

Contra Costa Inter-Jurisdictional Council on Homelessness
June 8, 2012, 10am-12pm
Concord Police Station, 3rd Floor Conference Room

CCICH Meeting Notes

Affordable Care Act Implementation: Expansion of Medicaid Eligibility and State Provisions

- Waiting for SCOTUS decision—future uncertain
 - May strike down all, part, or leave as is
 - If strike down all or part, future of ACA is unclear
- Expansion of eligibility in Medicaid will bring in a lot of uninsured into the fold (nationally, 16 million people starting in 2014)
- States will receive 100% FMAP initially, phased to 90% by 2020
- Before ACA: individuals with MH/SA issue had to be “categorically” eligible for Medicaid due to disability status as recognized by SSA
- States must include prescription drug coverage, MH benefits, additional services
- Q: under children and foster care until 26—does this include children on probation (folded in to foster care population until 21)?
- CA specific measures
 - Supposed to reduce uninsured by half (7 million)
 - 10% enrollment increase in Medi-Cal
 - HHS allowing states to apply for an 1115 Medicaid demonstration waiver--\$8 billion
- Key initiatives of CA Bridge to Reform:
 - LIHP Coverage Expansion
 - Medicaid coverage expansion (MCE)
 - Health Care Coverage Initiative (HCCI)
 - Mandatory enrollment of seniors and people with disabilities (SPDs) into managed care plans
 - Delivery System Reform Incentive Pool (DSRIP)
- Contra Costa DSRIP:
 - Primary care medical home model
 - Pilot integration of physical and behavioral health
 - Expand/update training of primary care workforce
- Anything already underway on ACA reform won't go away if ACA repealed

Redevelopment Agencies: Efforts to Maintain Low and Moderate Income Housing Funding

- It looks like we've lost all of the funding—bills to save low and moderate income housing fund deposits and to reverse claw-back provisions
- But, there is still the obligation under the housing element—so, there needs to be some sort of funding
- Funding will probably be overseen and administered by the state

- Reach out to your representatives—tell them how important redevelopment funding is to ending homelessness, helping the community
 - Loni Hancock – West County – we will add this to the bottom of the update sheet

HEARTH Implementation Update

- HMIS Guidance:
 - More guidance is forthcoming; will need to set aside a lot of time through September to learn the new system
- 2012 NOFA Preview
 - FY2012 appropriation will not be the amount needed for every renewal—talk to Washington about McKinney money for HUD!
- CoCs preparing for HEARTH: HUD has suggestions
 - Partnerships: what’s working, what isn’t? (Contra Costa is cutting-edge on this, but can look deeper)
 - HPRP is ending: need to look at what financial gap it leaves us, what we learned from it, figure out how to build upon that success
 - Greater emphasis on data/HMIS collection, accuracy, monitoring, and use—how to improve?
 - Performance and compliance will be significant part of the competition—e.g., increasing income is important to sustaining housing
 - Should look at issues that arise as collective community problems, not agency problems (e.g., no jobs, so can’t increase income)
 - Q: what happens if some of the providers work with specific populations (e.g., disabled folks not getting jobs)—does this mess up performance/compliance?
 - A: No, this is viewed collectively, must have balance—progress is measured by people served; can get data standards changed if they don’t accurately reflect the reality of the community (the solution is NOT to change who we are serving)
 - Q: what if a community isn’t performing, someone has a new program that wants HUD funding—how will HUD look at new programs?
 - Up until last year, had additional money for new programs—not sure if they’ll have the funding this year, since they need to fund the renewal projects
 - May not implement the special bonus this year
 - We can convene a public meeting related to new program opportunities
 - Q: Is the discharge data in the performance measures matrix being screened for duplicates?
 - A: No, these are individual discharges and are not unduplicated
 - Everyone should listen to the HUD webinar on the new homelessness definition and documentation requirements—a lot is changing

- Should get on their listserv to sign up for the webinars as they come out (also post them online later)
- May want to conduct training at each agency
- Perhaps discuss at the next HUD Grantee Meeting (June 26, 3pm)—will add to the agenda

