

Energy Assistance Conference Call May 6, 2010

Present on call – Jeremy Coffey, Mary Beth Rathe, Kate Ellrich, Laura Demman and Mike Kelly.

1. Funding source report from Mary Beth.
 - A. Omaha COC was the first to get a report on funding sources out, trying to determine if this type of report is feasible for the remainder of the state.
 - B. There were questions on whether funding for the entire COC only should be made available or break it down by agencies or regions within the individual COC.
 - C. Some agencies were hesitant to share the information broken down by agencies or regions because there is additional funding that could be available for particular agencies, regions or counties in a COC. Could cause some hard feelings if any particular areas receive additional funding that is not being received any where else in the state.
 - D. Release of funding by COC only and then total them to be statewide information.
 - E. Agencies are concerned that if the funding amounts gets broken down by agencies, counties, etc. and these figures are released to the public, there could be additional requests that could cause funds to be exhausted earlier than planned.
 - F. Collection of data, who will get the information and how should it be shared?
 - G. This report could be used to show what has been done statewide and not focus on any particular area of the state.
 - H. NEAN might be able to direct agencies towards another source of funding if information of source is available.
 - I. Not making this information public but sharing within NEAN and CoCs and agencies working with these funds.
 - J. We need to realize this funding looks like a huge amount as a total but the amount is broken down by CoCs and must last over an extended period of time. This would make available funding at any particular time to a COC or agency a smaller amount that can be used.
 - K. Information that is not available but would be needed to make sense of the final report is the unmet gap. How much money was available and spent versus how many people still have an unmet need.
2. Disconnect and arrearage information that is received from the Head Start education program. Information is starting to come in from this program but it will be much more useful when all of the information from this program has been reported.
3. Disconnect/arrearage information was to be turned into the United Way the end of April for the first quarter of 2010.

Nothing has been received at this time. Mike Kelly will follow-up with Jan Davis to see what she has heard about the information being submitted.

Roger and Shirley were not available so no additional information regarding the Salvation Army meeting was available. There also was no new business.