

Subject	MDHI Coordinating Committee Meeting	Date	5.26.17
Scribe	Jared Kebbell	Time	9 am-11 am
Attendees	Lindi Sinton (co-chair, VOA), Rebecca Mayer (MDHI), Diane Howald (MDHI), Jared Kebbell (MDHI VISTA), Lisa Searchinger (HOPE), Laura Ware (Bayaud), Tom Luehrs (St. Francis Center), Stephanie Kok (MHBHC-Day Resource Center), Jay Reszka (Cold Weather Care), Dave Riggs (ACHA), Erin Iserman (Bayaud), Tasha Kleinsteuber (MHBHC-Day Resource Center), Angela Bornemann (Access hsg), Shelly Hines (JFS), Cameron Shropshire (MCPN), Ben Nichols (Arapahoe County), Ian Fletcher (MDHI -OneHome), Renee Crews (Denver's Road Home), Allie Card (Family Promise), Jenn Seybold (Cold Weather Care), Candie Madril (ACHA VISTA), John Claybaugh (DHOL), Ann Gifford (RMHS), Kate Skarbek (City of Westminster)		

Key Points Discussed

No	Topic	Highlights
1.	Adams County Presentation	<p>Dave Riggs, Jay Reszka and Kate Skarbek presenting. Overview of Adams County geography and population distribution. Adam County PIT is inexact, reveals no clear trends and undercounts the homeless population. There has been no capacity for a steady PIT coordinator for the county over the years. The emphasis in last year's PIT was on improving count of unsheltered homeless. They showed a video about the 2017 PIT and the challenges that effort faces partly due to: rural nature of the unincorporated county, the lack of centralized services and overlap with other counties. Adams County is leading the state in McKinney-Vento homeless student population and suffers from a severe shortage of shelter beds (only 52 beds, 72 during the winter including 8 for singles, county-wide) and most other resources. The undercounting of the population on the PIT is a barrier to change because it gives people a false impression of the scale of the problem. Adams County Coalition for the Homeless is an effort to collaborate that began about two years ago. A homeless services coordinator position is being evaluated, and hopes to be approved in October. Recommendations for other measures have been made by the group.</p> <p>-Conversation around large population of mobile home parks and the difficulties that accompany these parks. Also, discussion around large car camping population, some due to need to be around school and others due to lack of shelters.</p> <p>-Conversations around "safe parking" program in California; various options for cross-county collaboration/voucher system; people being sent to Denver for services due to lack of services in Adams; shelter tracking of outcomes; support for strong NOFA applications; support for Adams County PIT count in 2018.</p>
2.	Employment Update	<p>Successfully hosted their first employment event on 5/12. Two employers came to participate in interviews. Seven participants were from Urban Peak, Bayaud and CCH. Several of them obtained employment.</p>
3.	County and Agency Updates	<p>--Aurora Day Resource Center -Opening day resource center in Aurora that could serve 400 people/day next to MHBHC/Comitis on the Fitzsimmons Campus. June 27th Aurora Homeless Connect: lots of resource providers, hopefully in coordination with opening of day center, 250 guests expected.</p> <p>--Access Housing – Currently only have 6 units available for families -Have been working to rehab 2 housing units damaged by flooding, considering possibility of utilizing one for emergency overnight.</p> <p>--Cold Weather Care: Only shelter for singles in Adams county during winter months (outside of Comitis) saw more disabled and elderly residents who are not well enough to leave shelter during the day. Working to address that issue as well as those that work overnight and need shelter at other times of the day. August 4th we'll be holding a gala fundraising event in Westminster, former Bronco will be MC.</p>

3.	County and Agency Updates - continued	<p>--JCMH/Jefferson County: 90 mental health first aid trainings will be available free to the public.</p> <p>--Boulder County: Significant recent closures. No emergency services, day shelter. Summer Bed Program currently has RFP, First Step Transitional Housing still available. Bridge House is still providing Community Table meals at churches. Boulder Planning Board held a public hearing last Thursday regarding the Attention Homes PSH project, it was 5 hours long. The vote has been delayed until 5/30. Longmont HOPE is increasing Street outreach services. New regional approach is slowly being implemented.</p> <p>--St. Francis Center: expanding storage lockers for individuals by 200 spaces in about two weeks (around mid-June). New storage will be at 14th and Franklin. Rapid entry with storage will be implemented. Spaces will be given out on a first come, first serve basis.</p> <p>--Arapahoe County: ArapaHome this month discussed building more support for the plan by addressing concerns around lacking data of those experiencing homelessness -plans to complete an additional homelessness survey this summer, specific areas are: Littleton, Centennial, and Englewood. They hope to increase understanding of the homelessness problem in the area. Women's Health Week at Jeffco MCPN clinic featured providers from the community and people from the community. Another event for Men's Health Week is happening at the DelMar Parkway MCPN clinic on June 13th.</p> <p>--OneHome: Partner agreements to define and formalize the relationship, due back by June 12th. ROI modification: length of time being extended. VI-SPDAT 2.0 feedback is still needed and will be compatible with new HMIS. July training curriculum on the VI-SPDAT in each of the regions and this training will be mandatory for everyone doing the VI-SPDAT. We're organizing trainings around the region and still looking for space in Adams County to hold one.</p> <p>--MDHI: HMIS potential vendors evaluation continues, 7 proposals were submitted. The 2017 PIT report is being prepared and will be discussed in more detail next month. Streamlining the PIT process for 2018. We'll start planning this summer and outreach to county planning groups. Exploring rapid scan and other mobile technology to assist PIT sampling. Plans to do mapping for unsheltered count with support from agency staff. Training for volunteers and agency staff and coordinating volunteer requests will be coordinated by MDHI. Additional Come and Be Counted events are being pursued.</p> <p>NOFA: We've put together new protocols that are out for public comment.</p> <p>SOAR: Working to increase awareness and support for the SOAR process in Metro Denver and in conjunction with Coordinated entry; Diane went to a leadership academy and is reaching out to current SOAR case managers for feedback on the process and looking for interest for participation in a Metro area steering committee to assist. We'll also be considering applying for grants to support the SOAR process</p> <p>Stakeholder Meeting on June 14th, limited space left to register.</p>
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Decisions/Recommendations			
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