

Coordinating Committee Minutes

Date: January 26, 2018

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Attendees: Lindi Sinton (co-chair), Diane Howald (MDHI), Rebecca Mayer (MDHI), Courtney Fisher (VOA-Irving Street), Renee Crews (DRH), Jennifer Biess (Boulder County), Will Kemp (Senior Support Services), Molly Ream (Bayaud), Robert Neumann (MHUW), Angela Bornemann (ACCESS Housing), Laura McGarry (MHBHC/Comitis), Amanda Peacock (Aurora@Home VISTA), Paige Dennis (MCPN VISTA), David Cornish (Salvation Army), Jenna Lowthian (Salvation Army), Candie Madril (ACHA VISTA), Missy Mish (VA), Laura Ware (Bayaud/CCLP), Diane Alumno (VA), Randall Loeb, Tamara Joiner (VOA-Bannock), David Riggs (ACHA), Shelley McKittrick (COA), Morgan Wieziolowski (Family Tree VISTA), Sue Gilman (Bayaud), John Parker (RMHS), Allie Card (Family Promise), Ilyas El-Amin (CCH), Tammy Bellafatto (CCH)

Updates

-Aurora: Aurora@Home is growing beyond its original mission. Originally, it's goal was just to end family homelessness, but now they have new funding sources, and the new Day Resources Center (13387 19th & Wheeling). They plan to renew their various MOUs and update to the new circumstances. The day resource center is getting more services. \$200,000 has been granted from the city for eviction prevention, diversion and rehousing assistance--that program will soon be requiring the VI-SPDAT. A@H has prevented 50 evictions and housed 69 people the past year. This has been a partnership between the city, providers and MDHI. The Aurora Day Resources Center (13387 19th & Wheeling) still need more supportive services, but this program benefits people whose needs don't rise to the level of OneHome service. There are two housing case managers located at ADRC. Wellness focused therapy, like art therapy. Computer literacy and employment counseling. They see about 100-150 people per day, 500 unduplicated per month. Aurora Monday night for PIT: Slumber Party at the DRC. People referred must reside/be camping in Aurora or have some connection to services in Aurora.

-Laura Ware: Several important bills will be considered in the current session of the state legislature, including a Clean Slate bill to help returning citizens expunge their records. It was suggested that next month might be a good idea to do an overview of bills because there are so many this session.

-Adams County: Del West bought the Baker's School near 64th and Lowell, and will be turning it into 142 units of affordable housing. 45 units of PSH targeting those exiting foster care, 100 units. 3CE is moving their office to 11860 N. Pecos St. in Westminster.

DRH: Cathedral Square, 20th & Broadway housing is on hold for months because of water damage. CHP+ was renewed.

-Boulder: new sheltering model; 100 people have been housed

	<p>from the sheltering programs. They're convening a housing working group for adults experiencing homelessness. City council passed an amendment to the criteria for activating severe weather sheltering. It's now 38 when wet or 20 and below. Coordinated Entry for shelters is designed to provide a well-known, single entry-point to provide screenings and refer people to the services they need. They've screened 1095 people since October. Half are referred to navigation and the other half are referred to the shelters for longer term help. People have the option to sign up for a reserve bed so they can stay at the shelter until they find homes. 160 beds are available, with 120 typically reserved. Coordinated Entry is required for longer-term interventions. Boulder is also participating with OneHome case conferencing.</p> <p>-VOA: have been hosting Delores Project shelter for women and transgendered people while their new building is being constructed however the temp shelter location at the old Brandon Center is moving. VOA is trying to relocate them to the ground floor at the VSC, until the new shelter for them is built. Women must go through the Gathering Place because it's not a walk-up. A shelter for 50 older women who are veterans or family members of veterans is planned, but funding is still being sought.</p> <p>-CCH: HHS accepted application for services at Federal Center. They're putting together the financing and then will proceed to build 600 units of housing with supportive services on site. Phase I is Transitional Housing and Phase II is Permanent Supportive Housing. Temporary shelter will be constructed on the site immediately for families and individuals. Preference will be given to people in Jefferson County. This project could be used as a model for providing a diverse range of housing solutions for people with many types of needs. There's shared living arrangements with services on site. Public sentiment in JeffCo is a preference for mixed-use housing for this project – however not allowed under the McKinney Vento law under which the land was acquired. Huge community reaction is to be anticipated whenever affordable housing is constructed, but is an obstacle that is always overcome.</p> <p>CCH FAQ sheet Denverite News article</p> <p>-delay in opening Downtown Lofts – SIB housing project due to water damage/piping issue</p> <p>Randall: Is having his 67th birthday and it will be open for all and will include games and prizes for the kids. 4-8 pm</p>
<p>Employment Committee</p>	<p>If you'd like to get involved with the Employment committee email co-chairs: Laura Ware (lauraware985@gmail.com) or Courtney Fischer (cfischer@voacolorado.org)</p> <p>-Collaborating with Sage Hospitality to make a big hiring event. If</p>

