System Of Care Governance Coalition (SOCGC)

Meeting Minutes for: December 12, 2017 @ 11:30am-12:45pm

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11:30am- meeting called to order by Antonia Sawyer, BS. Welcome and introductions were made. Congratulatory letter from Senator Randy Head was passed around.

Budget and financial plan was discussed for 501 c3 option. The group had not questions or concerns moving forward with the meeting on January 16, 2018.

Meeting with Ashley Lowe, from Mayor Greer office was discussed. A 10% marketing budget was recommended, but not entire amount necessary should we want to reduce it in the working budget.

The website was discussed and the group decided to revisit in the future, but use the City and County pages to their full potential as well as social media. Member Mayor Greer will discuss making a separate page for SOCGC on city site to accommodate donor recognition, “about us” section, and program history, and link to flyers.

Point In Time (PIT) homeless count was discussed and will be held on January 24, 2018 at helping Hands form 9a-12p, Manna On Main Street from 11a-1p, and a street count will be conducted as well. Antonia Sawyer will reach out to the DNR to spread word about count to those who may be sleeping in cars by the lake, SOCGC is able to post flyers about the event using the solicitation ordinances of the city. The street count volunteers will travel to the homeless in need so they do not have to travel on foot to a count location. Last year there were 8 homeless counted in Miami County. Survival kits will be distributed after the survey is complete.

Ray Maggard met with Member’s Dale Bliss and Antonia Sawyer this morning and discussed utilizing 2-4 apartment units in his complex for rescue housing associated with Advantage Housing program. SOCGC faith based organizations may want to reach out to their churches and see if they would be interested in funding the units. Work group meeting is planned for January 16, 2018 for any organization interested in assisting. The units would range from $450.00- $514.00 per month. Member Pastor Phil Bunce agreed to share with his organization at their next meeting.

Rescue Resort does count as a shelter if Antonia Sawyer can forward information and Angie Ciski can add them to the list. Antonia Sawyer will send an email to connect the two organizations.

The Y transit would be the transportation offered to residents on GAB or a bicycle should they work on base. A housing mentor for the units would be necessary to monitor the residents, ensure they are getting what they need, and clean the units. A maximum 30 day stay would be on the lease with a 24 hour eviction for drug use, DV, etc.

Remedy Live is in need of $1000.00 to make $5000.00 goal. Dukes Foundation will release grantees on January 10, 2018. SOCGC agreed to have local organizations train in QPR and have them attend the assembly to assist youth. Member Peter Diedrich would like DCS available in the event of neglect or abuse. Antonia Sawyer will invite them once the assembly has been formally booked and the training is scheduled.

Mission statement was addressed and more revisions need to be made. SOCGC would like the following words considered: Community barriers, social issues, resources. Make overall more comprehensive. Tagline: Creating change and reducing barriers will be revisited next meeting.

Bed bug flyers were made available through the Miami County United way and all SOCGC organizations were asked to pick them up at the CRC Building.

More For Miami requested a letter of support. Antonia Sawyer stated that she was unaware that they were going to request a letter of support. Jennifer Yates stated she had received the grant on January 4, 2018 and did not feel she had enough time to inform SOCGC. Antonia Sawyer asked Jennifer to present her grant request. Jennifer presented it was an RFF that was identical to the RFF in August. Jennifer stated More For Miami had been denied the last RFF due to not having a letter of support from SOCGC, explaining to DMHA they were apologetic for not following the SOCGC by-law policy. Antonia Sawyer stated that the policy remained the same and asked the SOCGC if they would first like to discuss how they want to move forward due to this request being out of policy as well.

Member Heidi Wright asked how SOCGC would be utilized as a collaborating agency. Austina Reed stated that there was not a plan in place to utilize the SOCGC at this time and agreed that at minimum she needed the letter and if there was a need to include SOCGC they would be contacted. Antonia Sawyer asked Austina to provide examples of collaboration in the future and collaboration in the past with SOCGC. Pastor Lauren Hall then stated that it was a collaboration with PCS and More For Miami, not directly with SOCGC; similar to Al’s Pals in the pre-school and “Faith Connection”. Austina Reed agreed with Pastor Lauren that she had provided the correct explanation.

Member Jacob Grady then asked what the plan was for the grant, as it felt as though “the cart was before the horse and there was no true plan of action as required by every state grant”. Jennifer Yates stated they had until January 26, 2018 to create the plan, and they “just need the letter of support from SOCGC and we [More For Miami] take care of the rest”.

Antonia Sawyer requested to have the final plan e-mailed to the group to where they could them make an informed vote. Austin Reed stated “I am not understanding what the issue is…this is a quagmire and we were denied because we did not follow policy before, so I did not think we needed to complete all the steps again. This is merely an extension of what we already do. We are writing the grant for the school, they provided three letters of support in August, so they are on board”

Member Peter Diedrichs and Nicole Hyatt-Drang asked what the financial strain on the school would be after funding diminished. Jennifer Yates stated that Life Skills was their most expensive program, but a majority of the program fees are materials and the teachers “do it because they are already there so there is not a coordinator cost.” Member Mayor Greer stated he did not see an issue moving forward if PCS was on board and it was an extension of their current programs. Member Crist Crabill stated “I assume you have discussed this with the school then?” and both Austin Reed and Jennifer Yates responded that they had, and PCS provided 3 letters of support in August. Member Chief Meeks stated “so this letter is just like if you were to come into the police department and ask me if I was supportive of a program you wanted to implement?” Austina Reed agreed.

Peter Diedrichs made a motion to overrule the policy on the point that it was the second request. Mayor Greer second the motion and the SOCGC unanimously voted to override policy. Peter Diedrichs then motioned to vote on the letter of support, with Connie Shapiro second. The SOCGC unanimously voted to provide the letter of support. Austin Reed provided 2 pre-typed letters of support to the SOCGC and had a signature page attached to the back. The letters were passed around and signed.

Antonia Sawyer asked everyone to pick a number between 1-50 for a book drawing, and member Heidi Wright won! Austina Reed and Jennifer Yates shared More For Miami meeting date to be January 29, 2018 @ 12pm. with lunch provided. Heide Wright shared her event for the following day at Peru Public Library @ 11:30am. Focusing on human trafficking. January is human traffic awareness month., Antonia Sawyer then adjourned the meeting at 12:45pm.