



Strategic Plan Implementation Funding and Partnership Committee Meeting Minutes April 2, 2019

Present: Leah McCall, Jessie Polito, Rachel Densmore, Liz McLachlan, Ashley Burton

Absent: Ryan Hertz, Kirsten Elliot, Kathy Williams, Jenny Poma, Elizabeth Kelly

JVS Update

- Leah has met with JVS to discuss bringing their workforce development program, Bridging the Gap, to Oakland County.
- We are interested to have them come and talk to this group.
- Leah mentioned to them that we are looking into different grants and funding opportunities and JVS said that they will run it by their grant writer to keep an eye out for it. Waiting to hear back for more information.

MCAH AmeriCorps VISTA

- The Alliance received the MCAH AmeriCorps VISTA position.
- It is a non-service position, so they cannot work directly with clients. Leah has a training coming up soon along with putting a job description together. The Alliance has a stipend for that position and the person will start in August.
- It is the agencies responsibility to find that person, looking for avenues for ways to go about this.
- Liz suggested reaching out to Susan Rousey. Along with seeing if other agencies are also looking for potential VISTA positions for more opportunities; it may not be a good fit for them, but might be for the Alliance.

At the Alliance retreat we can promote that we have this position available, LS, AmeriCorps Facebook page. Jessie mentioned that SOS also got a VISTA position and that they are very familiar with working with AmeriCorps. The AmeriCorps program director has been a great resource for sending applicants their way. AmeriCorps promotes it on their website and social media. Also, if there is an issue of running into a lack of applicants, reaching out to community partners to see if any didn't work out for them is also an option. Reach out to different colleges and universities.

CoC Funding Opportunities and Priorities

What are we looking to fund within the gaps within the Alliance?

- We would like to meet specifically to map out the connections within the CoC in order to bring together and leverage all the organizations.
- Organize all the different areas (youth, transportation, legal system, housing, shelter, etc.) and put them in their own categories and make sure that we are building those relationships from each of them to get them more engaged within the CoC.

Meeting Consistently

If this group meets consistently and we build on those partnerships and our network of agencies we will be able to increase our ability to find contacts to bring more funding opportunities and abilities to fill in those gaps within the CoC. Therefore, if an opportunity presents itself, it will be easier for the Alliance to start pulling MOUs; we want to think more proactively about who the partners are in order to be able to respond more quickly and efficiently to get more funding opportunities/ resources for the CoC.

- Who do we want on our list to get those relationships stronger to build more funding opportunities?

- Maybe they don't play a specific role today, but who are those decision makers?

The issue stems from not having an agency sign off on an MOU that was a large part of getting a funding opportunity to work with the CoC.

Rachel has a coworker on her team who works in the SED department. Works part time DHS and OCHN, Rachel will talk to her about getting a connection so that we can engage with for the YDHP.