	<p>any other communities are interested in doing a similar event, a training exists on how to mobilize enthusiasm and educates on the means but is also adaptable to different organizations' needs.</p> <p>-There was a training in October with Home Depot and another is coming up in February. Committee members send people to be trained and then have interviews done immediately, on site. The Committee is certainly open to referrals, but they need to be committed candidates who have had some previous trainings because the interviews are immediate.</p> <p>-Working with MDHI to help get employment services into the Housing First sites</p> <p>-Encouraging housing sites to promote employment is something the committee is focusing on.</p> <p>-Developing a training for professionalism in non-profits, including developing a certification for case management that doesn't require a degree</p> <p>-To participate in the Employment Committee, email Laura or Diane and the meeting occurs in the latter half of Coordinating Committee with the possibility of an additional meeting because they have a crowded agenda for 2018.</p>
<p>MDHI Updates</p>	<p>OneHome updates: 2018 plans: better defining access points for OneHome, developing an initial screening to divert people to lower level interventions if they need it, Salesforce expansion to more populations, the new OneHome website will be introduced in 2018</p> <p>-A pre-screening tool has been found to be best practice nationally and is now being encouraged by HUD. The VI-SPDAT will only be performed after every attempt has been made to meet people's needs by diverting people into lower-level interventions</p> <p>Q: Is this care trauma-informed? A: Yes, the VI-SPDAT being performed on those who can't be helped by it is not trauma informed, so changing the sequence is designed to be help people without being unnecessarily intrusive.</p> <p>-Initial screening: this will be more efficient--reserving heavy interventions for those who need them, avoiding re-traumatizing people by doing a VI-SPDAT for those who won't qualify for higher level interventions, creating more realistic expectations of services for clients, reducing the number of VI-SPDATs and thus saving valuable staff time and reducing complexity.</p> <p>Comment: this seems more efficacious because it can target immediate help for those who need it immediately</p>

Q: The group you met with is only for Denver shelters?

A: For now, yes, but we might expand to other areas. Having a regional shelter group is something that would be valuable

Q: Is there a training plan for the screening tool?

A: We don't have the tool developed yet, but we will certainly plan trainings for the community once we do.

-Salesforce is the interim data management tool between Google and the new HMIS. The veterans pilot will continue and then be expanded to other populations in stages

Q: Missy (VA), how's it going?

A: (thumbs up). Everyone is responsible for their own data and that results in less missed data.

Comment: It used to be hard to know if a VI-SPDAT had been done within the community, but now there is an easy way to find out. Salesforce gives people access to that data automatically across agencies

-Currently, work is focused on migrating data. A new, smaller pilot is planned for non-vets.

-In Salesforce, UCIs and ROIs will no longer be necessary. New forms will be available after the Google platform freeze, tentatively scheduled for 28 February

-The MDHI Weekly Roundup is a weekly update that includes valuable information about this and many other developments.

