

[RESOURCE GENERATION]

City and County Budgets Finalized Soon

Michelle Heritage testified at a budget hearing for the Franklin County Board of Commissioners on December 2 about the increasing demand for overflow shelter for single adults experiencing homelessness.

Michelle also testified at a budget hearing for Columbus City Council's Health, Housing and Human Development Committee on December 2 and City Council's general budget hearing on December 18. CSB is very grateful to our public leaders for their commitment to ending homelessness.

HUD Funding Sought for Continuum of Care

CSB is working on the consolidated Continuum of Care application to be submitted to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development by January 18, 2013. The application will be for over \$10 million in federal funding. New this year is the requirement that all project applications must be ranked per guidelines from HUD that consider program performance, provider's history of spending grant funds in a timely manner, among other criteria. The ranking will be done in two tiers using HUD funding guidelines. Under consideration are 33 renewal applications from Amethyst, Inc. (3 projects), AIDS Resource Center Ohio (1 project), Community Housing Network (15 projects), Community Shelter Board (2 projects), Huckleberry House (1 project), Maryhaven (2 projects), National Church Residences (3 projects), Southeast, Inc. (2 project), Volunteers of America of Greater Ohio (1 project) and YWCA Columbus (3 projects) and one reallocation project (YMCA).

An application for the 2012 permanent housing bonus from National Church Residences Commons at Livingston II is also under consideration. CAL II will provide an additional 50 units of permanent supportive housing for disabled veterans, including 35 units for chronic homeless veterans. In addition, CSB will be applying for CoC planning funds, per HUD guidelines. HUD anticipates announcing awards for tier 1 ranked projects within 45 days of the application deadline (mid-March).

HUD is confident that communities that score above the funding baseline will receive funding for projects ranked as tier 1. Tier 2 projects are at risk and not likely to be funded, The Rebuilding Lives Funder Collaborative will make decisions regarding ranking for all projects applying for HUD funding.

HUD Point in Time Count set for Jan 24

Planning is underway for the annual point in time count of unsheltered persons. The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development requires all communities to conduct their count during the last ten days of January 2013. The date for the Columbus count is **Thursday, January 24, 2013**. The unsheltered count will occur during the day from 9:30 am – 2:00 pm for single adults and families, and from 5:30 – 8:30 pm for transitional age youth and unaccompanied youth. The count will capture individuals and families that were homeless and unsheltered on the night of January 23, 2012 by asking about residence for the specific night.

A count headquarters site will be established for each of the two distinct counts and connection to services will also be provided to persons who present. Outreach teams will be dispatched throughout the day to known encampments to count anyone who does not present at count headquarters. The meal site count will occur throughout the day of January 24.

Erin Maus, CSB's Program Manager, is working with volunteers and CSB staff to coordinate the count and evaluation process. A Homeless Count Workgroup is estimating the number of volunteers needed for the count and duties involved. Volunteers will be recruited, trained, and assigned as needed to conduct a comprehensive count. Volunteer sign-up forms will be posted to www.csb.org.

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Waiting lists grow for shelter space

CSB and its partner agencies are gearing up for a larger homeless population this winter with 17% more women looking for shelter compared to a year ago, and wait lists for shelter averaging 56 people nightly in November. To accommodate the increased need, the shelters for single adults are expanding their walls to maximize bed capacity, and CSB continues to work to open an overflow shelter to serve people experiencing homelessness during the extreme winter weather months, December through March.

While we await final approval to open the winter overflow site, a contingency plan has been implemented to provide additional emergency shelter during extreme weather. The YMCA of Central Ohio and CSB are coordinating these efforts with HandsOn Central Ohio, Southeast and Lutheran Social Services. Anyone in need of shelter should call the Coordinated Point of Access at 1-888-474-3587.

Adult System Redesign

A Core Team is working to develop specific, detailed recommendations regarding the new crisis response model for single adults experiencing homelessness. Membership includes direct service providers, formerly homeless individuals, CSB staff and board members, public and private funders and grassroots advocates.

All the subgroups formed from the Core Team have now reported out on their initial work and are meeting to refine their ideas and utilize feedback given from the Core Team.

The Faith Based Group, with the help of HandsOn Central Ohio, has developed a homeless resource guide. This guide can be used by the faith organizations that work with people experiencing homelessness to help link them with needed resources.

A new subgroup is also being formed to look at stabilization and recidivism of shelter clients. Subgroups are continuing to meet and we welcome any new ideas. Please contact Erin Maus at emaus@csb.org or 221-9195 x121 for additional information if you are interested in participating.

[IN THE SPOTLIGHT]

National Leaders Visit Columbus

City and state leaders from New York, Los Angeles, Michigan, Seattle, Philadelphia, Virginia, Chicago and Fort Worth visited Columbus December 5-6 to learn about and tour CSB's homeless system. Michelle Heritage chairs the Leadership Council of the National Alliance to End Homelessness. Representatives of cities and states that are on the forefront in addressing homelessness participate in the Leadership Council, aimed at building a national network of leaders on the issue. Members of the Leadership Council work together to identify best practices and advance shared federal policy goals. The Council provides a forum for members to exchange ideas about what has helped to produce good results in their communities and to suggest ways to overcome the challenges they face. Members come together around a shared federal policy agenda and meet with key decision makers on the issues they feel are most important.



The Leadership Council of the National Alliance to End Homelessness visits the Engagement Center at Maryhaven.

Detroit Officials Study CSB's Model

The Corporation for Supportive Housing in Detroit organized a visit to Columbus on November 28 for a delegation of a dozen leaders from Detroit's Continuum of Care. The group spent a half day with CSB staff to learn about coordinated assessment, direct housing and performance management.

Tours

In November, CSB provided a tour of Rebecca's Place for Jonathan Welty of Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing. Charles Lucius and Courtney Hodapp of Battelle visited Volunteers of America's rapid re-housing program and Commons at Livingston. In early December, we provided a tour for Angela Mingo, Danielle Borrer Sugarman and Nyadia Griffith of Nationwide Children's Hospital, of the YWCA Family Center and Commons at Livingston. CSB board members Pat Cash and Colleen Buzza visited Rebecca's Place. Dianne Radigan and Andy Keller with Cardinal Health visited Rebecca's Place and VOA's rapid re-housing program.

Administrative Assistant

Melanie Woodrum has tendered her resignation as Administrative Assistant after 5 years of service at CSB. She is moving on to accept an excellent opportunity in manufacturing sales. Melanie has been a key member of our staff, showing professionalism and compassion at all times. She is a great team player who brings positive and friendly energy to those around her. She will be greatly missed.

This position draws on an interesting set of skills. Please share this [job posting](#) with anyone who might be interested in joining our team.

Upcoming Meetings

< Check out the interactive calendar at www.csb.org under Resources for our Partners < Meetings

Enclosures

< System and Program Indicator Report, FY2013 quarter 1