ESG & Continuum of Care Coordination: Next Steps

- ESG is the successor program for potential continuation of HPRP work
- ESG and CoC coordination requirement—is a dual requirement for ESG grantee and the CoC
- ESG regulations came out at the end of 2011: new consultation and coordination requirements with CoC, local, and state government
 - ESG recipients must consult with CoCs
 - Must coordinate and integrate ESG-funded activities with other programs
 - Coordinated Plan development
 - Align goals with the federal plan (FSP)
- Coordinated assessment system: need to start thinking about how to do this
 - Proposed requirement: centralized/coordinated system to assess needs of individuals/families (intake) in cooperation with CoC
 - Will be proposed for public comment soon
- HMIS participation mandatory for ESG
- CoC should established joint expectations/agreements with ESG grantees
- Brenda:
 - Substantial amendment in process for FY 2011-12
 - No more than 60% of current grant can be used for emergency shelter and street outreach—in the past, all of the money has been for this
 - So, need to shift money to HPRP programs
 - We've been out of RR money for months, only have a few thousand in HP left
 - New focus on children, veterans/families—should use money to do RR with those priorities (but not excluding anyone else)
 - Want to know how to coordinate with the CoC
 - ESG program is being formulated on the HPRP program
 - HPRP was a collaborative effort, so can use some of the HPRP standards as a start (but is a work in progress)
 - Will be dynamic until HUD finalizes regs
- What should coordination look like?
 - Information is power, brings forth collaboration
 - Need an email group
 - Meetings with progress for the three bodies (or at least reps)
 - Efficiency: same reporting tool and grant application process (reduce the amount of work)
 - Scoring criteria should be transparent, clear
 - Reviewing and ranking should be done in coordination

- Will eventually need to coordinate all HUD funding—should start thinking about how coordination/leveraging will work
- Good start that Brenda is on the CoC Executive Committee
- Five cities in Contra Costa County eligible to receive ESG funding from HCD —currently there is little attempt at coordination
 - Don't want two ESG projects functioning differently just because one is federally funded, another is state-funded
- Q: What is the ESG money last year vs. this year?
 - County: \$74,000 for 11/12 and 12/13—very small compared with HPRP (~\$400,000)
 - State: \$150,000 cap for a one-year grant; agency could apply for several different types of projects, but probably won't get them all
 - Some years we get no ESG state funding, other years multiple projects funded
 - We should go back in time to look at how funding has been working (spreadsheet)
- Developing the new Consolidated Plan
 - HUD already has the substantial amendment for 11/12—CCICH should see it (is available on ccreach.org – Publications – CDBG 12/13 action plan and related tables/documents)—we will do an analysis of this at the September CCICH meeting (working with Brenda, etc.)
 - Just starting CAPER (due at end of September, Gabriel is managing)—is an opportunity for coordination (CAPER for this year is on ccreach.org)
 - Can give Brenda comments
 - Consolidated Plan for CDBG: HOME Consortium has five jurisdictions
 - Hired a consultant to create the Con Plan: a five-year document with community input (not just agency people, but residents)
 - Based on input, Con Plan outlines certain priorities for funding in housing, public services, infrastructure, etc.
 - Con Plan is how funding is distributed: rate projects high, medium, or low priority
 - Tend to fund high priority projects, probably not medium priority
 - Each jurisdiction's City Council approves the priorities
 - Last time, there was a CCICH community meeting
 - Action Plan is a look ahead over the coming year: just created FY 12/13 Action Plan
 - CAPER is the Consolidated Action Plan Evaluation Report, a look back over the past year (how did we do on the last Action Plan?)
 - Con Plan measures the unmet need: is very difficult to project for the next five years, tracking comments from community meetings—CCICH can provide more input on this through HMIS data, is a coordination opportunity

- Anecdotal information should be included in CAPERs (photos, newsletters, etc., “jazz it up!”)—providers should let Brenda/ESG team know if there is something in the community that should be included
- Q: Jurisdictions vs. county vs. state—how do the different funding streams work?
 - HB can present on this next time

