Agenda
November 1, 2018, 9 a.m.
KACo, Frankfort
400 Englewood Dr.
Frankfort, KY 40601

I. Welcome and Introductions                             Charlie Lanter
II. Review and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes         Charlie Lanter
III. Adoption of the Strategic Plan to End Homelessness  Adrienne Bush
IV. Updates from Kentucky Cabinets                       Various
V. Subcommittee Reports
   - Medicaid/Housing Subcommittee                       Tom Beatty
   - Services Subcommittee/SOAR Update                   Tom Beatty
VI. Policy Advocacy Topics
    - SchoolHouse Connection legislative proposals       Adrienne Bush
    - Other issues
VII. Updates from Continua of Care                       Maria Price (Louisville)
     Polly Ruddick (Lexington)
     Paul Semisch (Balance-of-State)
VIII. Election of Vice Chair position                    Charlie Lanter
IX. Other Business                                       
X. Adjournment                                           

2019 Steering Committee Meeting Dates:
January 15
April 16
July 16
All times from 9-11 a.m.
Location: HHCK, Frankfort

Full KICH Membership – September 11, 9 a.m., Lexington Convention Center
Minutes
November 1, 2017, 9 – 11 a.m.
Berry Hill Mansion, Frankfort

Introductions – Charlie Lanter asked attendees to introduce themselves.

Medicaid Academy – A combination online/face-to-face training for agencies to learn how to bill Medicaid for housing-related services. Supportive housing providers should apply to Tom Beatty by 11/10/2017, with face to face trainings planned for spring 2018.

Plan to End Homelessness – Charlie Lanter recommended qualifying the plan with the word “strategic.” Adrienne Bush invited input and stated that the committee, comprised of Lexington, Louisville, and Balance-of-State Continuum of Care representatives and DBHDID, would be meeting regularly this winter. Expected completion date is September 2018.

Natalie Harris, on behalf of the Louisville CoC – They are updating their Rapid Re-Housing Standards. They are on the home stretch of the 100 Day Challenge to house 100 youth and are on track to do so.

Polly Ruddick on behalf of the Lexington CoC – There are 3 Requests for Proposals available through Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government/Office of Homelessness Prevention and Intervention. Mountain Comp is now providing support services in Lexington.

Debbie Sivis on behalf of the Balance-of-State CoC – The Advisory Board is cleaning up bylaws and governance structure. All 15 Area Development Districts/Local Prioritization Communities are being trained in October and November to be function by the end of 2017.

Kate Tran of Berea Partners for Education presented on the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program in Southeastern Kentucky.

Respectfully submitted,
Adrienne Bush

In attendance:
India Allen, VISTA at HHCK
Andy Bates, LMG
Melissa Benton, CHFS/KCCVS
Jason Dunn, HHCK Member
Angela Hawkins, guest
Charlie Lanter, LFUCG
Rosemary Luckett, KHC
Jen Oberlin, LFUCG/OHPI
Maria Price, St. John’s Center
Angie Sisson, Cumberland Valley Domestic Violence Services
Kate Tran, Berea Partners for Education

Danielle Amrine, Welcome House
Justin Beale, Welcome House
Adrienne Bush, HHCK
Natalie Harris, Coalition for the Homeless
Thomas Kerr, Chief of Staff, Kentucky Justice Cabinet
Jackie Long, MCCC
Andrea Miller, KCADV
Trina Patty, KDVA
Polly Ruddick, LFUCG/OHPI
Debbie Sivis, Shelter of Hope
Adam Trosper, CHFS/DBHDID
Members present: Adrienne Bush, HHCK; Jackie Long, MCCC; Melissa Benton, CHFS/KCCVS; Danielle Humes, KHC; Tom Beatty, DBHDID, Curtis Stauffer, KHC; Maria Price, St. John’s Center, Natalie Harris, Coalition for the Homeless; Charlie Lanter, LFUCG, Andrea Miller, KCADV; Shaye Rabold, KHC; Lauren Sandmire, Veterans Affairs; Erin Rutherford, Coalition for the Homeless; Shelly Warner; Polly Ruddick, LFUCG; Paul Semisch, Gateway Homeless Coalition

The meeting was called to order by Adrienne Bush at 9:00 am.

