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COHHIO UPDATES



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COHHIO seeks your endorsement on our FOCUS principles for foreclosure reform. To complete an online form go to o complete an on-line form, click here:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=MJox8AOaDhaJSX26EvLiBQ3d3d>

Countdown to Continuum of Care

Periodically, I'll be sending different reminders or helpful hints out through our COHHIO Updates in preparation for the 2009 Continuum of Care. This week's hints are in regards to HMIS Null and Missing Data and Leverage Letters.

HMIS Null and Missing Data – in the 2008 CoC Application, projects were asked to indicate the number of clients served and entered into HMIS between 1/1/2007 and 12/31/2007. Projects were also requested to indicate the percentage of records with null or missing values or unknown values for the following data quality elements: Name, Social Security Number, Date of Birth, Ethnicity, Race, Gender, Veteran Status, Disabling Condition, Residence Prior to Program Entry and Zip Code of Last Permanent Address. If HUD follows suit in asking the same type of information this year, it is time to get prepared before the application is released.

- Now is the time to make sure that all of your data is entered into HMIS for 2008.
- It is a great time to run a report in HMIS to check what your null, missing, or unknown values are and enter that data.
- If you are unsure how to run that report, please take the time to contact your CoC HMIS Administrator and ask for their help with this task.
- It is better to take the time now to make sure you have accurate and thorough data, then to be bogged down with this and the application when it is released.

Leverage Letters – HUD requires that you have written commitment in hand for any leveraged items you wish to include as match or leverage for your project. HUD has stated those written commitments must include the following:

- Be documented on letterhead stationary.
- Signed and dated by an authorized representative.
- Name of the project including applicant and sponsor organization to which the contribution will be given.
- Name of the organization providing the contribution.
- Date that the contribution will be available (this should coincide with the project program year).
- The value of the contribution and how the value was determined: donated professional services at customary rate and volunteer time should be valued at \$10 per hour.
- MUST NOT have soft wording in the statement, such as, "if the Ohio Metropolitan Housing Authority is approved for the Shelter Plus Care Program"; "we intend to provide funding if Housing First Program is funded"; "Subject to...".
- If CASH resources, the type of activity for which the funds will be used needs to be noted in the letter (e.g., case management, child care, education, etc.).



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Obtaining ESG Stimulus Funds For Nonprofits

The National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty (NLCHP) and the National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) are offering this webinar training to assist entities to understand the requirements and opportunities under the Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) homeless prevention funding. The training will be Wednesday, April 1 from 2-3 p.m. To register for the training, please go to <http://www.nlchp.org/events.cfm>

Children's Mental Health Day

Tuesday, May 5, 2009

The Ohio Federation for Children's Mental Health will be holding its Children's Mental Health Day events on the West Plaza of the Statehouse in Columbus.

Ohio Resiliency Ring

11:00 a.m. – Youth Entertainment

11:30 a.m. – Presentations

12:00 p.m. – Formation of the Ring

For additional details call 513-761-6030 or go to

www.ohiofederation.org

Funding Opportunities

Violence Prevention Programs for Youth Funded

United Methodist Church: A Brighter Future for Children and Youth, an initiative of the United Methodist Church, supports nonprofit organizations that address the needs of children and young people age 5 to 18 in the areas of violence prevention, anti-abuse, and relationship abuse. Grants of up to \$4,000 are provided to small-scale, community, and church-based programs. Grant requests must be submitted by July 1, 2009. For more information: <http://hbs.gbqm-umc.org/umw/money/grants/abrighterfuture/>

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