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### A Message from CEO Nonie Brennan

As the country prepares for a new presidential administration, All Chicago's staff is monitoring the national conversation to determine if and how HUD funding for housing and homeless services may be impacted. In the midst of change and uncertainty, we do feel optimistic that federal funding for our work will continue because HUD has enjoyed good bi-partisan support, regardless of administration, in the past. We are committed to building relationships within the new administration to both educate and advocate for continued support. And as always, we are committed to keeping all our partners informed and knowledgeable about any direction or strategy that HUD sets, so that we are working together at local, state, and federal levels to ensure that homelessness in our city is ended and prevented.

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Dr. Nonie Brennan, CEO



BREAKFAST with ALL CHICAGO

## You're Invited to Breakfast with All Chicago!

Join us for *Breakfast with All Chicago*, an inspiriting morning that unites key community partners actively working together to find everyone in Chicago a home.

We are pleased to announce that Deputy Mayor and Chief Neighborhood Development Officer Andrea Zopp, will now be joining us as our keynote speaker. Unfortunately, Mayor Rahm Emanuel, has been forced to cancel his appearance due to unexpected travel outside of the country.

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effectively
combines
immediate
resources with
long term
strategies to
address the
complex issue of
homelessness.

When: Friday, November 18, 2016 from 7:30am - 9:00am

Where: The Standard Club - 320 S. Plymouth Ct., Chicago IL 60604

All Chicago Partner Agency Ticket Price \$30.00

Buy your tickets here.



## Call for Entries: AIA/HUD Secretary's 2017 Housing & Community Design Awards

Applications for the 2017 Housing and Community Design Awards program are currently being accepted by the Residential Knowledge Community of The American Institute of Architects (AIA), in conjunction with the Office of the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). These annual awards recognize excellence in affordable housing, community-based design, participatory design, and housing accessibility.

Award-winning designs will be publicized by HUD and featured in AlA's online newspaper, *AlA Architect*. The winning designs will also be honored at the 2017 AlA national convention in Orlando, Florida, on April 27-29.

Applications are due **November 18, 2016**. Award criteria and instructions for online submissions are located at the <u>AlA website</u>. Questions should be directed to AlA at (202) 626-7563 or by email to <u>honorsawards@aia.org</u>. Visit the <u>HUD Secretary's Awards page</u> on HUD User to read about past winners.

## Chicago ALL Continuum of Care Bi-Annual Meeting

**Event Details** 

December 15, 2016 Deborah's Place Gym (2822 W. Jackson) 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

During this meeting, the CoC membership will vote on the following items:

- Slate for the 2017 Board of Directors
- Collaborative Applicant Selection
- Charter Amendments

Please register here: <a href="http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/3180645/All-CoC-Meeting-2016">http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/3180645/All-CoC-Meeting-2016</a>

## CoC Capacity Building Effort

Through generous support from the Polk Bros. Foundation, All Chicago has retained the services of Corporation for Supportive Housing to help it

All Chicago's Program eNewsletter (including Continuum of Care news!) goes each month.

and the CoC strengthen our collective capacity to end homelessness in Chicago. To make this as comprehensive of a process as possible, All Chicago and Corporation for Supportive Housing respectfully request your input on what is working and what can be improved moving forward.

out on the 15th of Please take a minute to complete this simple survey by December 7, 2016: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2GLXZG6

Do you have news or updates to share in the eNewsletter? Send us an email!

Preliminary findings from the survey and selected interviews will be presented immediately following the All CoC Biannual Meeting on December 15, 2016 (noon to 1:30p at Deborah's Place). For additional information, please email:

cocprograms@allchicago.org

## StreetLight Chicago Youth Resource App

Join Our Mailing List!

StreetLight Chicago is the new Homeless Youth Resource App which provides young people experiencing homelessness in the Chicago area with up-to-date information on shelters, health clinics, emergency contacts, mental health services, and more.

