

Advocacy Committee
June 2, 2015
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
Michael Barlow Center
Call to Order- 10:10 a.m.

MINUTES

I. Welcome & Introductions

- a. In attendance: Margaret Haywood, Angela Hicks, Melvin Alexander, Keith Richardson, Millie Hernandez, Chris O'Hara

II. Filling Slate with New Committee Member

- a. Margaret reviewed the Advocacy Committee's charge per the Charter and Plan 2.0. There was a list created of different groups to "influence policy and resource allocation that affects the CoC:"

- HUD
- DFSS
- IDHS
- City Council
- DCEO
- Aldermen
- HHS
- IL Legislature
- Federal Legislature
- DOC/Cook County Jail
- Private Funders
- Sherriff's Department
- Public Health (state, county, city)
- VA
- Landlords/Property Management

- b. The group reviewed the committee slate with examples of representation for each seat. Since the Lived Experience Commission and Service Providers Commission will nominate and vote on representation for their seats (3 each), members of the Advocacy Committee for a key stakeholder, ESG representative, public agency, state agency/major system, private funder, and at-large. The committee decided to reach out and approach some members for the seats:

- Key Stakeholder: Aaron Eldridge, SHPA (Margaret will contact)
- ESG Recipient: Loren will contact Alisa at DFSS for representation
- Public Agency: Office of Tom Dart, Cook Co. Sherriff (Angela will contact)
- Private Funder: United Way, Donors Forum, and Wood Foundation

III. Workplan Discussion

- a. The Advocacy Committee worked to create a rough draft the workplan, which is now due in June 2015. This will be emailed to the larger group for feedback.
- b. GOALS (short-term/long-term; one time/reoccurring decision made by committee without Board approval):
 - Reestablish Discharge Planning Workgroup: one time, long-term
 - Reach out to various agencies for Advocacy Committee membership: reoccurring, short-term
 - Monitor state budget: reoccurring, short-term
 - Reestablish Advocacy Day in Springfield: one-time, long-term
 - Meeting with aldermen/local legislatives regarding supporting work of homeless services/housing: reoccurring, long-term
 - Host training for lobbying and/or sharing participants' stories to legislative reps: one-time, long-term.

- Informing CoC of various advocacy initiatives: reoccurring, long-term
- c. BOARD APPROVAL:
 - Signing on to specific advocacy endorsements
- IV. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 8 from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Michael Barlow Center.