

# Home Team Homeless & Housing Coalition

CoC Bi-Monthly Meeting

Thursday, January, 9, 2020

Community Care Behavioral Health (CCBH), 1314 Griswold Plaza, Erie, PA 16501

## Agenda:

1:30 pm	Welcome & Minutes Review
1:40	Overview of the new structure
1:50	Committee Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Coordinated Entry - Sean O'Neill - <a href="mailto:soneill@Eccaremgmt.org">soneill@Eccaremgmt.org</a></li><li>• Project ranking/Application Review - Liz McCormick - <a href="mailto:lzmccormick@gmail.com">lzmccormick@gmail.com</a></li><li>• SPIT Count - Mike Wehrer - <a href="mailto:michael.wehrer@va.gov">michael.wehrer@va.gov</a></li><li>• Data Collection &amp; Use - Josh Jager - <a href="mailto:jjager@stmartincenter.org">jjager@stmartincenter.org</a></li><li>• Client Services - Mark Alexa &amp; Linda Lyons King - <a href="mailto:malexa@communityshelter.org">malexa@communityshelter.org</a> &amp; <a href="mailto:lking@safeneterie.org">lking@safeneterie.org</a></li><li>• Community Engagement &amp; Marketing - Chris Tombaugh - <a href="mailto:ctomba51@gmail.com">ctomba51@gmail.com</a></li></ul>
2:10	Sign up for presentations/trainings
2:20	Census - Sean Silman
2:30	Miscellaneous
2:40	Public Comments/ Announcements
3:00	Adjourn - subcommittee meet & greet

Next Home Team Homeless & Housing Coalition Bi-Monthly Meeting

Date 3/12/2020

Community Care Behavioral Health (CCBH), 1314 Griswold Plaza, Erie, PA 16501

# Transition Meeting

Tuesday, January 7, 2020

1:22 PM

Present: Chris T., Colleen, Krissy, Mike W., Josh, Mark A., Lisa K., George F., Deborah Smith, Danielle Szklenski, Linda King

## SPIT Count

- Discussion surrounding places to meet/conduct SPIT count
  - McDonalds (12th&Sass), Emmaus, MHA, 18th St. Hotel, Erie Malleable (12th and Cherry), Abandoned building on 12th, the Train Tracks
- Chat with Homeless people about how to conduct the count
  - Focus groups?
    - Bring food?
    - \$5 gift cards?
    - What to ask?
  - Our Neighbors Place
    - Confidentiality concerns
  - Colleen to ask a specific client about helping to count folks at the 18th St. Hotel

## Board Members

- Should the city/county have seats on the board
  - Allegheny Model
  - 8-9 slots still open
    - Mark suggests giving city 1 vote and county 1 vote
- Formerly Homeless representation (at least 2)
  - Staff of other agencies?
    - Mike W. - Liberty House
  - Focus groups as an effort to build relationships?
  - "Sarge" - from tent city
    - Sean/John K. from ECCM to contact?
  - Steven Durrant
- Others
  - Melissa from Health Department (Linda King)
  - Joe Berdis from county planning
  - Kathy Marrinock (Hamot - Krissy)
  - Community School Directors (Michelle Kephart - Perry)
  - Dick Brogden (faith community) (Colleen)
  - Tim Hoover (Landlord-Mark)
  - Erie Insurance/Gannon
  - Diane Chido (DC Analytics - Linda)
  - Interchurch Ministries (James Haas?)
  - "Dusty" (Chris)
  - Joe Haas (Chris)
  - Paul Gamble (Deb)
  - Jamie Harmon (George)

- Human Relations (Wayne Harbison - Krissy)
- Perhaps a number of these candidates might, alternatively, be better fits for certain subcommittees (Mike)

### **General Meeting on 1/9**

- Name tags
  - Include committee names on the name tag
  - George to bring blank name tags/tent cards
- George to discuss new meeting format at the general meeting on 1/9
- Krissy to put out an agenda, including subcommittee chair names as a standing item to drive subcommittee updates
  - Time carved out for subcommittee chairs to occupy a space in the room in order to answer questions related to their subcommittee (after general meeting?)
- Committee members to arrive a few minutes early in order to circulate and greet attendees