IPhone users can download the app via <a href="https://appsto.re/us/4oVidb.i">https://appsto.re/us/4oVidb.i</a> Android users via <a href="https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?">https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?</a> id=com.app.p1591CD&hl=en

#### 1115 Medicaid Waiver

Hello Continuum of Care Advocates!

We are excited to share that on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016, the State of Illinois submitted its 1115 Medicaid Waiver to the federal government for approval as part of its "Plan for Transformation for Behavioral Health."

The bottom line is that if the Waiver is approved, Illinois will receive an influx of federal dollars to reform and strengthen our behavioral health system which would be a great benefit to many providers and stakeholders within Illinois Continua of Care.

In the Waiver application, the state is asking the federal government to cover services under Medicaid that have historically not been Medicaid services (such as supportive housing and supported employment), as well as build up the infrastructure of the community-based system. The Waiver proposes to invest \$1.2 billion over a five-year period.

The Waiver lays out a vision for what a "nation-leading" behavioral health system should look like. Many of the initiatives are things that service providers and advocates within the CoC have been pushing for years.

Some of the highlights of the plan are:

- Certain supportive housing services (tenancy supports)
- Establishing Integrated Health Homes (IHHs) for behavioral health and primary care
- Creating a value-based payment system (moving away from feefor-service contractina)
- Rule reform of the three Medicaid mental health and substance

- use rules
- Early screening and treatment
- Building capacity for mental health and substance use treatment services
- First Episode Treatment of Psychosis programs
- Supported employment
- Expanding community-based substance use services
- Criminal justice pilots for individuals leaving state prisons and Cook County Jail to connect individuals to community services prerelease
- Workforce training and development to support system transformation

The Plan shows great promise if done well (and in combination with other reforms, such as rate reform and other necessary state investments).

The period for public comments to be submitted to the Federal Government is open until November 19<sup>th</sup> at 11PM.

The Chicago CoC Advocacy Committee would like to encourage you and/or your agency help support and guide this initiative by submitting public comments. A template of sample comments has been provided, but please feel free to modify the comments to meet your needs and perspective.

To submit comments, please follow the link belowhttps://public.medicaid.gov/connect.ti/public.comments/view? objectId=1888259

Thank you for your efforts to help transform Illinois Behavioral Health System!

- Chicago CoC Advocacy Committee

## Chicago Continuum of Care Membership Registration

The Chicago Continuum of Care is made up of passionate and dedicated individuals and organizations committed to preventing and ending homelessness. We invite everyone interested in this mission to become a member of the CoC. By becoming a dues paying member you as an individual or your organization will be afforded the right to vote at semi-annual All CoC Meetings, as well as, become a voting member within the multiple CoC Committees. Being a voting member means you are helping to shape the direction our community takes in preventing and ending homelessness and other key decisions as a CoC membership. Please note per the Chicago CoC Governance Charter, to be a voting member at the semi-annual All CoC Meetings you must have submitted your membership application and paid dues or requested a waiver at least 14 days prior to the Meeting. To submit a membership application:

You can complete the membership application here.

If you are unable to complete the application online, please email <a href="mailto:CoCPrograms@allchicago.org">CoCPrograms@allchicago.org</a> to request a paper copy of the application.

### CoC Committee Webpage Access

Many of the CoC Committees are doing an awesome job with submitting their meeting agendas, materials and minutes for the CoC webpages. These webpages are an easy way to access the information - <a href="Check the pages out here">check the pages out here</a>. And remember that if you have items to submit for posting, please <a href="Use this online form">use this online form</a> and your items will be posted the Friday following your submission.

## Requests for Proposals: Collaborative Applicant

The City of Chicago's Continuum of Care (CoC) is announcing its request for proposals (RFP) for an organization to serve as the Collaborative Applicant to the Chicago CoC for grants related to the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009 (HEARTH Act) grant program. The Collaborative Applicant's duty is to manage the NOFA application process, submit the Collaborative Application to HUD, and collaborate with the stakeholders of the CoC to ensure it strengthens Chicago's community-wide planning and coordination of homeless programs in the City of Chicago.

