

COORDINATING COMMITTEE

MINUTES 01.24.20

I. Regional Updates

- a. Family Tree – GOALS broke ground on shelter expansion in new program, will have 50 people capacity
 - i. House of Hope – Englewood has some empty rooms
- b. VA – veteran By-Name List (BNL) is now in OneHome in HMIS, increasing data quality and visibility
 - i. RFP open for new Grant Per-Diem beds
- c. Salvation Army – Family Services moving locations to the Citadel Corps, which should be more accessible to families; beginning a new data system
- d. The Action Center – reopening the shelter for Red Rocks students with a partnership with Red Rocks Community college; opening date TDB;
 - i. there are also many people coming into TAC with provider referrals that have not made appointments, but can only receive an emergency food bag and need to return – please help them make appointments
- e. Jeff Co. Human Services – standing up a county-wide regional navigation team (6 housing navigators, each housed at a main municipality in Jeff Co.)
- f. Jeff Co. – Wheat Ridge and Golden have approved zoning amendments for sheltering in churches, Arvada is on board, Littleton/Englewood are allowing permits to shelter in the winter; launching a Severe Weather Response program in the next few weeks
- g. Energy Outreach Colorado – hiring a Behavior Change Specialist, entry-level, flexible and engaging
 - i. remember to reach-out when renovating/building new shelters so that EOC can provide pro-bono services to make the buildings more energy efficient
- h. Boulder– continuing to make progress in Longmont on Safe Parking; working hard to deal with political policy issues around homelessness;
 - i. council extended low-barrier shelter to full-time; two meetings dedicated to addressing homelessness policy in July
 - ii. Arapahoe County – Housing Assistance Program that can be used for eviction/prevention; county has recently adopted HMIS, looking at how they can improve data quality;
 - iii. Housing and Homelessness study in Littleton/Englewood/Centennial beginning after PIT
- i. CCH – Fusion Studios opening properties on 37th and Quebec within the next 30 days;
 - i. Veterans building has broken ground; Legacy opening with additional units;
 - ii. working with providers in the area to try to come up with solutions to camping-related violence
- j. St. Francis Center – expanding case management/social services program, hiring information on website; dorm/SRO-style and PSH project construction beginning soon at Warren Methodist Church

- k. Rocky Mountain Human Services VA – still working on building rapport with property managers and real estate companies that work with veterans; problems with limited housing options as opposed to funding availability
- l. Colorado Center on Law and Policy – a lot of upcoming legislation affecting homelessness/services; fund for Eviction lawyers;
- m. City of Thornton – magnet event for PIT and Street Outreach went very well;
 - i. new full-time housing coordinator;
 - ii. application for assistance funds program recently closed
- n. Jewish Family Service – number of job openings, including therapists and part-time housing navigators
- o. Gathering Place – daytime drop-in center for women/trans/children, serve 50% homeless and 50% in poverty;
 - i. have seen a decline in people accessing free GED program (there is free childcare available);
 - ii. hired three new peer navigators;
 - iii. tracking the SNAP changes and challenges with RTDs Lived Program for low-income riders (process is too complex)

II. Sheltering Plan

- a. Back in October the group asked, “What does MDHI need to know to address gaps in shelter services?” The Committee broke into two groups to discuss these follow-up questions. The chairs will combine this info and move to produce some talking points for MDHI board/leadership from the community need perspective
 - i. 5 things MDHI needs to know to be good advocates for sheltering
 - ii. A concise problem statement about what we’re dealing with

EVENTS

GATHERING PLACE, ART SHOW

February 7th

31ST ANNUAL WOMEN’S LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

7:00am – 9:00am

Scottish Rite Masonic Center

1370 Grant Street, Denver 80203

Tickets and info [here](#)

ALL FAMILIES DESERVE A CHANCE COALITION

Day at the Capitol

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

8:00am – 12:00pm

Capital Building, Rm 0112

200 E Colfax Ave, Denver (North side of the building)

Agenda

8:00am – Breakfast
8:30am – Advocacy Training
9:30am – Meet with Legislators
10:30am – Optional Tour
11:30am – Debrief & Lunch

Dress professionally for the day. Wear Teal.
Event is a part of *Women & Family Wednesdays*
Questions and RSVPs afdcoalition@gmail.com

HOST Homelessness Resolution Subcommittee Meeting

Denver Housing Stability
February 28th, 10:30am-12:00pm in room 4.I.5
Webb Municipal Building, 201 W. Colfax; Room 4.F.3
By invite only, contact Angie Nelson