Agenda
Tuesday, April 16, 9 a.m.
HHCK
306 W. Main St., Ste. 207
Frankfort, KY 40601

I. Welcome and Introductions
   Jason Dunn, Vice Chair

II. Review and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes
   Jason Dunn

III. Subcommittee Reports
   - Medicaid/Housing Subcommittee
     Tom Beatty
   - Services Subcommittee/SOAR Update
     Tom Beatty

IV. Policy Advocacy Topics
   - SchoolHouse Connection legislative proposals
     Adrienne Bush
   - Medicaid implementation
     Jason Dunn
   - SNAP eligibility
     Jason Dunn
   - Other issues

V. Point in Time Count Report
   Various

VI. Updates from Continua of Care
   Natalie Harris (Louisville)
   Polly Ruddick (Lexington)
   Paul Semisch (Balance-of-State)

VII. HMIS Discussion
     Adrienne Bush

VIII. Other Business

IX. 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
A meeting of the Kentucky Interagency Council on Homelessness (KICH) was held on January 15, 2019 at 9:00 am at the offices of the Homeless and Housing Coalition of Kentucky. Present in person were: Jason Dunn, Kentucky Voices for Health; Adrienne Bush, HHCK; Kenzie Strubank, HHCK; Jackie Long, Mountain Comprehensive Care Center; Natalie Harris, Coalition for the Homeless; Lauren Sandmire, Veterans Administration; Shaye Rabold, Kentucky Housing Corporation; Thomas Beatty, Kentucky Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities; Adam Trosper, Kentucky Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities; Jodie Brandenburg, Kentucky River Foothills. Present by telephone: Polly Ruddick, Lexington Office of Homelessness Prevention and Intervention; Jeffrey Herron, Lexington Continuum of Care; Amanda Couch, Welcome House.

Meeting was called to order by Jason Dunn, Vice Chair.

A motion to approve the minutes of the 11/1/2018 meeting was made by Natalie Harris and seconded by Thomas Beatty. Motion carried.

Subcommittee Reports -

- Medicaid/Housing Subcommittee – Tom Beatty reported that Housing First training is being planned for February. They are also hoping to be able to present a Person Centered Planning training in the near future.
- Services Subcommittee/SOAR – Tom shared an SSI Fact Sheet with the committee. He also announced that SOAR is now available for children and there is the ability to take an online SOAR for Children course. To date 54 people in Kentucky have completed the SOAR Training.

Policy/Advocacy

- School House Connection legislative proposals – Adrienne Bush presented an update and stated that they are still looking for bill sponsors for the School House Connection legislation.
- Medicaid Implementation – Jason Dunn gave an update on Medicaid Implementation. In response to our January meeting Senator Neal requested that the Cabinet give him the documentation for the requirement of copays. We don’t have an update on the status of the request. As of January 1, copays are in effect. If a person has income of less than 100% of the federal poverty level, they cannot be denied service for not paying a copay. Additionally, if a person reaches 5% of their income in copays in a quarter, they do not
owe further copays. These are federal protections that are not included in the emergency regulation. Kentucky Voices for Health has posted a comment collector for stories regarding copays and we are encouraged to share.

The implementation of the Medicaid Section 1115 Waiver goes into effect on April 1. As of now, the work program will be rolled out over a period of three or four months. The lawsuit regarding the Waiver is ongoing. [Note that as of March 27, a federal judge has vacated and remanded the approval back to the federal government and implementation was halted.]

Senator Neal has filed Senate Bill 78 to require Medicaid to provide dental and vision coverage as well as non-emergency transportation.

**Point in Time Count**

- **Balance of State** – The count will be held on January 30. Regional trainings will be held soon. The CoC has worked to streamline the surveys to make it easier for the people in the field doing the count. The CoC is encouraging local rural communities to do an actual street count.
- **Louisville** – Louisville will have a meeting of volunteers on the evening of January 30 and then will go out at 3 am on the 31st for the count.
- **Lexington** – The count will be held on the 30th. Lexington is moving to an electronic survey tool which will include mapping. This will help map where the unsheltered homeless are. They will meet at 9pm at New Life Day Center to begin count.

**Continuum of Care Updates**

- **Louisville** – Natalie Harris gave an update for the Louisville CoC. The new bridges in downtown have created an issue with people sleeping all over Jefferson Street in visible spaces. This has caused a lot of issues with the community and community leaders. The city has issued $550,000 to deal with the issue and is working with the CoC to decide how to best spend it. Wayside opened a low barrier shelter on December 23rd and Healing Place is going to open their old space through the winter. Two other organizations are opening family shelter space too. The city is also going to pay UofL to conduct a study on how to best deal with homelessness in the city.

The due date for the planning for the Homeless Youth Demonstration Program was extended due to the government shutdown. One outreach project has been selected, but they still need to do an RFP process for other projects.

- **Lexington** – Polly Ruddick gave an update for the Lexington CoC. The Lexington CoC is in the process of transitioning with the new mayoral administration, but doesn’t expect a
lot of changes. They are currently working on a needs assessment. All shelters in the city are at or above capacity.

- Balance of State – Shaye Rabold gave an update for the Balance of State CoC. Kentucky Housing is going through another reorganization and hopes through this one to better support the BoS CoC. Kenzie Strubank has accepted a position as Manager of Homeless programs for the CoC. Shaye will be the CoC Planning & Technical Coordinator. They will also be adding to the data team to provide additional HMIS support.

At the end of December, KHC took over administration of the Promise Zone Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project from Berea College. All of the projects are now up and running. Shaye will have primary oversight of the program.

**Other Business**

- Mary O’Doherty has accepted a position as Executive Director of the Ohio Domestic Violence Coalition. We thank Mary for her dedication and work with the Kentucky Coalition and wish her the best in Ohio.
- Because of the government shutdown, SNAP benefits will be issued on 1/20/19 for February. There will be no February 1 allocation. There will be a follow up allocation for new applications and recertifications. We do not yet know if there will be a March distribution. It will depend on the status of the shutdown.
- The National Alliance to End Homelessness and other national coalitions are raising concerns over homelessness programs in light of the shutdown. Adrienne Bush sent out a Call to Action to the HHCK mailing list and is circulating an organizational sign on letter.
- The next meeting will be April 16, 2019.

There being no other business, a Motion to adjourn was made by Jodie Brandenburg and seconded by Jackie Long.

Submitted by:

Jacqueline S. Long
Secretary