

Coordinating Committee

Date: August 25, 2017

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Attendees: Lindi Sinton (VOA, co-chair), Isabel McDevitt (Bridge House, co-chair), Kate Skarbek (City of Westminster), Kathy Mulloy (VOA), Cameron Shropshire (MCPN), Alexa Wood (MCPN), Sue Gilman (Bayaud), Courtney Fischer (VOA), Kathy Otten (JeffCo), Tom Horton (Samaritan House), Shelley McKittrick (City of Aurora), Ian Fletcher (MDHI), Robert Neumann (MHWU), Kelly Shinn (Earthlinks), Sonja Dahmer (Rocky Mountain Human Services), Vanessa Quintana (City of Aurora), Erin Isener (Bayaud), Peggy Louther (Denver Parole), Amberly Chalberg (Denver Parole), Missy Gildhouse (JeffCo Human Services), Claire Clurman (Attention Homes), Kathy Messer (Jewish Family Services), Megan Morales (VOA), Diane Howald (MDHI), Jared Kebbell (MDHI), Hayley Feldman (City of Aurora), Jennifer Orlando (CDHS), Candie Madril (Adams County Housing Authority), Dave Riggs (Adams County Housing Authority), Renee Crews (Denver's Road Home), Laura Ware (Bayaud), Allie Card (Family Promise), Angela Bornemann (Access Housing)

Updates

--City of Westminster considered a study about affordable housing and what the city can do to promote this
--RMHS: we have funds for RR and homeless prevention
--Samaritan House: Smith Road shelter is now ready and will open in mid-September. It will hold 100 women overnight.
--VOA women's overflow shelter on Peoria will close in mid-Sept, timed to match the Smith Road opening
--Bridge House: Oct. 1. Two RFIs for shelter in Boulder and Longmont and coordinated entry for the entire county. Also creating a voucher program
--JeffCo Human Services: severe weather shelter will be open nightly from November through March and then go back to being a severe weather shelter activation for October and April. A large encampment in Arvada was discovered by CDOT and has to be moved because of upcoming road construction. It is a very large encampment and there are young girls there for unknown reasons. The police intend to breakup the encampment. Outreach to its residents will be conducted during daylight hours. Determining who the young girls are and why they are there is a top priority.
--City of Aurora: the Assertive Engagement and Excellence in Housing Based Case Management trainings with Ian Jong still have spaces available.
--Attention Homes: moving forward with building the approved PSH for youth 18-24
--Employment Committee: Training on September 15th. Home Depot will be there and possibly two other employers.
--Mean Street Ministries opening up another location in Arvada with The Rising

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Jennifer Orlando, Office of Early Childhood presenting:
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Discussion of Early childhood programs offered and how they can

	<p>be utilized by families experiencing homelessness:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> --Colorado Community Response: voluntary prevention services program --Healthy Steps for Young Children: --Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters: --Nurse Family Partnership: this is a program for new, low income mothers and involves counseling with highly trained nurses. The wait list so far isn't very problematic. These services begin during pregnancy. Nurses will meet clients where they are, frequently not in housing. --Parents as Teachers: Parent Educators meet with families to encourage early childhood development and school-readiness --SafeCare: --Early Intervention resources available --Head Start --Social-Emotional Development <p>CDHS new website where information on all available services can be found.</p> <p>Brainstorming ideas for extending access to people experiencing homelessness:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Public schools request people to do laundry for young children at school because one of the reasons they don't attend is they don't have clean clothes. -Reach out to McKinney-Vento state coordinator -CO state doesn't provide direct service, just funding to partner organizations/agencies in the counties. Spreadsheet of available programs by county is available.
<p>MDHI Updates</p>	<p>Point In Time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> --January 29, 2018 will be the night. We're going to do a "Blitz Count" this year. All of our data will be collected Monday night and Tuesday only. This will enhance the validity of our data. "Everyone Counts" events are planned to increase the count of the unsheltered homeless. --PIT Launch event is planned for October 6, 2017 --pit@mdhi.org is the email address where you can send any questions/concerns <p>NOFA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> --Nearly \$1.5 million in bonus funding available. Six applications (just over \$4 million) have submitted applications. NOFA committee will decide which applicants will be ranked and how. <p>SOAR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> --Steering committee is planned for 9/6. There will be a SOAR 101 webinar will be on 9/1 – contact Diane for more info <p>HMIS:</p>

	<p>--Our board approved a recommendation for a statewide system and approved a vendor. Pikes Peak CoC will be voting on a vendor next week. Balance of the State is also voting on a vendor. Also under discussion is which agency should administer HMIS.</p> <p>Prevention Affinity Group: --September 7th will be the first meeting of this group, will be meeting quarterly --it will be attempting to take a census of prevention resources and explore coordinating prevention efforts across agencies</p>
<p>OneHome Updates</p>	<p>--Coordinated Entry Background --OneHome Youth: TAY-VI-SPDAT is the common assessment tool for transition aged youth 16-24; July 2017: 19 youth have gotten leases, 14 more are in progress. PSH programs (STAR and ROWAN) are being integrated. YTP is an RRH program. --Family Pilot: working on developing a triage tool, a series of questions to help determine which families should be given a VI-SPDAT because of the large volume of families. We have RRH programs with different program models available for families, so we're ramping up case conferencing so we can match families with the right kind of RRH program. PSH resources for families is in short supply. *Comment from group: One barrier for housing families is orientation. -25% of housed families managed to self-resolve, which underscores the importance of diversion programs. --RGC/Community Town Hall: this event was designed to solicit feedback from people with lived experience. The main feedback was that people experiencing homelessness and service providers are not aware of OneHome and greater outreach and education is needed. Overall, people at the meeting were very appreciative of the opportunity to offer feedback and encouraged greater such outreach in the future. --Technology: Salesforce data management system is coming in late October and will last until the new HMIS system comes online. Data from all the populations will be migrated into Salesforce. The new system will have many advantages --Iain de Jong will be visiting next week and hosting Assertive Engagement and case management trainings. --the OneHome newsletter will be integrated into a weekly MDHI newsletter. We want this to be a forum for any news or agency updates you want to share with the community. We would like you provide us with all of the information and relevant links so we can easily add to the newsletter --PHA engagement: working with 13 area PHAs to better engage with people experiencing homelessness and how we can more efficiently use resources</p>

