FY2029 Project Review and Rank Committee Meeting

Harford County Continuum of Care

August 20, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm at the Harford County Office of Community and Economic Development located at 15 S. Main Street, Bel Air, and MD. In attendance:, Roblyn Aigner (Harford County Sheriff’s Office); Silvana Bowker (Department of Community Services); Deven Chona (Harford Community Action Agency); Pamela Craig (Harford Community Action Agency); Bruce England (Susquehanna Workforce Network); Jamie Miller (Core Services Agency); Barbara Richardson (Office of Community and Economic Development); Natalie Shaw (Harford Community Action Agency).

Pamela Craig introduced herself and gave a brief overview of the FY2020 Continuum of Care competition. Ms. Craig and Natalie Shaw described the current projects and who they serve, discussed the potential new projects and described the rank and review process including the total amount of funding available and the two tier ranking system. Two applications submitted focus on systems and the remainder focuses on housing. Only one application can be Domestic Violence category. One application is a COC bonus expansion, which Harford Family House (HFH) applied to expand services. The remainders of the applications are renewals. All applications, including the bonus applications need to be ranked.

All renewal applicants are providing services according to the FY19 grant and there are no red flags. All applications were submitted on time. All applicants are also utilizing HMIS and participate in COC meetings.

Prologue replaced United Way as a vendor last year and providing the same services. Their grant is considered a renewal.

The committee discussed the importance of continuing to ensure that our CoC functions smoothly and the importance of coordinated access and data quality. A motion was made by B. Richardson and seconded by R. Aigner to rank the Coordinated Access project #1 followed by the new HMIS project at #2. After unanimous vote, the motion carried.

The committee reviewed the DV and COC bonus applications. There was a discussion that SARC provides more services compared to HFH. B. Richardson mentioned in the past few years funding was lost for the bottom applications. It was discussed that since both of these were new, to rank them at the bottom. A motion was made by J. Miller and seconded by B. Richardson to rank SARC DV Bonus #8 followed by HFH COC Bonus at #9. After unanimous vote, the motion was carried.

A discussion was had about funding priority and Tier 1 and Tier 2 system. Projects should be ranked in Tier 1 in terms of funding priority and then in Tier 2.

The BHAS project provides services to a difficult population. Clients have mental health and criminal history, which prevents them from getting help and being able to rent. A motion was made by R. Aigner and seconded by B. Richardson to rank BHA project #3. After unanimous vote, the motion carried.

The committee discussed the remainder of the projects. Anna’s House is spread throughout the County, which might be more appealing for families with school-age children compared to HFH which is located in one area. Anna’s House Chronic serves a very difficult population. HMIS data was discussed. HFA was utilized 72% if the time compared to 100% for Prologue.

A motion as made by B. England and seconded by R. Aigner to rate Anna’s House Chronic #4, Prologue #5, Anna’s House Consolidated #6 and HFH #7. After unanimous vote, the motion carried.

The final ranking of the projects is:

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| Rank | Project | Amount | Tier I - $ 862,881 |
| 1 | Coordinated Access | $ 30,000 | Tier I |
| 2 | HMIS | $ 55,077 | Tier I |
| 3 | BHA Shelter + Care | $ 299,284 | Tier I |
| 4 | Anna’s House Chronic |  $ 129,565 | Tier I |
| 5 | Prologue | $ 137,605 | Tier I |
| 6 | Anna’s House Consolidated  | $ 156,274 | Tier I |
| 7 | Harford Family House | $ 93,075 | Tier I and II |
| 8 | SARC DV Bonus | $ 50,000 | Tier II |
| 9 | Harford Family House COC Bonus  | $ 45,044 | Tier II  |

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 pm.