**On-Line:** Vickey Rand (Community Housing of Maine), Awa Conteh (Bangor Health and Community Services), Ginny Dill (Shalom House), Chet Barnes (DHHS SAMHS), Donna Kelley (Kennebec Behavioral Health), Paula Paladino (MaineHousing), and Melody Fitch (Family Violence Project).

**Meeting: MCOC Steering**

**Date/Time: 5/18/15 10:00 am – 12:00 pm**

**Location: Online**

**Maine**

**Continuum of Care**

**Review and approve minutes:** The April committee minutes were reviewed and approved unanimously.

**Committee Reports:**

**Policy:** Vickey reported that the committee met on Friday, May 8th at 3:30. The policy committee has officially merged with the Statewide Homeless Council committee to form the Maine Homeless Policy Committee. The next meeting is Friday, June 5th at 3:00pm. The standing meeting time is the Friday before the Statewide Homeless Council at 3:00pm. The committee is currently working on rounds of op-eds, two of which have already been published.

**Data:** There is a HUD webinar tomorrow during the regularly scheduled Data Committee meeting, so no meeting will be held. Clif and the HMIS team have been sending updates regarding the new Data Quality Standards and report changes. There is an informative video on the HMIS website.

**Resource:** The Resource Committee is hosting a DV training in conjunction with the next Region II meeting.

**Project:** The Project Committee has met and sent draft performance measures and monitoring forms to Steering for review. There were two areas where the Project Committee made changes regarding scoring. The Committee recommends not scoring employment and remaining in housing for 6 months higher (the original materials proposed this). A motion was made by Vickey, seconded by Awa, and approved unanimously to send these forms to the full MCOC for a vote at the week’s meeting. Paula will send the Project Committee the finalized GIW for project contacts.

**DV Providers’ Proposal:** Melody provided an overview of the DV providers’ proposal regarding committees and MCOC attendance (see previously forwarded materials). Steering provided some feedback and posed some questions (i.e. voting status, ESG recipients may need to be present, this may not meet the spirit of HUD’s intentions, etc.). Melody will bring this information back to the group and present a revised proposal to the full COC in June.

**CHAMP/YCSP Merger Request:** David Beseda sent a request to Steering requesting the COC’s approval to merge Creative Housing Alternative for Maine People (CHAMP) into York County Shelter Programs (YCSP) (see previously forwarded materials). David has reached out to all other applicable funders as well. A motion was made by Ginny, seconded by Chet and approved unanimously to send this to the full COC for a vote.

**COC Registration:** MaineHousing successfully submitted the MCOC registration. Steering was thanked for the emergency vote taken to allow MaineHousing, acting as Collaborative Applicant, submit the registration through E-SNAPS. The annual renewal demand is $7,823,650. The registration auto-populates planning money available to the COC. As part of the registration COCs had to tell HUD if they were planning on reallocating (though HUD explicitly stated they would not hold COCs to this). Per the Steering vote, we said we were planning on reallocating. HUD asked for the amount of funds the COC is planning on reallocating. For this, we used the median of all non S+C projects for a conservative estimate.

Paula mentioned that the Portland COC as of 10:00am had not completed the registration process. Ginny, Vickey, and Paula will follow up on this.

There was discussion regarding MCOC needing to set and reaffirm its priorities for the upcoming NOFA round. Chet, Awa, and Donna will review and identify a draft.

**HUD Coordinated Entry Training on 5/7, Manchester, NH:** Vickey and Ginny provided an overview of the Coordinated Entry training that was held on 5/7 at HUD in Manchester, NH. The training outlined many of HUD’s priorities. HUD is moving away from using transitional housing (TH) for youth. HUD has identified (which the MCOC had not previously) that TH is a good fit for people with substance abuse issues. HUD communicated very clearly that this round there will be COCs that lose substantial funding, and COCs that gain substantial funding based on performance. Moving forward COCs will be judged against themselves (vs. other COCS) and the progress they are making.

**Upcoming Meetings:** The group decided upon the following schedule for the next Steering meetings: Monday, June 1st at 10am; Monday, June 15th at 10am. Due to the NAEH Annual Conference the group decided to move the July MCOC meeting to Thursday, July 9th at noon.

**MCOC Agenda:** The agenda was drafted to include committee updates, affirming/reaffirming chairs, CHAMP/YCSP merger, HUD TA leadership group update, HMIS data implementation plan, 2015 HIC/PIT submission update, MCOC governance update and need to revisit, other business and announcements.

No other business

**Next Meeting will be:**

**June 1st, 2015 at 10:00 am**

**Paula will offer conference number.**