Minutes of previous meeting were reviewed and approved.

Medicaid in Housing Subcommittee:
- Medicaid Academy was held in May, with 12 teams participating.

Strategic Plan to End Homelessness
- Committee will be meeting this month. A draft of the Strategic Plan will be sent out to all members to review.

Advocacy Update
- SchoolHouse Connection has a tentative place on agenda at Interim Joint Committee on Education meeting in October.
- Proposed legislative changes to prevent and end youth homelessness:
  - Increase homeless students’ graduation rates by addressing the negative impacts of school mobility on high school graduation
  - Allow unaccompanied homeless youth under age 18 to obtain their own birth certificates without parental consent, and waive fees for these documents.
  - Allow unaccompanied homeless youth under age 18 to consent for shelter, housing and related services without parental consent.
  - Provide homeless college students with a priority for on-campus housing, where such housing exists.
- Conversations continue to encourage PHAs to implement preferences for people experiencing homelessness

Medicaid Update
- At the time of the meeting, dental and vision coverage were recently removed from Medicaid. HHCK will continue to monitor this situation and advocate for it to be covered.
- Louisville reports that removal of transportation benefits is adversely affecting homeless individuals and creating barriers to accessing services.
- At the time of the meeting, copays for all Medicaid participants were in effect. It was reported that domestic violence victims were not supposed to be paying the copay, but they were being charged.
- The condition of Medicaid in Kentucky is fluid and changing often.

**Train-the-Trainer Full SPDAT Training**
- The Train the Trainer for full SPDAT training is set and there is coverage in all regions except Region 1 of the Balance of State.

**K-Count Presentation**
- Shaye Rabold of Kentucky Housing Corporation gave a presentation on the results of the 2018 KCount. (a copy of the presentation will be emailed to committee members)
  - The KCount happens on a selected day during the last 10 days in January, included demographic information of the persons counted, and counts both sheltered and unsheltered persons.
  - Kentucky uses a census approach instead of a sampling approach.
  - Homeless Numbers:
    - 3,688 adults and children were literally homeless on the day of the count;
    - 2077 were homeless in Balance of State
    - 685 were homeless in Lexington
    - 926 were homeless in Louisville
  - We have experienced a steady decline in homeless numbers statewide.
  - All 3 CoCs saw an increase in emergency shelter residents. These numbers are impacted by the fact that it is hard to get the same shelters to participate every year, and the number and quality of volunteers varies from year to year.
  - Ten new counties participated in the Balance of State this year, which also impacted numbers.
  - There has been a significant decline in Transitional Housing. The Balance of state has lost many TH programs and many are moving to a permanent housing model. Louisville lost one million dollars in TH funding in one year.
  - Lexington’s numbers have been impacted because they used to count treatment centers, but this year they did not include those in the count.
  - Lexington’s unsheltered population had a decrease. For most of the count, Lexington was under its emergency winter plan, so most of the street homeless were sheltered. Under that plan, they have unlimited shelter access.
  - The Balance of State had a large increase in unsheltered. This is mostly attributed to increased participation. There is also a possibility that HUD will start giving points back under the NOFA if CoCs can demonstrate that increased participation is what impacted their numbers.
  - 229 homeless youth were counted. 36 were parenting, 19 were under 18 and unaccompanied, 174 were unaccompanied ages 18-24.
• There was a huge decrease statewide in parenting youth and no one can explain the decrease.
• Chronically homelessness has decreased statewide.
• Veteran homelessness has decreased statewide.
• Dates for 2019 count: January 30th will be the count date for Balance of State, Lexington and Louisville.

