

Coordinating Committee Meeting
March 23rd, 2018
9am-11am
Mile High United Way, 711 Park Ave. West
Brad Busse Board Room

Minutes

I. Introductions & updates

- City of Aurora received approval for an additional \$500,000 in funds from Aurora City Council for the House Aurora Partnership - used data to show value of program and previously utilized funds. Available to Aurora residents or those receiving services in Aurora (such as staying at Comitis)
- Jewish Family services resource fair is April 20th, flyer sent out in committee reminder email earlier this week
- MaryJane Carr (One Home) is on Denver's zoning and codes planning group – let her know if you have input or comments
- Denver's Road Home – regarding last month meeting comments on Crossroads shelter – there are no plans for closure - DRH, the Salvation army and city departments are working together to maintain the site for the allowable number of guests for the foreseeable future while always evaluating the needs for shelter in the community.
- Samaritan house (family floor) is closing for renovation— within a week or so they will discontinue intake, as to not displace too many people. They expect the family floor renovation to result in 5 additional rooms (total of 26) and should take a few months.
- DU's Graduate school of Social work is having a public event focused on homelessness— you can attend in person or virtually, seems targeted to academia — homelessness is one of the 12 issues that have been identified as Social Work Grand Challenges. GSSW plans to have a series that will address each of the them.
- Adams County Housing has rebranded – the new name for the housing authority is “Unison Housing Partners”

II. OneHome updates and discussion

- OneHome Family – Ilyas El-Amin, OneHome family coordinator:
 - Family shelter meetings have been occurring regularly with decent participation.
 - Started tracking data regarding inflow and outflow and numbers of those turned away
 - Discussing what successful outcomes mean
 - OneHome Family prioritization
 - Discussing whether prioritization in One Home is best to start with sheltered or unsheltered
 - Sheltered families could be prioritized, that would in turn open up shelter space for families that might be on the street. Also hoping it would be more effective, and house families faster if we start with the shelters

- Recently completed a process map – approximately 1 month from pre-match to housed – working to expedite that further
- Building a network for family support in our region, including complex case review
- Have a meeting planned with the McKinney Vento school liaisons in April to find way to better collaborate across systems
- Overall OneHome Discussion
 - Committee members shared feedback that they felt that communication was lacking around the OneHome system, it's procedures, operations and access
 - In general, some shared they felt the system was confusing and wanted more clarity
 - Discussion around how to share feedback more effectively both to OneHome and from OneHome meeting for One Home, meets every other month, next meeting is in April
 - MDHI and One home —how can they receive feedback better?
 - Community design team is one forum to share feedback on the system
 - People attending CDT maybe not complain, but express your challenges, and offer suggestions on how to improve the processes
 - Meeting is every other month, 3rd Thursday – this April 19th is the next one
 - Is it on the attendees of the meeting, to ensure the info & discussions from CDT and bringing it back to your organizations? Will discuss at CDT.
 - OneHome team members present would bring the discussion back to the team to talk further
- Chronic homelessness documentation discussion — It can be challenging to verify & to meet HUD requirements. Working to come up with universal template, streamline the process. Next meeting is May 1st, if interested in attending Contact Ian.Fletcher@mdhi.org.

III. MDHI Updates

- HMIS —
 - Funding has been identified for the new vendor, and contracts are pending with DOLA/DOH and DDHS
 - The Colorado Statewide HMIS Collaborative is working on transition plans and has seated four subcommittees: Funding and Resources, Policies and Procedures, Transition, and Training & Management
 - The HMIS Lead Agency for Metro Denver will shift from CCH to MDHI in September. MDHI acknowledged CCH's work managing the system over the last several years. The MDHI Board of Directors decided to bring the responsibility in-house.
 - A transition plan is in the works.
 - There was a question about how the shift in vendor and/or lead agency would impact grant reporting. The Lead Agency has been asked to develop a calendar outlining relevant deadlines so we can work with agencies to get their reporting needs met during the transition.

- Youth Homeless Demonstration Project:
 - Putting together the application for this project — due April 17th
 - Metro Denver could be an ideal place to pilot this project in addressing youth homelessness, many partners, regionally focused, and largest Metro area is the region
 - Foster care system and juvenile justice system are place many youth experiencing homelessness have experienced – this funding and TA would help the CoC and youth providers work more closely and effectively with these systems
 - *Letters of support:* we support this, we are ready to participate in planning for this project, we would love to be apart of this (anyone who serves under 18 or 18-24 in their programs – not only youth focused)
 - Announcement of selected communities expected in approximately 3 months from HUD, then get about 4 months to plan
 - YHDP funds two year grants, starting at \$1 million, but likely more – based on a formula from HUD
 - **This project requires a Youth Action Board — Regardless if we get this project, the Youth Action Board is now an official committee of the CoC. Participants will be compensated for their time.**
 - **Need more interested participants from around the region! Currently is all youth from Urban Peak programming (Thanks Urban Peak!) Contact Diane.Howald@mdhi.org if you have questions or know youth that would be interested (under 25 years and some experience of homelessness)**
 - All 3 CoCs in Colorado are applying for this, rural areas apply separately than metro areas. CO Springs is applying as a metro region. Possible for more than 1 CoC in a state to be selected

- Other Comments:
 - When will the Point in Time number be available?
 - Weekly phone calls with the researchers regarding the data, and the official report should be out in early June (data is due to HUD at the end of April)
 - Info will be included in the report around the purpose and usefulness of the PIT numbers, i.e. that the PIT number is not a depiction of homelessness in our community year-round. It's a snapshot of any given night.

Attendees: Lindi Sinton (co-chair, VOA), Diane Howald (MDHI), Randle Loeb, Sue Gilman (Bayaud), Molly Duncan (Bayaud), Joel Cassady (St. Francis Center), Courtney Fischer (Irving Street Women's Residence), Diane Alumno (VA), Shawna Miller (Almost Home), Maryjane Carr (OneHome), Robb Neumann (MHUW), Laura McGarry (MHBHC), Katherine Keenan (Energy Outreach Colorado), Kathy Messer (Jewish Family Services), Morgan Wieziolowski (Family Tree/VISTA), Paige Dennis (MCPN/VISTA), Cameron Shropshire (MCPN), Jackie Hernandez (MDHI), Ilyas El-Amin (OneHome/CCH), Megan Morales (OneHome/VOA), Laura Ware (CCLP/Bayaud), Megan Nyce (CDOH), Tom Luehrs (St. Francis Center), Amanda Peacock (Aurora@Home/VISTA), Chris Venable (Urban Peak), Tracy Brooks (DRM), Missy Gildhouse (Jeffco Human Service), Megan Nyce (DOH), Allie Card (Family Promise), Lisa Searchinger (H.O.P.E.)

Next Meeting April 27th, 2018