Chicago Continuum of Care
Bi-Annual Meeting

December 8, 2015
9:00 am - 11:30 am
Meet & Greet

Please Visit the CoC Committee Tables!

9:00 am - 9:30 am
Welcome

John Cheney Egan
Chair of Chicago’s CoC
Opening Remarks

La Casa Norte
Vote: Board of Directors Slate

• Audrey Thomas and Richard Rowe, Co-Chairs of the Membership Committee
• See the reverse side of your agenda for the complete slate
Vote: Collaborative Applicant

• John Cheney Egan, Chair of Chicago’s CoC
Community Initiatives and Plan 2.0

• HomeWorks – Eithne McMinamin
Community Initiatives and Plan 2.0

- Chicago & Cook County Housing and Health Care Action Plan – Art Bendixen
Stable Housing = Better Health
HUD’s TA Initiative

Community Planning and Development
Stable Housing → H² → Better Health
Initial Gathering of Key Stakeholders
July 8 and 9, 2015

- Received TA from HUD-sponsored advisors
- Initial gathering of input for planning process
HUD Policy Priorities

From 2014 CoC Program NOFA:

“HUD strongly encourages CoCs to maximize the use of all mainstream services available and use HUD funds for housing-related costs.”
Fiscal Year 2014 CoC Grant Award

Chicago City-Wide Total: $59,601,053

- Supportive Services: 21.5% ($12,797,009)
- Balance of Award: 78.5% ($46,804,044)
THREE PRIORITIES

• Integrate Health and Homeless Data
• Coordinate services in both systems
• Increase PSH unit capacity
Planning Leadership Team

• Meetings from August to October
• Developed 20 SMART Goals
• For a 1-Year Action Plan
PLAN APPROVAL

• Leadership Team completes work on October 15, 2015

• Leadership Council approves Plan on December 10, 2015

• Plan implementation begins on January 2016
Brief Q&A and Dialogue
Community Initiatives and Plan 2.0

• Ending Veteran Homelessness Initiative – Maura McCauley
Local Goals

• End Veteran homelessness by 2015
• Create and implement a coordinated access system for Veterans
  – Standardized assessment
  – Designated access points
  – System integration
  – Shared data system
Accomplishments to date

• One List

• We built a system!
  – Funded and implemented a system coordination entity – CSH
  – Most Veteran housing providers are engaged and using the coordinated access system
  – Mainstream housing providers and outreach teams are transitioning to this system for Veterans

• Home for the Holidays Event
Accomplishments by the numbers

- Assessments Completed: **1,357**

- Veterans Housed: **1,473**

- Veterans remaining to be housed: **943**
  - More than **600** on the path to housing (referred to housing providers)
Challenges

• Hard to find Veterans

• Ensuring housing resources to reach goal

• Addressing Veterans entering the system – prevention
Functional Zero

• Supply of housing $\geq$ # of new veterans entering homelessness every month

• In Chicago, this means that we have the resources to:
  – Prevent homelessness whenever possible
  – Provide temporary shelter for those who become homeless
  – Move Veterans to housing as quickly as possible to ensure that homeless episodes are rare, brief and non-recurring.
Get involved!

25 Cities Chicago
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Community Initiatives and Plan 2.0

• Zero:2016 Ending Chronic Homelessness Initiative – Kim Schmitt
Ending Chronic Homelessness in Chicago in 2016
Chronic Homelessness Initiative

- Optimizing local resources
- Tracking progress against monthly housing goals
- Accelerate the spread of proven strategies
Optimizing Local Resources

• Leadership

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• Prioritization of individuals and families experiencing Chronic Homelessness for PSH units

• Central Referral System (CRS)
Tracking Progress Against Monthly Housing Goals

Housing Targets and Placement Rates

Chicago CoC

CHRONIC DASHBOARD
Tracking Progress Against Monthly Housing Goals

CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS DASHBOARD

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BIG PICTURE: GETTING TO ZERO

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Tracking Progress Against Monthly Housing Goals

Placement Target: 47

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Number Housed in November: 37
Accelerate the Spread of Proven Strategies

The By Name List of Individuals Experiencing Chronic Homelessness:

The One List

• Applying “business strategies” to human services
• Capabilities to target outreach and resources effectively
• Move away from PIT count to use of By Name List to gauge progress
“Ending Veteran Homelessness is proof to the country that ending homelessness is possible!”