Update from CoCs:
• Louisville – Natalie Harris reported that the number of new homeless veterans in decreasing in Louisville, while the overall homeless number of anyone experiencing homelessness is slightly increasing. The City of Louisville has given $50,000 for a study on decreasing street homelessness. They are also starting a prevention/diversion program to decrease family homelessness. Louisville received a 3.4 million dollar Youth Homeless Demonstration grant. Louisville is also seeing a large increase in homeless persons with serious medical issues.
• Lexington – Polly Ruddick reported that Lexington is also seeing serious illness, but it is mostly in the 40-50 age range instead of the more aging population. Lexington’s new CoC Coordinator is Jeff Herron. Lexington is seeing an increase in street homelessness. Lexington needs new landlords who are willing to house the homeless population. It is also seeing an increase of new homeless persons coming into the system.
• Balance of State – Paul Semisch reported that the BoS CoC Advisory Board will be meeting Thursday, July 20. They are currently planning for a statewide CoC meeting to be held during the Kentucky Affordable Housing Conference. The Balance of State is continuing to implement Coordinated Entry.

Other Business
• The National Alliance to End Homelessness Conference will be held next week.

Motion to adjourn by Charlie Lanter with second by Jackie Long.

Respectfully submitted by:
Jacqueline Long
SOAR Leadership Academy

What is a SOAR Leadership Academy?
The SOAR Leadership Academy is a three-day training program presented by the SAMHSA SOAR Technical Assistance (TA) Center designed to prepare individuals to serve as Local Leads within their communities, guide the SOAR initiative, and support individuals who complete the SOAR Online Course.

Topics Covered:
- Creating and Leading a Local Steering Committee
- Facilitating Effective Meetings
- Using the Online Application Tracking (OAT) program
- Funding and Sustaining SOAR in Your Community
- Conducting a one-day SOAR Online Course (OLC) Review Session
- Supporting Quality SOAR Applications in Your Community
- Working with Special Populations and Special Considerations – Veterans, Children, Justice Involved Persons, American Indians and Alaska Natives, and Appeals
- Creating a Local Action Plan

Expectations of Leadership Academy Registrants
- Receive recommendation from the State Team Lead
- Successfully complete the SOAR Online Course (http://soarworks.prainc.com) prior to attending
- Attend all three days of the program from 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Roles and Responsibilities of Local Leads Post-Leadership Academy
- Conduct periodic SOAR OLC Review Sessions to refresh SOAR core elements and train on state-specific SOAR processes
- Follow-up with SOAR trainees in regular meetings to discuss issues and progress on completing applications
- Collaborate with community providers and local SSA and DDS contacts to plan, implement and support local SOAR initiatives
- Work closely with the State Team Lead and SAMHSA SOAR TA Center to carry out the SOAR implementation plan in your region and to track and report outcomes

Successful SOAR Local Leads
- Have experience completing SSI/SSDI applications using the SOAR model (recommended but not required)
- Are invested in SOAR and the success of SOAR within their community
- Have the time and ability to work with multiple agencies and/or the Continuum of Care within their community
- Have the capacity to lead a SOAR steering community and follow-up with trainees regarding outcomes
- Will maintain and update their community’s SOAR action plan
- Will be able to conduct SOAR OLC Review Sessions for individuals who successfully complete the SOAR Online Course
SOAR Leadership Academy
Agency Director Authorization

Name of future SOAR Local Lead:

To Be Completed by Your Agency Director:

As the director of the agency where the future SOAR Local Lead is employed, I support this person’s commitment to conduct steering committee meetings, facilitate SOAR Online Course Review Sessions, and track outcomes in our community/state. I understand that the future SOAR Local Lead has made a commitment to being a resource person for others who are using the SOAR model. I authorize this person to attend the SOAR Leadership Academy and support him/her to become a SOAR leader in our community.