For information on the RFP including minimum eligibility criteria and RFP response instructions, please

visit: <a href="https://chicagocac.wordpress.com/rfp/">https://chicagocac.wordpress.com/rfp/</a>. The deadline for submission of the RFP is December 12, 2016.



### **SOAR Technical Assistance RFA**

All Chicago is planning to respond to a <u>RFA</u> released by the SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) Technical Assistance Center. This RFA will select up to five CoCs nationally for participation in the SOAR Technical Assistance Program. Participation in the program is an opportunity to work directly with the SOAR TA Center to develop an action plan for establishing the community infrastructure and collaborations needed to solidly implement SOAR within the CoC. A SOAR local lead will also be able to attend a Leadership Academy, where they will learn skills to sustain the SOAR structure within the CoC. All Chicago is seeking SOAR stakeholders and interested parties to join the conversation around responding to this RFA at a meeting on November 29, 2016, 9:30am, at All Chicago (651 W Washington, Suite 504). Please send an email to <u>cocprograms@allchicago.org</u> for more information.

## MacArthur Foundation Research HOW HOUSING MATTERS

In February 2016, the MacArthur Foundation, the Polk Bros. Foundation, The Chicago Community Trust, and the Wieboldt Foundation hosted funders, practitioners and policy makers in Chicago to discuss working at the intersection of housing and three other specific sectors - health, education, and criminal justice. Significant themes emerged from the

conversation, which were compiled into a whitepaper summary, which can be read here.



## State Homeless Prevention Program

After more than a year on hiatus, the State Homeless Prevention Funds program is running again and able to serve at-risk and homeless households.

The Homeless Prevention Program provides rental/mortgage assistance, security deposit assistance, utility assistance, approved case management, and approved supportive services to individuals and families who are Chicago residents in imminent danger of eviction, foreclosure or are currently homeless. Supportive services are provided in an effort to stabilize families in their existing homes, shorten the amount of time that individuals and families stay in shelters, and assist individuals and families with securing affordable housing. The households must document to the provider a temporary economic crisis beyond household control, by giving evidence of at least one of the following conditions:

- Hoss of employment
- medical disability or emergency
- loss or delay of some form of public benefit
- -natural disaster
- -substantial change in household composition
- -victimization by criminal activity
- illegal action by a landlord

-displacement by a government or private action, or some other condition which constitutes a hardship comparable to the other conditions enumerated above.

The household must also be able to demonstrate an ability to meet prospective rental/utility obligations or mortgage payments after assistance has been granted based on current or anticipated income. Payments for Homeless Prevention services must be made to a landlord, utility company or other vendor who provides housing or other services on behalf of an applicant for assistance.

Individuals and families seeking assistance should call "311" and ask for "short-term help" to be assessed and referred for funds if meeting the criteria.

## Rental Assistance Program Resource

The Department of Family and Support Services (DFSS) Emergency Rental Assistance Program (RAP) provides financial assistance to Chicago residents directly related to the prevention of homelessness to eligible individuals and families who are in danger of eviction. The program is designed to stabilize individuals and families in their existing rental unit. Assistance may include payment of up to six months of rent arrears or rent. Application requirements include documentation of crisis of emergency (such as a temporary loss of income statement from an employer, or a court order to evacuate), proof of income, identification,

and housing documentation.

Chicago residents can apply for this assistance at any of the <u>six DFSS</u> <u>Community Service Centers</u>. Potential applicants should call the centers to schedule appointments and to learn more about the program.

### Illinois Hardest Hit Program

Need help paying your mortgage? Experienced a drop in household income? If so, you may qualify for up to \$35,000 in federal assistance at no cost to you. See press release.

The Illinois Hardest Hit Fund® program provides mortgage assistance to homeowners who have experienced at least a 15 percent income reduction due to a qualifying hardship event and who meet the eligibility criteria. The assistance allows eligible households to avoid foreclosure while they work to regain employment and financial stability.

Want to know more about qualifying for Illinois Hardest Hit assistance? See the FAQs.

