

Lake County Illinois



Minutes Report - Draft

Friday, May 16, 2014

11:00 AM

**2nd floor Conference Room - Central Permit Facility
500 W. Winchester Road, Libertyville, IL 60048**

CDC Application Review Committee – Homelessness

1. ROLL CALL

The Homeless Assistance Application Review Committee (ARC) meeting was called to order at 11:02 a.m.

Guest: Kate Ceithaml of Lake County Haven

Staff: Jodi Gingiss, Brenda O'Connell and Laura Walley

Present 4 - Commissioner Russell, Commissioner Rosenthal, Commissioner Cunningham and Commissioner Venturi

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1 14-0513

Approval of December 9, 2013 minutes

Attachments: [12.09.13.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Venturi, to approve the December 9, 2013 minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Russell, Commissioner Rosenthal, Commissioner Cunningham and Commissioner Venturi

3. PUBLIC COMMENT (items not on the agenda)

There were no public comments.

4. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

5. New Business

5.1 14-0516

Presentation on Ending Homelessness in Lake County

Ms. Jodi Gingiss prefaced the presentation by stating that staff would help inform the ARC members of the problems concerning the homeless situation and the tools available to help solve those problems. She asked the members to advise staff so that the best possible community input could be gathered to ensure that the 2015 – 2019 Consolidated Plan would incorporate meaningful goals to assist the County's citizens. Ms. Brenda O'Connell distributed a handout on Illinois poverty and the types of housing available to help the County's citizens in need. She narrated a slide presentation to highlight this information, including the fact that Lake County's poverty rate, from 1998 – 2012, had increased at a greater rate than the rest of Illinois and the United States, when each were taken as a whole. Suburban poverty has increased as more than 50% of the region's poor now reside in the suburbs, as compared to 33% during the last few decades. This contrasted with the fact that most of the poverty response systems are centered within the cities. With information provided by the Regional Office of Education, Ms. O'Connell informed the ARC members of the increased number of homeless children living in Lake County. She discussed the Point-in-Time Count and the issues that may affect the homeless encountered, such as domestic violence, mental illness and substance addiction. Ms. O'Connell then spoke about best practices, including Housing First, to

quickly move people from homelessness to permanent housing. She then tied the County's Strategic Plan goals to the best practices' goals for ending homelessness. Ms. Gingiss added that goal coordination between the County's Strategic Plan and the new 5-year Consolidated Plan would be very important in order to best utilize the limited resources available.

5.2 14-0520

Demonstration of Referrals in the ServicePoint Database

Ms. O'Connell presented a demonstration on the functions and features of the ServicePoint program, Lake County's Homeless Management Information System. Each agency that utilizes the program may have their forms customized for optimal ease of usage. The ClientPoint function allows case managers to search the system by client name and to earmark those clients that are seen more often. Furthermore, shared information would indicate those agencies that have provided services to their clients and would also facilitate referrals to agencies that could further assist them. Ms. O'Connell informed the ARC of the privacy protections that an agency may set up, dependent on each client's consent. A discussion on referrals ensued.

5.3 14-0519

Preparation for 2015-2019 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
Consolidated Plan for Lake County Consortium

Ms. Gingiss asked the ARC members for their advice on information gathering to ensure that the drafting of the new Consolidated Plan would provide a well-written meaningful plan. The upcoming demolition of the Marion Jones apartment complex and the Consent Decree, which will affect many long-term nursing home residents, were offered as topics that should be researched and discussed due to their possible effects on the County's homeless population. The ARC suggested that a focus be placed on programs that would educate and foster clients to attain self-sufficiency. Commissioner Venturi said that township employees could provide information about usage of the emergency services and food pantries at their facilities. Ms. Gingiss requested that staff receive notice of upcoming village or township meetings that could provide insight to a community's needs. Commissioner Venturi said that the County's Township Supervisors regularly communicate via email and hold a monthly supervisors' lunch, which staff would be welcome to attend.

6. STAFF REPORTS

There were no staff reports.

7. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Russell, seconded by Commissioner Cunningham, to adjourn the meeting at 12:32 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Commissioner Russell, Commissioner Cunningham and
Commissioner Venturi
Not Present: 1 - Commissioner Rosenthal