### **Marketing Subcommittee**

- Website issues need to be addressed
  - Redesign?
    - Perhaps Ted, from the HMIS team, might be interested in the project
  - Who is hosting?
  - Strategic Plan needs to be posted
  - Using the website as a vehicle for communication
  - Perhaps each subcommittee should have a page stating their mission/goals/progress/chair contact info
- Annual Report
  - Should we do one?
  - If we choose to do one, there was agreement that we should set a release date soon, but unresolved discussion about which date
    - Major questions about date included whether to make it coincide with the Homeless Person's Memorial, holidays, whether it should be dependent on submission of System Performance reports, etc.
  - Should there be a website page devoted to the report?

### **Vehicle for new agency/program introduction to community/Home Team**

- Invite people/agencies to speak for 20 minutes
- Perhaps they can use the redesigned website in order to direct their speaking inquiries to the proper owner

### **Next Executive Committee Meeting date/venue**

- Danielle to look into 11th street location
- Blasco Library mentioned as possible alternative

# Home Team Homeless & Housing Coalition

CoC Bi-Monthly Meeting

Thursday, March 12, 2020

Community Care Behavioral Health (CCBH), 1314 Griswold Plaza, Erie, PA 16501

## Agenda:

1:30 pm	Welcome & Minutes Review - Colleen Hammon
1:40	DHS Updates - Krissy Dimitrovski <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• General updates</li><li>• FY2020 HUD Award Notice</li><li>• UFA (Unified Funding Agency)</li></ul>
1:50	Committee Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Coordinated Entry - Sean O'Neill - <a href="mailto:soneill@Eccaremtg.org">soneill@Eccaremtg.org</a></li><li>• Project ranking/Application Review - Liz McCormick - <a href="mailto:lzmccormick@gmail.com">lzmccormick@gmail.com</a></li><li>• SPIT Count - Mike Wehrer - <a href="mailto:michael.wehrer@va.gov">michael.wehrer@va.gov</a></li><li>• Data Collection &amp; Use - Josh Jager - <a href="mailto:jjager@stmartincenter.org">jjager@stmartincenter.org</a></li><li>• Client Services - Mark Alexa &amp; Linda Lyons King - <a href="mailto:malexa@communityshelter.org">malexa@communityshelter.org</a> &amp; <a href="mailto:lking@safeneterie.org">lking@safeneterie.org</a></li><li>• Community Engagement &amp; Marketing - Chris Tombaugh - <a href="mailto:ctomba51@gmail.com">ctomba51@gmail.com</a></li></ul>
2:10	Northwest Alliance - Emily Crofoot
2:20	Mercy Center for Women - Jennie Hagerty
2:30	Community Health Net - Craig Ulmer
2:40	Public Comments/Announcements
3:00	Adjourn

Next Home Team Homeless & Housing Coalition Bi-Monthly Meeting

Date 5/14/2020

Community Care Behavioral Health (CCBH), 1314 Griswold Plaza, Erie, PA 16501

**DRAFT**  
**Home Team Homeless and Housing Coalition**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.**  
**At Community Care Behavioral Health, 1314 Griswold Plaza Erie PA 16501**

**Board Members Present:** Colleen Hammon, Danielle Szklenski, Chris Tombaugh, Mike Wehrer, Sean O’Neill, Mark Alexa, Krissy Dimitrovski, George Fickenworth, Josh Jaeger

**Others Present:** Rebekah Viszneki, Dawn Edwards, Yvonne Teed, Sherry Braswell, Clifton McNair III, Sandy Swanson, Alison Bush, Debra Smith, Mike Jaruszewicz, Chris Tombaugh, Mike Wehrer, Kayla Kenny, Dierdre Tate, Betsy Wiest, Ashley Megat, Danielle Szklenski, Sean O’Neill, Tanya Smith, Eddie Martin, Peter Burke, Terri Lash, Craig Ulmer, Kathy Hubbard, Darrell A Smith, Grace Kennedy

This regular meeting of the Home Team Homeless and Housing Coalition was held on Thursday, January 9, 2020 at Community Care Behavioral Health in Griswold Plaza, Erie, PA. The meeting was run by Colleen Hammon, Chair. The meeting was called to order at 1:33 p.m. Introductions were completed.