- WARNING - www.illinoishardesthit.org is the OFFICIAL website for the Illinois Hardest Hit Fund Program. If you feel you have become a victim of mortgage assistance fraud, you may contact us at mortgagefraud@ihda.org or contact the US Department of Treasury's Office of Financial Stability Anti-Fraud Unit or the SIGTARP Hotline.

Para la versión en español, clic aqui.

## Free - Foreclosure Prevention Workshop

#### **CEDA Registration**

One-on-one counseling is available to individuals and families respectively who are delinquent in or in default of losing their homes. The client's situation is assessed by HUD certified housing counselors who work jointly with lenders and servicers on behalf of the homeowner. If successful, a payment plan is developed to help applicants remain in their homes and prevent foreclosure. To register, please call (312) 782-CEDA (2332) ext. 8962. For more information, click here for the flyer.

#### Workshop Dates and Times:

Wednesday, October 19, 2016, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

## Free - Renters Rights Workshop

The Metropolitan Tenants Organization (MTO) will hold a Free Renters Rights Workshop Tuesday, December 13, 2016.

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm West Side Justice Center 601 S. California Avenue

Learn about your rights, what the law requires of your landlord, and how to address common apartment problems.

Trainers will help tenants write letters to their landlords!

For more information, call: 773-292-4980, ext. 246

(Trainings are held on the second Tuesday of every month.)

#### Other Announcements

## Transitional Housing Openings for Veterans

Due to an increased number of veterans moving from homelessness to stable housing in the community, Featherfist currently has several openings in their:

Featherfist FORT 2 - Transitional Housing Program 7254-56 S. Blackstone Chicago, Illinois 60619

Interested veterans can contact Mr. Isiah Norris - Facility Director at 773-256-1200.

## Miriam Apartments - Waitlist for Women Only

- Subsidized (low-income), furnished, studios for women only.
- Vintage building on a quiet, tree-lined street close to public transportation.
- Rent includes heat and utilities.
- Elevator, Laundromat and 24/7 desk clerk.
- On-site property management, maintenance and resident support services
- Activities included to build community and provide a healthy environment.

#### How to get on the Waitlist for the Miriam Apartments

The Miriam Waitlist will stay open until it reaches the limit of 640 applicants. Once that quota is reached, the waitlist will close. Interested applicants must complete a pre-application at the Miriam Apartments during the hours indicated below:

#### Miriam Apartments

Only For Single Adult Homeless Women | Not for Families 4707 N. Malden Chicago, IL 60640 (773) 273-6700 Only 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday-Friday

### Mentoring Opportunities

Mayor Emanuel has committed to expanding mentoring opportunities for young men (8th-10th grade) across the city and has issued a citywide call to action. There will be funding opportunities to support programs that want to be a part of this important work. An information session will be held November 18, 10:00am - 12:00pm at Davis Park, 4430 S. Marshfield Ave. Chicago, IL 60609. For more information please contact Monica Dunleavy-Gerster at 312.743.0208 or email at Monica.dunleavygerster@cityofchicago.org.

## Chicago Property Tax Rebate

The Chicago Property Tax Rebate Program is now accepting applications at 26 neighborhood locations citywide. The program provides eligible middle and working-class families and seniors with some property tax relief through a City-funded rebate. More information about the program, including eligibility requirements and the locations of the 26 neighborhood sites where applications can be completed, is available online here.

## Two Opportunities for Non-Profits: #ILGive and Chicago Cares Volunteers

The Department of Family and Supportive Services (DFSS) is sharing information about two opportunities that can build and support your agency.

First, Forefront's #ILGive for Giving Tuesday campaign could introduce your agency to 1 million new donors looking to give on November 29. It's free to delegates and it helps to diversify funding bases.

As the official civic campaign for Giving Tuesday in Illinois, #ILGive for Giving Tuesday is mobilizing the social impact sector to engage more individuals to give more money to Illinois charitable organizations. They're planning, through a new media partnership with JC Deceaux and the Chicago Sun-Times, to drive close to 1 million prospective donor eyes to our ILGive campaign participants. Last year, human service organizations were hugely successful in our campaign, raising \$1.3M out of our \$5.7M total.

