

Regional Meeting

Meeting Agenda/Notes

Monday, May 3rd from 1 PM to 3 PM

Meeting Platform: Zoom

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I. Roll Call

II. Houma Region Updates/Surrounding Regions Updates

- A. Speaker: Weston Schild with CAAH will discuss upcoming resources.
 - 1. Visit <https://laboscoc.org/housing-and-services> to learn more about Outreach and fill out a request form
 - 2. Tool can be used to submit geographic location of people in need for Street Outreach teams to follow up on
- B. Start Corporation:
- C. Coordinated Entry Process: Cassandra Adams
 - a. Who meets criteria? People who are literally unsheltered homeless, living in a place not meant for habitation.
 - b. What is the referral process and what regions are served? Lafourche, Terrebonne, St John, St James, Assumption, St Bernard, Plaquemines
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- E. Network Process: Kristen Gentry
- a. Who meets criteria? "Voucher program". Can complete a coordinated entry assessment and qualify for the CE assessment as well as Street Outreach. They can only have a Voucher if they choose to not be enrolled in CE or SO.
 - b. How often can this program assist and what regions are served? Once per calendar year, 2-3 night hotel vouchers or shelter (Bunkhouse). Terrebonne Region is served. Case by Case basis for Houma cases as well as other regions.
 - c. Location? 137 New Orleans Blvd. Houma, La
- F. Beautiful Beginning Shelter: Kelli Cunningham/ Kristen Gentry
- a. Open rooms? 3 rooms open, 4 apps pending
 - b. Is there a wait list? Not at this time
 - c. Main requirements to enter the shelter? Required to work 30 hours/week to qualify for an income and transitional housing program. Need documentation such as Valid ID, SSC, work schedule if working. Children will need SSC, a shot record, proof of WIC or Health Insurance.
 - d. Location? Bond Street, Houma, La
- G. Transitional Living Program- Maegan Davis
- a. Open rooms? 2 openings
 - b. Is there a wait list? Not at this time
 - c. Main requirements to enter the shelter? Ages 16-22 experiencing homelessness. Aging out of foster care. Currently 6 youth in the program. Have to do coordinated entry, can contact the street outreach program to be referred.
 - d. Location? West main st in Houma
- H. Bunkhouse: Bobbie O'Bryan
- a. Who meets Criteria? Homeless. Working with local agencies and consolidated governments for referrals, some of those agencies provide voucher stays to the Bunkhouse. Have transitional rooms for people by themselves. Still providing meals from 5-530 pm. Averaging 30 meals per day.
 - b. Location? East side of Houma at the foot of the twinspan.
- I. TPCG: Kelli Cunngingham
- a. Any updates with RRH? COC funded rapid rehousing: 13 vouchers, 1 person searching for housing, 1 person that didn't make contact.
 - b. Also have a voucher program that requires a SS card, valid ID, and coordinated entry to get a week voucher hotel stay.
- J. Veterans Shelter: Kristen Gentry
- a. Who meets criteria? Must have activity served in a branch of the military. (Singles, no family)
 - b. Additional Information? DD214 paperwork
 - c. Where is it located? 137 New Orleans Blvd and Grand Caillou Road
 - d. Program specifics- Low barrier Shelter, light case management.

- K. GPD: Kristen Gentry
 - a. Who meets criteria? Must have activity served in a branch of the military. (Singles, no family)
 - b. Additional information? DD214 paperwork
 - c. Where is it located? 137 New Orleans Blvd
 - d. Program specifics 24 months to gain employment, education, anything to get themselves on the right track while living in the shelter. Single people
- L. SSVF
 - a. Who meets criteria? Must have activity served in a branch of the military.
 - b. Program specifics Working with about 40 veterans. 5 referrals to assign. Everyone out of hotels and into the GPD program.
- M. Options for Independence:
 - a. Any updates with RRH? 100 vouchers for the program through Options for Independence.
- N. South Central Louisiana Human Services Authority (SCLHSA):
 - a. Open discussion of SOAR Trainings- Debbie Triggs
 - i. SOAR helps train people to do SSI/SSDI, ect. applications for people who are homeless. Program needs people to do these applications. Contact Debbie.triggs@la.gov for SOAR certification training
- O. The HAVEN:
 - a. Who meets criteria? A survivor of domestic violence and sexual assault. Call crisis line to see about possible other services.
 - b. Additional information? 1 spot available right now, often changes due to survivor's urgent need.
 - c. Where is it located? Downtown Houma
 - d. Program specifics Domestic violence and sexual assault shelter. Works in collaboration with Coordinated Entry.
- P. DOC Housing:

Emergency and transitional housing for DOC: In 2021, has been able to pay for 9 at bunkhouse and 1 at start corporation.

New application for housing opportunities. DOC will pay for up to 6 months, will free up some vouchers for programs.

Biggest barriers with the homeless population: getting SSI cards due to the wait time and application process
- Q. Open floor
- R. Lafourche parish gvt: Lafourche Parish Government has a Child And Adult Care Feeding Program, for in home child care providers. This program offers payment for meals being feed to the daycare children. Please contact myself(Stacy Savoy) (985)493-6904. The program covers Tri-Parish.

III. COVID -19 Vaccine Updates

- A. Balance of State COC updates:
 - 1. 1.1M in new funding, if anyone is interested in new program opportunities

2. Monitoring: starting in the next week or two across the region. Virtual, light monitoring using a tool that will be released within the next week.
3. Training: looking to provide more training for members. Part 2 of chronic homeless documentation coming up next monday. Hoping to add to the website to utilize more. We're hoping to offer

- B. Locations offering vaccines to general public
 - a. Start Corporation
 - b. Terrebonne General Medical Center
 - c. BunkHouse
 - d. Other: SCLHSA clinics, all locations. Call for appt
 - e. Other: Ocshner (851-1234)

IV. Open Floor

Call for questions, comments, announcements, etc.

- A. Food Bank in Houma (985-851-5523) distributes homeless boxes on Thursdays from 9-11 am. Lafouche Parish Sheriffs will deliver food boxes to families without transportation.
- B. Catholic Charities has backpacks with supplies for the homeless.
- C. Hope Extreme in Houma will have shower facilities opening up in early summer for the homeless.
- D. Lafourche Parish Community Action also does their food distribution the last Thursday of every month. They rotate from Raceland, Thibodaux and South Lafourche each month. The next one should be in Raceland on May 27th.

Next Meeting scheduled for Monday, August 2, 2021 at 1:00 pm via Zoom.

V. Close Meeting

- A. Please contact Meagan Rogers, meagan.rogers@startcorp.org to update the agenda for the next regional meeting.