**I. Welcome/Consent Agenda**

**Colleen Hammon welcomed everyone to the newly structured Home Team Homeless and Housing Coalition Meeting. A consent agenda was presented. The agenda is as follows:**

- I. Welcome and Minutes Review- The minutes from November will be presented at the next meeting in March for approval.
- II. Overview of the New Structure
- III. Committee Overview
- IV. Sign up for presentations/trainings
- V. Census – Sean Silman
- VI. Miscellaneous
- VII. Public Comments/Announcements
- VIII. Adjourn followed by subcommittee Meet & Greet

**II. Overview of New Structure - George Fickenworth.**

George Fideckenworth of Mercyhurst Civic Institute presented an overview of the long planning process that began in the Fall of 2018 and brought us to this point with the Home Team, in which we are beginning to operate under our new structure. We engaged in a Planning Process, Reviewed our Governance Structure, and Reconstructed our Governing Board to meet best practice standards. We have 6 committees and a Governing Board. The

Governing Board is made up of the Executive Committee, Committee Chairs, a few Members at Large, and a few non-voting Members of Support. Committees will be hosting a meet and greet immediately following. The Governing Board members will be seated up front and address business. Member and community comments are held at the end of the meeting. Bylaws are available for review.

### **III. Committee Overviews**

Sean O'Neill, Chair- Coordinated Entry committee

Meetings will take place the last Friday of every month. Discussion will center around issues impacting coordinated entry process with a focus on improving the quality of services. Erie County Care Management is looking for feedback regarding the referral process, walk-ins, etc. Please see Sean following this meeting for more information.

Project Ranking/Application Review Committee

Liz McCormick is the chair of this committee however as she was unavailable Krissy Dimitrovski provided the overview. The committee is formed of persons without a conflict of interest, to score and rank all projects being considered for funding, or other grants such as Home for Good, are ranked and not scored. This committee will handle all ranking/scoring needed for the Continuum of Care (CoC)

SPIT Count Committee- Mike Wehrer

This committee assists with getting accurate counts of homeless persons in our area. The next Single Point in Time (SPIT) Count will be Friday January 24<sup>th</sup> in the evening and overnight, beginning at 9pm. We would like to see at least one person from every CoC funded agency participating. We need the counted numbers of unsheltered homeless persons to reflect the true numbers in Erie County. Sign up and See Mike after the meeting.

Data Collection and Use Committee – Josh Jaeger

This committee would like to focus on helping providers get comfortable with data and strategy making continuum more effective based on what the Data is telling us. Please see Josh after the meeting for more information.

Client Services Committee- Mark Alexa

Mark Alexa is co-Chair with Linda Lyons King. The committee will focus on services provided to consumers to promote ample services and use of best practices. They will be following consumer driven goals that are on our new strategic plan. They are interested in mobile outreach and prevention. They hope to influence and advocate for needed client services. See Mark after the meeting for more info.

Community Engagement and marketing – Chris Tombaugh

This committee will focus on branding and marketing the Home Team. Events such as the Homeless Persons Memorial Service will be used along with other strategies to promote broad awareness. This group hopes to collaborate with other alliances to help them understand homelessness and partner on like goals.

**IV. Sign up for presentations/trainings**

Krissy Dimitrovski discussed that there will be an opportunity for providers and educators to inform and educate this Board about their projects for approx. 10 to 15 minutes at the end of each meeting. Providers can request the time slot to present and inform their colleagues.

**V. 2020 Census – Sean Silman.**

Sean Silman of the 2020 Census project provided an educational session on the upcoming 2020 Census, the importance of counting all residents of Erie County, and how to ensure that homeless persons are counted.