There is still time to add your agency to Giving Tuesday.

Click <u>here</u> to find a toolkit with sample blog posts, social media images and much more! You can join the movement this November 29 by registering your nonprofit on:

https://www.ilgive.com/ by November 18.

**Second**, DFSS is partnering with Chicago Cares to recruit volunteers who could assist you in expanding your capacity. Chicago Cares is in a unique position to act on its mission of mobilizing volunteers to create a stronger, more unified Chicago.

If you would like to join, or have any questions about the Chicago Cares Referral Program, please contact Laura McCann, Coordinator, Programs Administration, at <a href="mailto:lmccann@chicagocares.org">lmccann@chicagocares.org</a>.

We recognize that most DFSS delegates require background checks for their volunteers. When a prospective volunteer identifies a delegate agency they would like to assist on the Chicago Cares referral portal, the volunteer will be asked to contact the delegate agency directly. Delegate agencies may then send the volunteer's name and e-mail address to Chicago Cares for background screening through its national partner, Verified Volunteers. Verified Volunteers will then contact the candidate to request personally identifiable information and a contribution to Chicago Cares to cover the cost of the background screening (typically \$21). For more information on the Chicago Cares' Referral Program, click <a href="https://example.com/here-example.com/h

## Housing Choice Vouchers (State Fact Sheets)

The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities recently published new state fact sheets on Housing Choice Vouchers, including a focus on how they help combat homelessness.

To view the national and state housing fact sheets and data <u>click here</u>. Find the map in the middle of the page, hover over your state, and you'll see HCV Fact Sheets.

## Thresholds SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT

Thresholds provides **Outpatient** and **Intensive Outpatient Services** that are person-centered, trauma-informed, holistic, and supported by strong research evidence. Thresholds Substance Use Treatment Program has launched **TWO treatment locations** serving South Chicago and South Suburban Communities as well as West Chicago and West Suburban Communities.

South: 121st and Western West: Menard and Lake

Referrals can be made either by calling 1-888-828-5709 or completing the referral form found at <a href="https://www.thresholds.org/substance-use.">www.thresholds.org/substance-use.</a>

### **Employment Opportunities**

The Mission Continues is a national non-profit organization that empowers veterans to find new missions at home by deploying them in their communities. The Chicago Office is hiring a full-time Regional Resource Specialist. Learn more about the position and apply online here.

All Chicago is hiring for several staff positions:

- Vice President of Finance and Administration
- Director of Innovation and Impact
- Systems Analyst Coordinated Entry
- More positions coming soon!

Review the complete job descriptions and application instructions here!

Sarah's Circle is currently looking for a Director of Program Operations.

#### ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Director of Program Operations is responsible for the effective management of all agency programs; Daytime Program, Interim Housing, Permanent Supportive Housing and Clinical Services. The Director of Program Operations will ensure delivery of all case management, clinical services, and physical human need services, in each of the agency programs. The Director is responsible for collaborating with the Director of Program Evaluation and Foundation Relations for program evaluation, ensuring accurate data collection and HMIS data input. The Director will work with the Executive Director to

ensure compliance with all Human Resource policies and practices.

Candidates should apply to <a href="mailto:apply@sarahs-circle.org">apply@sarahs-circle.org</a>.

# Save Money with a Free Staples Group Membership to the Back Office Collaborative

All Chicago's partner agencies with a budget size of less than \$5 million are eligible for FREE Staples Group MEMBERSHIP in the <u>Back Office</u> <u>Cooperative</u> (BOC). BOC currently has 65 non-profit members that together create buying power and reduce back office expenses. Members save in categories like bank fees, cleaning services, energy/utilities, equipment maintenance, office supplies and much, much more.

For your free Staples Group membership, contact Linda Zager at 312-949-5690 or <u>linda.zager@thebackofficecoop.org</u> and mention that you are an All Chicago partner agency.