

C Meeting Notes				
Subject	Coordinating Committee		Date	7.28.17
Scribe	Diane Howald/Alexa Wood		Time	9-11 am
Attendees	Isabel McDevitt (co-chair; Boulder BridgeHouse) Diane Howald (MDHI), Rebecca Mayer (MDHI), Randle Loeb, Missy Mish (VA), Diane Alumno (VA), Ann Gifford (RMHS), Sonja Dahmer (RMHS), Phyllis Minter (RMHS/HAV), Alison Gerbig (RMHS/HAV) Missy Gildhouse (Jefferson County), Dave Riggs (Adams Housing authority), Alexa Wood (MCPN VISTA), Angela Bornemann (Access housing), Candi Madril (ACHA VISTA), Linda Barringer (Family Tree), Courtney Fischer (VOA), Lisa Searchinger (HOPE), Deborah Hopkins (Sam House), Jorgelina Karner (Community Reentry Project), Sue Gilman (Bayaud), Dale Wanty (Salvation Army), Shelly Hines (Jewish Family Service), Tammy Bellofatto (CCH), Jennifer Orlando (CDHS), Renee Crews (Denver's Road Home), Jay Reszka (Cold Weather Care), Deborah Hopkins (Catholic Charities), Kelly Shinn (Earthlinks), Kathy Otten (Jefferson County) Johanna Leal (State of Colorado)			
Key Points Discussed				
No	Topic	Highlights		
1.	MDHI updates	<p>HMIS demos - have occurred with 4 different vendors. MDHI is compiling the feedback from participants and there will be an August 1st Statewide CoC meeting to discuss feedback and put forth a recommendation. The 3 CoC boards will vote on accepting the recommendation in August.</p> <p>SOAR – SOAR is a process to assist persons experiencing homelessness more successfully apply to SSDI/SSI when eligible. Colorado DBS has dissolved and Easter Seals will be absorbing pieces of the DBS's programming and staff. They will continue as the SOAR state lead, Diane Howald with MDHI is the Metro Denver local lead, and together they are working to form a steering committee to produce a working and efficient SOAR process in the area. The steering committee implementation meeting is scheduled for 9/6. If you would like to be in touch, be invited, or have questions email diane.howald@mdhi.org.</p> <p>NOFA – the HUD Notice of Funding Availability was released July 14th. The timeline and all available info is on the MDHI website. New funding is available and 10 letters of interest to apply were received by Wednesday's deadline. It is a competition among 400+nationwide CoC's for the HUD available funds – other CoC's info is available on the HUD Exchange. Final submission of the coordinated application is due Sept. 28th.</p> <p>Focus Strategies – community wide evaluation (presentation to MDHI board is also available on Coord. Committee page under March) will be coming forth this summer. They will evaluate the entire metro-wide system, not only CoC resources. There will be a funder's collaborative, and requests will be made to agencies for budgets and data.</p>		
2.	County and agency updates	<p>Point in Time discussion – Metro-wide planning launch party 10/6 at MHUW large conference room. MDHI engaging in pre-planning and evaluation for 2018. A one-page flyer will be distributed to agencies at Project Homeless Connect and at local meetings. Discussions around training improvements, and events in counties to engage those camping outside to come in for services/resources and complete the PIT survey. Questions around some of the data, how and if observations are counted/reported, training, using people with lived experience on that night to lead outreach groups, and the benefits to community volunteers by participating and engaging with those experiencing homelessness. MDHI will address any questions or comments on the 2017 PIT report, please email joe.baker@mdhi.org.</p> <p>(Continued on page 2)</p>		

2. County and agency updates Continued.

- Denver Urban Matters is closing at the end of August. They provided many services to the community, such as employment, resume, ID, and food bank.

CCH employment – Taskforce Denver Homeless resource fair August 5th at CHUN

Jefferson County – County accepted federal funds (CDBG and HOME) of approx. 1.7 million after 6.5 hours of debate with a 3-0 vote, there was talk of re-evaluating by 2020 to reconsider accepting these funds.

Family Tree – Still have prevention dollars to spend in Denver county without usual HUD rules

Bayaud – responded to question from VA and will look into posting the laundry truck schedule

OneHome – Regional Governing Council town hall community meeting - 8/1 at 10:30 at Denver Public Library to discuss the OneHome system for those currently or recently experiencing homelessness

Adams County – Human services building is moving. [Brighton Housing Authority](#) Housing Choice Voucher opening lottery on 9/13 at Armory – resource fair there 8am - 12p

Boulder – County engaging in new coordinated entry system expected to be running by 10/1. New sheltering with housing navigation focus began this summer

DOLA – 25 PSH vouchers for community re-entry focus, starting with community health centers to pair with services

OneHome Outreach task force – led by Heather Beck at CCH, met for first time to discuss outreach, where it is and isn't happening through formal and informal systems. Next meeting August 24th 9-10am at MHUW.