**VI. Miscellaneous- None**

**VII. Public Comments/Announcements**

- a. Betsy Weist of St Patricks Haven discussed that Saturday is National Human Trafficking Day and the awareness campaign is Wear Blue. She discussed that homeless persons are often victims of human trafficking and encouraged support. Promotional materials were distributed.
- b. Terri Lash of Voices for Independence discussed an ordinance that recently passed to prevent housing discrimination against LGBTQ persons.
- c. Dawn Edwards of Self Determination Housing of PA (statewide) discussed their reorganization and their new website sdhp.org. An Erie 811 meeting – stakeholder meeting is on 1/23/2020.
- d. Tanya Smith of HANDS. Discussed Housing for people, there is a different program also called 811. Clarification is needed and a presentation may be forthcoming.
- e. Chris Tombaugh of Erie DAWN announced that they received funding to cover costs of ID replacement for homeless persons such as soc security card, birth certificate, etc. Any community member is eligible.
- f. Kathy Hubbard announced Gov. Wolf says all homeless persons are eligible for free birth certificate.
- g. Mike Wehrer of the V. A. announced about the SPIT count on Jan 24<sup>th</sup> and encouraged participation.

## **VIII. Adjourn**

**There being no further business Chris Tombaugh made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Danielle Szklenski. The motion carried.** The meeting was adjourned at 2:43 pm, following which attendees met with Committee chairs to discuss opportunities for further involvement with the Home Team.

As Jennie Hagerty, Secretary was unavailable, these minutes are respectfully submitted by

Danielle Szklenski, M.A.

Home Team Homeless and Housing Coalition –Vice Chair



## Executive Committee Minutes

### 1:30pm Welcome

### 1:35pm DHS Updates

- Krissy's job has been posted
  - Peter and Lisa doing their best to fill gaps
- Discussions about how DHS can support ONP taking place
  - Hoping to set up similarly to Avalon
  - Looking into some funds for supporting including with a paid coordinating position
- Pat from MHA looking into logistics of keeping the Warming Center open during winter months
- Lots of rental assistance funds in Erie County via different local agencies (SMC, GECAC, etc.)
  - Referrals should go through CE
- PHFA rental assistance funding through Lawrence County CAC available as well
  - Referrals through CE
  - DHS to coordinate in order to avoid duplication of services

### 1:50pm Committee Updates

- \* Coordinated Entry – Sean O’Neill – [soneill@Eccaremgmt.org](mailto:soneill@Eccaremgmt.org)
  - In process of trouble-shooting everything prior to cold weather transitions
  - A lot of vacancies (15-20 per night) at ECM currently
  - Looking forward to discussions for referral processes for ONP and Warming Center
  - Working with SMC to coordinate Hotel/Motel voucher program currently
  - CE Screening process tweaking for COVID in an ongoing basis
  - Master List meeting TBD
    - COC still working to place transition Finally Home clients
    - 5 clients left who need to be transitioned into PSH programs
      - Sean requested that these clients be connected with CE so that we can move forward with initial case management.
  - CE Committee meetings TBD as well
- \* Project ranking/Application Review – Liz McCormick - [lzmccormick@gmail.com](mailto:lzmccormick@gmail.com)
  - No meeting took place with Krissy in order to initiate committee work
  - Peter to support Liz and team on getting up to speed
- \* SPIT Count – Mike Wehrer - [michael.wehrer@va.gov](mailto:michael.wehrer@va.gov)
  - Mike looking for guidance in terms of how to proceed in pandemic environment
    - Lisa attended webinar about this
      - May just be a shelter count
      - Not necessarily an unsheltered count
- \*Data Collection & Use – Josh Jager – [jjaegeer@stmartincenter.org](mailto:jjaegeer@stmartincenter.org)
  - Sub-Committee Reports:
    - Data Collection Tactical Plan – Objective #1, Strategy #2 (Megan, Missy):
      - Megan and Missy still trying to connect in order to draft HMIS provider surveys. More to come.
    - Data Collection Tactical Plan – Objective #2, Strategy #1 (Albert):
      - Albert created a great first draft. Towards the end of the meeting, those in attendance had an opportunity to edit some of the providers on the list.

