



Executive Committee Meeting
Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2013, 1 p.m.
at Metro Social Services
800 2nd Avenue North, Suite 100

Present: Diane Kuhn, Renee Pratt, Steven Samra, Kirby Davis
Staff: Will Connelly, Judith Tackett

Minutes

The minutes of the executive committee meeting Dec. 17. were approved.

Financials

Pam McEwen reported that the financials were the same as presented at the full Commission meeting on Jan. 10. She reported that How's Nashville was awarded a grant from the Boulevard Bolt in the amount of \$12,000. This grant will have to be approved by the Metro Council.

Budget

Ms. McEwen reported that the budget kick-off will be the following Monday. Ms. McEwen will also follow up with Erik Cole to get an update on the ordinance to continue the Metropolitan Homelessness Commission.

Contract Reporting

The suggestion was made that reports be no longer than one page. Diane Kuhn tabled the issue for the next meeting. Ms. Kuhn said she would look at the Room In The Inn report and see what would make sense and bring that to the next meeting.

Project Homeless Connect RFP

Will Connelly reported that he was following the usual RFP process and is finalizing the RFP. The Coalition for the Homeless and the Vanderbilt School of Nursing are interested in being involved and see what the need is.

Cold Weather Plan

Will Connelly reported that during the last cold spell, we increased canvassing and transportation. Metro opened up an overflow shelter. So far no person has frozen. There were at least three cases of hypothermia, and one person was hospitalized involuntarily. Metro is working on seeing how much the cost is to open overflow shelters and what the long-term

support needs to be. Mr. Connelly also reported on the Point In Time (PIT) count that took place.

How's Nashville

In December 40 people were assisted with housing. Since June through the end of December, a total of 356 people moved into housing. About a quarter of them are veterans. A little over 100 people were linked with Section 8 vouchers. About 60% of the vouchers issued are leased up. People have 120 days to find a landlord. So far, only two people lost their vouchers because the time expired on them.

Coordinated Entry System

Will Connelly reported that the 100,000 Homes Campaign will come to Nashville and hold a boot camp around a coordinated entry system. About 20-22 people from local service agencies RSVPed to participate in the 2-day Boot Camp on Feb. 5 and Feb. 6. There will be another 100-day goal. But this time, it will be focusing on system-level changes. Will Connelly said he was leaning toward switching from the Vulnerability Index (VI) survey to utilizing a more refined tool called the VI-SPDAT, which is based on the VI. The goal is to create a system that matches people with landlords. Priority will still be given to people and households with highest acuity. Further discussion focused on HMIS and how it can be used at present time. The How's Nashville campaign may utilize a google database with unique identifiers to increase security of data and ensure privacy issues are sufficiently addressed.

Meeting adjourned.