Partnership Conference coming up on September 8-9th

Supervisors plan to attend 6 month training series at Meridian Technology Center

Shelter families are transitioning quickly

Seven new counseling interns have started working at the agency providing services for shelter and non-shelter clients

Shelter counseling group will use Seeking Safety curriculum

Day of Caring-A United Way volunteer project- Sept 17th; community members will do indoor/outdoor projects at agency

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month-Fashion show on Oct 1st at 6:30pm First Presbyterian Church

Note: Jenifer Haney complimented Wings of Hope staff on website and facebook

Marie Abraham-Robinson reported:

Received AmeriCorps grant to fund Enrichment Coordinator (Tutor) position

HMIS

See attached.

Focus on HMIS reports; shows HUD our needs

Congratulations to Ponca City for making referrals

Be sure to make timely entries and exits.

Call Keith for support while Melissa is on vacation

ESG Updates

Rating and Ranking committee submitted reports on time.

Rebekah Zahn said award notifications should be sent out the first week in September

Note: Jennifer announced that Cheri and Melissa are working on the policies and procedures. Subcommittees are encouraged to meet. Invite program leaders who provide services to the homeless to attend continuum meetings.

New Business

None.

Adjourn

Terrie Hill made a motion for meeting to adjourn. Emily Hays seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 11:30am.