- Josh to attach the edited list to the team so that we can each add any providers that are missing.
  - <https://docs.google.com/document/d/17hjCHF1aGUncCiaJHqwaPdOzQITyKWB7qnbNU9YhiXU/edit?usp=sharing>
- Data Use Tactical Plan – Objective #4, Strategy #1 (Lisa, Emily, Mike W., Josh):
  - Over the last month or so, this subcommittee has met and achieved some success in developing a data scorecard (attached) for the entire CoC by provider, by project type. This will provide a common measurement of each provider/project over time, and against each other, on a minimal set of measurements that are tied to funding.
  - While the project is still in the development phase, a draft of the scorecard has already been presented to the Executive Committee without challenge.
  - Lisa and Emily continue to work on tweaking the tool to include rigorous definitions of the measures in the tool, as well as sensible additions and redefinitions of certain measures to better conform to the demands of specific project type.
  - Lisa and Emily are also working with the HMIS vendor on a process for easily populating the data in the CoC scorecard, and also on separate scorecards for each provider (example attached), in order to send these reports out periodically.
  - These scorecards will provide a common scale upon which to measure success in some of the data collection occurring across the CoC, and puts us well on our way to satisfying a key portion of Strategic Focus Area 3.

Guest Speaker – Barb Lewis

- I invited Barb to address the committee in an effort to better understand how this committee can better support the Client Services Committee, from a data perspective, in achieving some of their programming goals in supporting the healthcare needs of individuals experiencing homelessness.
  - Most of the discussion centered around the potential for replicating data sharing partnerships between the CoC and local healthcare providers. This is being done in other CoC's in order to identify so-called high-frequency healthcare users who might also be chronically homeless, in order to apply for grant funding and programming to better support those individuals.
  - While this is within the scope of Strategic Focus Area 3, Data Use Tactical Plan – Objective #3, Josh elected to explore next steps alone, in recognition of the time and efforts already focused on other committee work. More to come on this front.

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- No update...Mark absent, Linda not present at last committee meeting.
- Peter missed the meeting, but has asked Mark to email update
  - Peter to send along to team.

\*Community Engagement & Marketing – Chris Tombaugh

- Colleen and Chris working together on Op Ed's and letters to the editor
- Josh asked about Press Release and/or opportunities to connect with media to get the word out to folks concerned about evictions
  - Peter rightly suggested that we be sensitive to the burden that a spike in calls would create on CE and providers
  - Perhaps there is a way to capitalize on the opportunity for exposure that wouldn't increase the demand on 814-SHELTER/CE
  - Chris raised the question about whether anybody is aware of IF there is an eviction cliff is currently building in reality (or if the media is creating a hype that isn't matched in reality) and whether marketing is a need in the moment.
    - The real concern is that the pandemic might have caused people who wouldn't normally have a reason to know about 814/SHELTER, not know where to turn in a housing crisis.
    - Sean ok with telling the media about the number.

- Chris to reach out to media properties.
- We will know more in time.

2:15pm General Home Team Updates Related to COVID 19 or other Issues

- Should we reconvene in 2 weeks to discuss the strategic plan and whether/how COVID ties into it.
  - Preliminary meeting to:
    - review Strategic Goals
    - How COVID might play into reprioritizing strategic goals
    - Answer other questions about moving forward
    - Just exec team
    - Peter to set up virtual meeting
  - Question about venue for larger meeting?
    - Virtual
    - Library
    - CCBH
  - Question about who to invite?
    - Should the shelter and rental assistance providers be invited?
    - Should Kurt (EUMA) and Pat (MHA) be invited?
    - Department of Health?
    - City of Erie?

2:30pm Adjourn

**Next Home Team Homeless & Housing Coalition Meeting**

**Date: 10.08.2020**

## Executive Committee Minutes 12/10/2020

**Present: Josh Jaeger, Peter Burke, Chris Tombaugh, George Fickenworth, Danielle Szklenski, Mike Wehrer., Colleen Hammon, Liz McCormick, Mary Johnson, Corinne Thomas, Linda King, Sean O'Neil, Rebecca Grimaldi**

