

## **Three County Individual Services Meeting Minutes - 3/15/21**

*In attendance: Allison Dane, Northampton shelter (ServiceNet), Shaundell, Diaz, Three County CoC, Rose Facto, Wells Street Shelter (ServiceNet), Erin Forbush, ServiceNet, Marie Gates, Mental Health Association, Andy Klatka, Michele LaFleur, Three County CoC, Jay Levy, Eliot Services, Becky Lockwood, Salasin Project, Keleigh Pereira, Three County CoC, Theresa Nicholson, CHD, Kevin Noonan, Craig's Doors, Holly Renaud, Craig's Doors,*

### **Three County CoC Update:**

#### **Coordinated Entry:**

- 23 new additions to the by-names list since 2/8/21
- exits to housing as well (discussion on template for reporting out numbers and Pamela will search out previously determined format for use in future meetings)
- Veterans case-conferencing meetings are underway - now meeting every 2 weeks, Fridays 1-2 pm, contact Shaundell if would like to participate - [sdiaz@communityaction.us](mailto:sdiaz@communityaction.us)
- Youth case conferencing now accepting referrals from by-names list - exciting!

#### **Trainings/Forums:**

- Rapid Rehousing training - Session #6 upcoming on 3/23, 3-4:30 pm - Sharing and Creative Housing Linkages - contact Shaundell for more info
- Trauma Informed Care training - 3 parts offered by City of Springfield but open to 3 County CoC members - [go here to register.](#)
- Homelessness: Our Housing Crisis and a Call to Action Conversation: Wed., 4/28, 3pm - 4:30 pm. This panel will explore what we can do to help address homelessness in Franklin County and the North Quabbin area. [Go here to register.](#)

#### **Open Positions:**

- COC is hiring for Homeless Youth Services Coordinator - [see here](#) for more info.
- Gandara is hiring for full-time direct care person for their and part-time 20 hr direct care person for their congregate transitional housing - for more info, please email Matt Attesi at [mattesi@gandaracenter.org](mailto:mattesi@gandaracenter.org)

**The Racial Equity Action Plan:** The CoC launched its Racial Equity Action Plan on February 18. Read a [summary of the plan here.](#)

Committee recruitment: The CoC is seeking participants for its committees and workgroups. Please [go here](#) for more info.

### **Shelter Updates:**

**Pittsfield:** St. Joe's High School at 1/2 capacity (roughly 25 guests); ServiceNet is also staffing and partnering with the Christian Center for the warming center which is open Mon-Fri, 9 am - 3 pm.

**Greenfield:** Wells Street is at capacity and the Greenfield motel is also at capacity with 15-16 guests.

**Northampton:** Grove St is at capacity with 15; First Churches has space for 7 men (23 of 30 beds taken, all women's beds taken)

**Amherst:** Craig's Doors has 22 guests at 2 hotels and 44 at the UU. Can't extend at Hadley hotel beyond mid-May but can utilize Amherst hotel through June 2022.

**Holyoke:** Center for Human Development is managing a hotel with 46 guests. Theresa raised the question of how to secure a mobile vaccine site (Holyoke BOH is not running a site). Pamela will check in with DHCD and confirm a useful referral (presumably Tom Brigham at DPH).

**Isolation and recovery hotel:** Pittsfield will remain open, very few from Western MA there now, things are heading in the right direction around reduced numbers.

**Statewide youth count:** It will happen this year (didn't happen last year due to covid) between 4/15-5/24 and will include surveys and targeted outreach. Stay tuned for more details. MA Coalition for the Homeless is looking for YYA to be hired to be part of intensive outreach. More materials will be available by 3/24.

**FY22 Budget and Legislative Priorities:** Pamela shared the Network's [FY22 budget priorities](#) and [legislative priorities](#). Many Network partners met with Western MA legislators by county over the past 10 days. We will continue to communicate with our legislator regarding these priorities.

**Safe Havens Housing:** One of our priorities is Safe Havens housing - please [see this fact sheet](#) for more info - our Franklin/Hampshire legislative delegation is all on board and prepared to advocate. We will continue to work on gaining these resources to meet this need.

**Shelter Plus Care:** Kate shared that there are 3 vouchers available but the good news is that there are 3 candidates in line for them at this point.

**Next meeting date: Monday, 4/12, 1:30 pm**