Agency Director Signature: _________________________________

Print Name/Title:

Agency:
SOAR Leadership Academy

The SOAR Technical Assistance Center will be offering states the opportunity to send two people per state to a SOAR Leadership Academy in FY 2019 with travel, lodging and per diem expenses paid through a contract with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

Leadership Academies are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Space limitations mean that all states may not be accommodated. All attendees must be selected by their State Team Lead (STL), which in Kentucky is Thomas Beatty, Division of Behavioral Health (thomas.beatty@ky.gov), or the SAMHSA SOAR TA Center Liaison.

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What is a SOAR Local Lead?
SOAR Local Leads assist with the implementation of their state’s SOAR Action Plan and guide the SOAR initiatives in their communities by:

- holding steering committee meetings;
- leading SOAR Online Course training cohorts and conducting half-day SOAR Online Course Review Sessions;
- mentoring individuals who complete the SOAR Online Course; and
- reporting outcomes.

The Leadership Academy Overview further describes the expectations of participants, the topics covered at Leadership Academies, and the roles and responsibilities of local leads.

When are the Leadership Academies?
FY 2019 Leadership Academies:

- December 4-6, 2018 in Richmond, Virginia
- March 19-21, 2019 in Little Rock, Arkansas
- June 18-20, 2019 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- September 10-12, 2019 in Seattle, Washington

How do I attend a Leadership Academy?

1. Each prospective participant should complete a SOAR Leadership Academy Application by clicking on the following Survey Monkey Link:
   https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SOARLeadershipAcademyApplication
   a. The Agency Director Authorization (attached) must be signed and uploaded as part of the application.

2. Applications will be forwarded to the STL and SAMHSA SOAR TA Center liaison upon completion.
3. STLs and/or the liaison will review the application(s) and select the most appropriate candidate(s).
4. The SAMHSA SOAR TA Center will then confirm availability and e-mail information about registration and travel arrangements.
2018-2019 Kentucky Youth Homelessness State Policy Priorities

Surveys and convenings of youth homelessness stakeholders, including many young people who have experienced homelessness, identified state policy barriers to success for homeless youth. Stakeholders selected the following state policy priorities for 2018-2019.

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| Allow unaccompanied homeless minors to consent for shelter, housing and related services without parental consent | Allow minors 14 and older to consent for shelter, housing and related services if they are living apart from their parents/guardians and able to understand the benefits, responsibilities, risks, and limits of the shelter and services. Being a homeless unaccompanied minor, in and of itself, is not sufficient grounds to suspect child abuse and neglect. | Wyoming HB 159  
Texas Family Code §§32.202 and 203  
California Family Code §6924  
Hawaii Revised Statutes §346-17.6  
Missouri Rev Stat §431.056  
Oregon Rev. Stat. §109.697 |
| Increase homeless students’ graduation rates by addressing the negative impacts of school mobility on high school graduation | Require districts to develop and implement procedures for awarding and accepting partial credits for highly mobile students; Authorize highly mobile students to obtain a diploma from their last school district, or a state diploma, if they change school districts in the last 2 years of high school and are unable to meet the graduation requirements of the new district (i.e. exempt them from district-specific requirements that exceed state standards). | Texas SB 1494  
New Mexico HB 301  
Oregon HB 3267  
Washington SB 5241  
California AB 1806 |
| Allow unaccompanied homeless youth under age 18 to obtain their own birth certificates and waive fees for these documents. | Allows verified unaccompanied homeless minors to obtain their own birth certificates and waives birth certificate fees for homeless youth under age 25. | Tennessee HB 2303  
California AB 1733  
Nevada Rev. Stat. 440.700(5)(a)  
Florida Statute 382.025(a)(1)  
Wyoming HB 159 |
| Provide homeless college students with a priority for on-campus housing, where such housing exists | Requires institutions to develop a plan to provide homeless youth access to housing resources offered by the institution, including granting them priority for housing and placing them in housing facilities that remain open the most days in a year. | Louisiana HB 906  
California AB 801 |