1:30pm     **Welcome**

1:35pm     DHS Updates

DCED Code Blue Grant was awarded for Winter Sheltering Activity

- Just over \$200,000
  - Majority going to Hazard Pay for shelter staff at Community Shelter Services, Community of Caring, EUMA, Safe Journey, and the City mission
  - Our Neighbor's Place (ONP) winter shelter was awarded funds for Operations and winter outreach
  - SafeNet – was awarded funds for shelter expansion Shelter expansion
- Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA) PHARE Grant
    - County applied for the PHARE grant for \$150,000 in Rapid Re-Housing funds. Awards are announced in Spring, 2021
  - Home4Good grant – County released some funds from the Home4Good grant to EUMA for hotel/motel vouchers which was needed because ONP is mostly at capacity.
  - ECCM also received some County funds for Hotel/Motel vouchers.
  - Health Choices Reinvestment - Overflow/Quarantine/Isolation
    - The County put in a proposal to Health Choices (Managed Care for Medical Assistance Behavioral Health) for added Overflow (because ONP is unable to operate at full capacity), quarantine and isolation.
    - The Erie County Health Department has communicated with Erie County DHS that they may not continue their quarantine isolation unit after 1/1/2021 due to funding and staffing issues.
    - Erie has identified a location for both an added Overflow shelter and a Quarantine/Isolation space (both are at the same location).
    - Erie County DHS is looking for a provider that they would fund to run both the Overflow and Quarantine/Isolation Unit
      - Preference is for a nonprofit (Community Based Organizations) to manage program, but the county is prepared to ask the state for an exception.

- For quarantine/Isolation, the County would use the model that ECDH is currently using with 3 staff on call at all times to transport and monitor.
- Clients that are Health Choices make up the majority of those served based on last year's Winter Overflow shelter. The County proposal would merge non-Health Choices eligible clients into program, including possibly with provision of supplemental funds from the county

1:40pm Erie City Updates

1:45pm Erie County Department of Health Updates

- Not sure about vaccination timeline
- Priority of vaccination for individuals experiencing homelessness?
- Quarantine/Isolation shelter funding is may be going away at the end of the year
- ECDH meeting to discuss plan for quarantine/isolation after funding ends
- ECDH requests provider help in contact tracing where possible
- COVID response team available to come to any community shelter in order to do a sight visit
  - If you would like the Health Department's COVID Response Team to make a site visit, you can call Tami Fowler@ 451-7813 or David George @ 451-6778 to schedule. We do not have the capacity to write safety plans, but we can review any plans, and provide recommendations.
- Presentations to Second Harvest Food Bank food pantries for safety protocols in food distribution
- Free COVID testing available at the local community centers
  - Peter to send reminder to Home Team
  - Already posted to [eriecountypa.gov](http://eriecountypa.gov)
  - Corinne to send to provider list

1:50pm Emergency Shelter Status Update, including Our Neighbor's Place

- Over the last week, there is an increased presentation.
- When at capacity, options include:
  - Hotel/Motel vouchers
  - Mary Rose Sanctuary for women
  - St. Patrick's Haven has had open capacity, and some men are presenting at ONP after 9pm when St. Patrick's closes.
  - Peter to ask if they can close later, at around 10pm
  - Nobody has been turned away up to this point.
- Rebecca from CSS offering to be main point of contact for CSS in the interim between Mark's departure and the new ED starting up.

