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Staff:

Corey Root	Project Specialist, Balance of State	NC Coalition to End Homelessness
Denise Neunaber	Executive Director	NC Coalition to End Homelessness

Corey made introductions, took role

Discussion

Our plan today was to talk about ESG however NC DHHS has not released the 2013 ESG application yet so we are not able to discuss specifics. We did talk over the general process for applying and take questions. NCCEH will give NC DHHS a list of questions and comments about ESG from BoS.

No word on fiscal agent status (agency contracting directly with state, making contracts with sub-grantees). It is not clear but this probably will not be required in this cycle because there were so many problems this year. Examples of fiscal agents: cities, United Ways, other nonprofits

NCDHHS will be doing a training on grant requirements. It will likely be a similar app to last year with some clarifications, probably the same format. The project applications will come from agencies, regional applications from regional committees (not at BoS level). There is a lot going on a state DHHS/local DSSs – DOJ settlement, Affordable Health Care Act rolling out, etc.

Reimbursements have been not working – state lumps them and pays several at once but it is hard to tell what is being paid when. This was more smooth with HPRP, now a nightmare. There are different contract people working at DHHS plus there is not much administrative support money.

Will there be funding for prevention? In 2013, this funding will need to be targeted – there is good information about this on the NAEH website. The HUD focus is to use ESG money for RRH. Research shows (NY study) that 9 out of 10 people who received prevention money would not have become homeless.

How to find out what shelter funds are available? There will be a table within the application. Likely to be less money available this year. We will only have FY 2013 money, plus this cut. For emergency response and housing stabilization, DHHS has percentage goals but we don't know this conversation.

There is one-on-one monitoring from NC DHHS available in the form of an audit/site visit – just have to request this.

Success story: a chronically homeless man in Pitt County got S+C money and RRH money to get into housing. There is a dramatic difference in his life, his appearance.

In Wilson County the prevention case load is decreasing – they are working with the school system, using RRH to get a quick turnaround for people in shelter. The problem is not finding affordable housing – prevention and RRH money is there.

#### Action Items

##### Questions for DHHS

1. Status of fiscal agents for 2014, required? changes from 2013?
2. Housing Authorities - limitations on their role within ESG?
3. Money for shelter - if have not gotten money before, can never get it? What if community has now established need?
4. Possible to get more training for grantees?  
in person, 3 regional locations  
topics:  
financial/budget piece  
RRH model/implementation (who to serve, how to find housing) <-- NCCEH could provide if state does not

5. Will they fix the contract issue from 2013 where numbers changed between budget and contract?
6. Possible to use ESG funds for training?
7. Will they streamline documentation?
8. Michael or Martha on a call to talk about application once it comes out?

For Corey

Connect Elisabeth Piff, Jennifer Flood for information sharing re: ESG app  
Schedule ESG consultations with Denise if NCCEH members ask for them

Next meeting

Tuesday September 24, 10:30 a.m.

Gentle reminder: All agencies who receive RRH money encouraged to attend/scored on attendance