CoCB Grant Committee
July 25th, 2017
11:00 PM – 12:00 PM
River Place Conference Room 3 - Polk County Health Services
Attendees:

Agenda
Welcome

60 Minutes  2017 NOFA

• Timeline:
  o Open meeting August 25th from 9.30 AM to 11.00 AM
  o Project Applications due: August 11th at noon
  o Grant Committee to review and decide allocations: August 17th from
    8.30 AM to 12.30 PM
  o August 21st: HCC mtg at 10.00 AM and CoCB board meeting at
    noon, room 1A
  o September 11th: DSM City Council to approve CoC Funding
    allocations
  o September 11th to September 18th: CoC Application posted on our
    website for public comment
  o Submit CoC Grant by September 26th

• Overview of this year’s competition
• Changes from 2016
• Exits to permanent destination measurement for 2017 CoC Cycle

Next meeting: September 26th, 2017

Adjourn: 12:00 PM
House of Mercy
Grant end: February 28, 2018

Concern:
Current openings will be filled with clients with high needs who may not be stabilized when the
grant ends in February. Traditionally permanent supportive housing means the client would not
have to leave the unit, but each client will have to leave the unit at some time because each unit
is located on House of Mercy owned property. Clients who are chronic or score high on the VI-
SPDAT may be likely to re-enter the homeless system after six or seven months in the House of
Mercy program. Being housed for this amount of time would also affect a client’s length of time
homeless and chronic status. If they leave House of Mercy without a plan for housing, increased
income and other supports needed, they will likely re-enter the system but may no longer be
chronic due to their time housed.

Proposal:
House of Mercy is proposing that prioritization for the grant be waived for the remaining period
of the grant. That families or individuals with lower VI-SPDAT scores be referred as there will be
fewer barriers for them to overcome in the remaining months of the grant and they will be more
likely to successfully exit the program to other permanent housing. Following a meeting with
Centralized Intake, House of Mercy is proposing to fill the open units in June and July with
clients who meet unit size, disability and fall in the rapid rehousing score of the VI-SPDAT. All
client’s entering the program would be notified of the grant end date and would be provided
case management support to find permanent housing following the end of the grant.
Our vision is for everyone in Polk County to have a safe place to call home.