2:05pm      Committee Updates

- \* Coordinated Entry – Sean O’Neill – [soneill@Eccaremgmt.org](mailto:soneill@Eccaremgmt.org)
  - ONP System, especially with open communication from Rob O’Connell working out well
  - Permanent Supportive Housing and Rapid Re-housing is slowing down
  - Community of Caring’s Finally Home grant that was extended ends on Dec. 31...Erie County Care Management is able to absorb those left in the Finally Home program in their Permanent Supportive Housing Program.
  - Coordinated Entry team has been extremely busy
  - Sean from ECCM is offering to answer any questions in the interim until this team can start to meet again
- \* Project ranking/Application Review – Liz McCormick - [lzmccormick@gmail.com](mailto:lzmccormick@gmail.com)
  - The NOFA for the Continuum of Care may just be renewed this year, including renewal of all projects, so there would be no need for meetings to rank and score applications.
- \* SPIT Count – Mike Wehrer - [michael.wehrer@va.gov](mailto:michael.wehrer@va.gov)
  - Meeting next week in order to look at any sort of pared down version of a PIT count this year
  - Assurance that there "will be something"
  - Guidance from HUD has been rolling out over the last few weeks
  - Communities (CoCs) do NOT have to do an unsheltered count (need a waiver)
    - Still need HIC and Sheltered
  - Question from Liz M.
    - is any funding tied to the unsheltered count??
    - Answer from George:
      - we have to answer questions on the NOFA regarding the PIT count, including unsheltered numbers., but it's usually questions regarding our methodology or why numbers may have changed. Doesn't really seem to be tied to what funding we get.
- \*Data Collection & Use – Josh Jager – [jjager@stmartincenter.org](mailto:jjager@stmartincenter.org)
  - Questions out to PA211 at United Way of SWPA
    - Likely happening as referral only, no warm handoff. Mike J. to confirm with United Way of SWPA
  - **Strategic Focus Area #3, Strategy 1**
    - On her own (in concert with the HMIS vendor), Lisa has been working to develop and deploy training resources for HMIS

- Looking forward to using the work done in **Strategy 2** to better support those efforts in the future.
- **Strategic Focus Area #3, Strategy 2**
  - List of all housing providers (**Action Step 1**).
  - Survey in progress. (**Action Step 5**)
- **Strategic Focus Area #3, Strategy 3**
  - 211 has been a great first data sharing partner (**Action Steps 1 and 2**)!
  - We've used 211 data to inform Executive Committee and Marketing committee decision making.
  - 211 data is better informing our understanding of the Erie County housing and corresponding needs landscape.
  - We are actively working towards formal ongoing data sharing and referral partnerships (**Action Step 5**).
  - Lisa has already updated the client privacy policy (**Action Step 4**)
  - In support of the Client Services committee, we have begun discussions with other outside systems to identify high-end utilization of homeless AND healthcare services to support targeted intervention for homeless medical respite care services. (**Action Step 6**)
- **Strategic Focus Area #3, Strategy 4**
  - Developed a common scale scorecard in order to measure and compare housing providers on Key Performance Indicators that tie directly to funding, and have begun the initial work of deploying it.
- **We need more members!**
  - Looking into new committee members from PSU Core and Mercyhurst Civic Institute

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- Meeting in January with Barb Lewis and Mary Louise Imbruglio

\*Community Engagement & Marketing – Chris Tombaugh

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- National Homeless Memorial announcement for December
- Discussion surrounding the creation of a page and posting on Facebook

2:15pm General Home Team Updates Related to COVID 19 or Other Informational Issues

- Thanks to Mark for his many years of faithful service.
- Shout Outs to staff in the community who've been very helpful:
  - Sarah at CSS
  - Andrea at CE after hours

- CHN has been accepted into a Medical Respite Care collaboration
  - More info to come
- Family Services kicking off expansion of a partnership with OCY's Independent Living Program (ILP) and the Public Housing Authorities through a HUD grant, Fostering Youth to Independence (FYI). The grant could provide up to 3 years of Supportive Housing for youth transferring out of foster care.
  - Journey House
    - 4 youth living there now
    - RA living on site
    - 2 ILP staff with offices on site during the day
  - FYI program
    - Questions about whether clients must have had OCY involvement within the last 90 days?
    - Question answered – the youth just must be in foster care within the last 90 days.
- VA update Liberty House received funding to expand from 10 to 25 beds
- Liz McCormick asked for all new funding to be a standing agenda item.

2:25pm

Reminder/December Event: National Homeless Memorial

- December 21 at noon in Perry Square
  - Cleared with the City
  - Working on a list of homeless brothers and sisters who may have passed away this year
  - Requests in for the Mayor and County Executive appear
  - Chris to send Peter and email about the event to send out to Home Team 1 week before hand
  - Erie News Now maybe to cover this as well
  - Flyer to circulate at the shelters so that our homeless brothers and sisters can attend

2:30pm

Adjourn

**Next Home Team Homeless & Housing Coalition Meeting**

**Date: 1.14.2021**