

Plenary Meeting Minutes February 20, 2008

Attendees: *Kim Gibbs, Kate Kelly, Lisa Mazzeo, Leticia Brown Gambino, Cheryl Bell, Martha Melvin, Lisa Reed, Rose Christy, Carman Colon, Judy Sklarz, Joyce Platz, Joy Kiss, Holly Beckford, Larry Piroasca, Mike Doyle, Carolee Paruta, Jim Bombaci, James Buckley*

I. ABRI – Joy Kiss

Results/Next Steps: Joy Kiss from ABRI discussed CBDG funding being held due to agency issue (involuntary, voluntary discharge/eviction policy) with the Plenary Committee and reported that she had met with the Standards and Evaluations Committee and felt that the issue had been resolved to both the City and GBACoC satisfaction. Lisa Reed Co-Chair for the S & E Committee agreed and stated that if ABRI funding is not released within the next two weeks that she is prepared to write a letter of support, supporting ABRI. The Plenary Committee discussed the importance of having this subject around transitional housing and discharged/eviction explored further but felt that this should be a statewide effort, possibly a task for CCEH.

II. CDBG Application

Results/Next Steps: CCEH (Tony Bonetti) will be completing the CDBG application to pay GBACoC Consultant for the year 2009. The GBACoC still need to pay approximately \$5,000 in order to pay this years salary. This amount will be divided by all participating agencies.

III. Scheduled Meeting with Bridgeport Mayor

Results/Next Steps: Carmen Colon agreed to coordinate the meeting between the GBACoC Representatives (Carmen, Lisa, Kate, Tony) and the new Mayor, Mayor Finch. This meeting is to introduce and familiarize the Mayor with the 10 year plan to end homelessness.

IV. PIT Count- Cheryl Bell

Results/Next Steps: Cheryl Bell thanked all the participating agencies for all their hard work and support. She also discussed the importance of all agencies representing GBACoC should give a 100% support not just in the event but in the planning leading up to the event. She suggested that each agency Executive Director or Manager appoint one individual that will be part of the planning committee and estimated that each volunteer would be committing to approximately 10 hours to ensure that the planning phase is successful. Another suggestion to be taken into consideration for the future which may be helpful for the GBACoC to make it mandatory for all agencies to participate. This is an area that the Standards and Evaluation Committee may want to look at to see how this may be factored into the scoring for future SuperNOFA renewals. The Plenary

Committee agreed to work on assembling the PIT Committee in June rather than waiting until the winter.

V. HMIS Update – James Buckley

Results/Next Steps: James Buckley attended meeting and distributed CT HMIS Data Quality SCORES Report that was generated in January 2008 for Bridgeport, Norwalk and Stamford. He discussed changes with emergency shelter entry/exit date, rapid exit and that the Agency Site Technical Coordinators will no longer meet on a monthly basis but quarterly. HMIS will now host monthly conference calls facilitated by Nutmeg.

VI. Inclement Weather

Results/Next Steps: Plenary Committee discussed inclement weather policy. It was decided that if the Bridgeport Public School System is either closed or delayed then the meeting will be rescheduled for another date to be announced. Judy Sklarz made the motion to adopt the policy and Rose Christy 2nd.

VII. Other: Rapid Exit/Prevention Pilot Program

Results/Next Steps: The Rapid Exit Pilot Program is being administered by Operation Hope and Alpha Community Services. Agency representatives discussed issues with the new program one being identifying clients that fit the criteria of program. The group explored possible solutions.