Q: Salesforce will be integrated with the new HMIS?

A: No, it will be replaced by the new HMIS and the data will be migrated. Salesforce is here to provide an interim, unified database to prepare for HMIS

HMIS

-The new statewide governance group convened. Representatives include those from around the state, including Rebecca (MDHI) Renee (DRM) Ian Kyle (VOA)

-First meeting informed people of the purpose of the group and set up subcommittees and working groups. Many decisions must be made about data migration and monitoring the new HMIS vendor once they're established.

-There are also 4 reps from the Balance Of the State and Pikes Peak CoCs and one from the state government.

-There are several other types of work we're considering doing and how to prioritize them. The goal is for HMIS to be a valuable tool for the community

Q: Deadline for everyone using this?

A: Will have a much better idea of when by the next meeting as final details are clarified, such as funding

Q: Who's the new vendor?

A: Bitfocus

Point in Time

-The community has been working together very well. The number of locations doing a count has increased dramatically over last year. Outreach has been divided in Denver into 14 different zones- much bigger than last year. There was a big volunteer push last week and it is now believed we have enough vols. The last vol training in Denver will be Saturday and Monday. There's also an online training video (under the training tab on the Everyone Counts website).

Family Tree (Jeffco): Planned magnet events include Monday night, Columbine Library, unaccompanied youth, potluck. Tuesday: Arvada and Belmar Library. Six outreach teams are also planned for Monday

Q: Outreach is planned outside Denver, too?

A: Yes, though it looks different in each community. Only Denver and Aurora have formalized street outreach teams.

Q: How is street outreach going in Aurora?

A: There are 6 wards. We have 8 outreach vans. Everyone has an experienced provider, volunteers and a person with lived experience. City employees have volunteered to be drivers. A 9th van is the cold weather crisis van to provide transportation for those in crisis. Monday morning at 10 Aurora Warms the Night will activate its motel vouchering for the night of the PIT regardless of temperature. ADRC will have the slumber party. Other sites will be using staff on site and volunteers to conduct surveys. Tuesday RMHS will be surveying at 3 libraries. Aurora interfaith alliance, friends of st. andrews and others are going to be doing surveys, too. There's a training today at 1 and a pre-deployment one at 4 on Monday.

Comment: when people are north of Colfax, they are in Adams County.

Comment: the GIS system we have this year means that locations are determined exactly by GPS

-some counties have fewer resources than others, so participation is encouraged across the board

-The Busse Room at Mile High United Way will be used for training and then it will be a command center where we can watch data come in. On the website, under participating Agencies, there is a reference guide with important phone numbers and guidance for different situations. There are posters for advertising magnet events. Adams County is hosting 5 different magnet events. The weather is forecast to be warmer, which might reduce participation since there will be fewer people in shelters.

Comment: Alix has done an amazing job in getting different stakeholders aware of the problem and involved in the PIT

-County Coordinators contact info is available on the Everyone Counts website. Available volunteer sites are visible under "Volunteer" on the Everyone Counts website. The Everyone Counts website is easily accessible via the MDHI website. Practice surveys are available on the Everyone Counts website and everyone planning to volunteer is encouraged to use this resource!

-Location Services must be turned on on your mobile device in order for the GIS to function properly.

- Not participating the survey will not disqualify people from receiving incentives

-The questions on the digital survey are the same as on the paper one, but it leads you through step by step

Q: Is the supplemental youth survey digital?

A: No, the youth survey is only available in the paper version. We were unable to add it to the digital version this year.

-The youth form asks more questions about sexual orientation and gender identity than the main PIT. Nationally, 40% of homeless youth identify as LGBTQ, and our numbers did not reflect this last year.

Q: Will the timeline for release of information be the same as last year?

A: Yes, though the inclusion of digital surveys should make things easier. There are so many new things we're trying this year, we can't be sure how long things will take.