Jennifer Ho, Senior Advisor for Housing and Services at U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development - Chicago Call to Action Breakfast

Ending Veteran Homelessness in Chicago will signal that our community can collectively end homelessness, focusing next on Chronic Homelessness.
Coordinated Access Steering Committee

- Formation of Workgroups – Loren Seeger
Chicago Housing Authority

• Sponsor-Based Voucher Program – Mary Howard
CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY

SPONSOR BASED VOUCHER PROGRAM
OVERVIEW
The Sponsor Based program, a subset of CHA’s PRA program, enables entities to master lease units from owners in order to house low income individuals and families who require supportive services including the homeless, mentally ill, veterans, transition aged youth.

CHA has 350 Sponsor Based Vouchers (SBV) that it will utilize for this program.

Sponsoring Agencies will apply to use the vouchers to master lease units for 2-7 years.
Option 1: in Collaboration with DFSS

- CHA has received approval to utilize 50 vouchers (from the 350) for master-leasing for Transition Aged Youth (18-24), not from CHA’s wait list.
- Another 50 vouchers will be brought to CHA’s Board of Commissioners in January 2016 to use toward homeless families, not from CHA’s wait list.
- DFSS will issue a competitive RFP for service dollars in early 2016.
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Option 2: Working with CHA’s wait list

- The remaining 250 vouchers (from the 350) will be available for agencies to serve the target population as identified on CHA’s wait list.
  - CHA has identified 63% have indicated that they are a one or two person household;
  - over 3,000 (19%) have indicated an interest in housing with services for homeless or formerly homeless families and individuals.
    - 686 indicated that their current living situation is shelter/THP/Homeless
    - 2,635 consented for their information to be shared with HMIS/CRS
    - Of these, 615 indicated their current living situation as shelter/THP/Homeless

- Sponsor Agencies would submit Part I of the application to CHA and if approved, will submit Part II of the application to CHA for unit approval.
- Sponsor Agencies can also apply for service dollars as part of the application process ($2,000 per individual unit; $4,500 per family unit; tentative)
**How will the Program Work?**

**For Both Options**

- Upon approval, the Sponsor Agency would enter into a **master lease agreement** with an owner and obtain Housing Assistance Payments for unit rental. Owner background screening and HQS requirements apply.
- All units will be subject to an **environmental review** (different from COC ER)
- Sponsor Agencies would then **sub-lease** a unit to a participant.
- Property Types & Desired Locations:
  - Existing apartment units
    - In line with CHA goals that seek to de-concentrate poverty and expand housing and economic opportunities, applicants should make best efforts to lease in General or Opportunity areas (e.g. areas where census tracts have poverty concentrations of 20% or less and no more than 5% of subsidized housing).
- **Contract Length**
  - Minimum period of two years to a maximum of seven years.
DFSS expects their application to be available in early 2016.
CHA expects to have its application available on the website in December 2015 or early January 2016.

- While the Sponsor-Based program will be similar to PRA, it will have a separate application with evaluation criteria that emphasizes the focus on supportive services.

- Applications for CHA participants will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the maximum of 250 units through master leasing has occurred (may increase depending on DFSS utilization).

- Social services will be reviewed on an annual basis, regardless of length of HAP contract.
The following criteria will apply to all Sponsor Agency applications:

- There must be a demonstrated **best effort** for sponsor based units to be located in an Opportunity or General Area.

- Sponsor Based assistance is for a minimum period of two years to a maximum of seven years.

- Sponsor Agency agrees to provide the necessary social services aligned with the needs of the proposed target population and renew their service commitment annually.

- Applications recommended by the evaluation committee.

- Sponsor Agency agrees to place candidates from CHA’s wait list or interested persons who maintain a Right of Return before using a site based list (unless part of DFSS application).
QUESTIONS?
CoC Charter 2016 Amendment Process
Community Announcements
Thank You and Closing

Veteran Willie Howell