Behavioral Health Integration Update

- BHS brings together MH, AOD, and HS into one system focused on treating and providing services to the whole individual and their families
- Work plans have been developed for the next three years
- Steering Committee: representative body of providers, consumers, county managers, line staff, etc.
 - Sounding board for recommendations of how to change/enhance the system of care
 - Is also a point of contact to distribute information to the constituents in the rest of the community
 - 40 members, will continue to grow
 - Next meeting is June 18th
- Change Agents: individuals who represent a constituency; will take the information back into their systems of care to start the changes, make the agency/county structures complexity capable
 - Line staff, managers, consumers
 - Next meeting: June 21
- Program Managers and Line Staff meetings
 - Trying to learn about one another’s systems (“meet the in-laws”)
- Design Teams: people with areas of expertise (e.g., administrative, service delivery)
 - Know what we need to make the system of care work
 - Admin Design Teams are underway: building administrative infrastructure
 - Service Delivery Design Teams will be underway soon
- Newsletter: communication tool, both internally and with community
 - Various stakeholders wanted to know what’s going on
 - Currently in an internal test phase (email)—working out the kinks
 - Next iteration will go out to the community
- Lauren, Steve will be at the next CCICH meeting with more information
- Feedback on BHS from CCICH:
 - Frustration: who is participating?—beginning to address that
 - Exciting: Zia partners 12 steps for agencies to become competent to deal with people with complex issues (see Zia website)

Other Business

- Project Homeless Connect (Arturo)

- June 14th, 9-3: 8th year for the event
- Need more providers, volunteers
- City of Concord and Concord PD have been a great help with donations and logistics
- Opening speech at 8 am
- Estimate 600 individuals (last year 842 adults, 77 children)
- Need donations: donation list is in the packet/online (summer hygiene, water, reusable bags)
- Shuttles will pick up from various shelters/service centers
- Clean Slate services will be at Project Homeless Connect (expunging program)—will have legal aid from Bay Area Legal Aid and Rubicon
 - What about felony in another state? Depends
- AB 109 Reentry Plan: Update (Lavonna)
 - New budget still in development
 - Expecting additional money for Contra Costa (first allocation was only for 9 months, next one will be for the whole year)—could be an additional \$9 million if the numbers work out depending on which formula the state chooses
 - Advisory Board will have needs discussion based on past nine months, determine how to use the additional funding
- Supportive Services for Veteran Families Program: Update
 - Shelter Inc. is partnering with the county programs, have served 115 veterans; 63% have obtained/maintained housing
 - Started in October; focused on case management
 - Need help with outreach (passed out posters)—get the word out that veterans are eligible for services (criteria on posters)
 - Can send out electronic version, or send posters to offices
- Concord Naval Weapons Station: Update
 - Set of legally binding agreements that all partners and local reuse authority for City of Concord have approved—now moving toward Board approval
 - Once approved by all partners, will go to Navy for approval—will hopefully have a project in 10, 15 years...
 - The Station is being turned back over to the city; must provide a homeless conveyance
 - HS has been working with the city to develop a plan: 260 units of housing for homeless individuals and families
- 2012 Sheltered Homeless Count: Update
 - Starting this year, HUD requires CoC to conduct a sheltered homeless count every year (in addition to sheltered and unsheltered (street) count every two years)
 - Notable findings:
 - 29 fewer sheltered homeless people than in 2011: due to reduced capacity in HPRP programs (ran out of funding)

- 46 person increase in transitional housing, 75 person decrease in emergency shelters—two large shelters reclassified or shifted beds classification to transitional housing
- City of Concord: new initiative called Change for Real Change
 - Beginning same day as Project Homeless Connect
 - Designed to support homeless services in Concord (Central County Homeless Outreach, Project Hope)
 - Mechanics Bank donated \$2,000
 - Will have change jars at local businesses
 - Instead of giving the homeless change, give them vouchers with information about services
 - Using PayPal, cell phone payment system
 - Idea is that the community will take over the project management
 - Change4RealChange.org; also on Facebook
- Feedback: email Jay
- Next meeting: September 14