

MDHI Coordinating Committee
June 22nd, 2018
9:00-11:00am
Mile High United Way, 711 Park Avenue West

Minutes

I. Welcome, introductions and updates

- Bridge House in Boulder is opening “Ready to Work” facility in Aurora – looking to hire a program director
- Lyft is offering free rides for medical appointments, or veterans seeking services in general (access it through 211, ask for transportation services, only need a phone able to receive texts) *limited # of rides
- Bayaud has added a second laundry truck for the community ([Link to location schedule here.](#))
- VA hospital is moving to the Fitzsimmons campus – bldg. A on July 28th
- CoC NOFA has come out – see [MDHI’s CoC NOFA Headquarters](#)
- JeffCo Action center closed their shelter (we should plan ahead and have a breakout session in the next month or two regarding shelters)
- Sacred Heart shelter closed for shelter updates – does this every summer
- Denver’s Road home looking to have a meeting of all charitable groups that do “feeds” to talk about come together and talk about them – to support and share information from a public health standpoint as well
- Unison housing partners broke ground on new senior property in Thornton 104th and Colorado

II. Presentation from Energy Outreach Colorado (Denise Stepto, chief communication officer presenting, contact info: dstepto@energyoutreach.org,

III. website - <https://www.energyoutreach.org/>)

How can Energy Outreach Colorado help homelessness programs? Or enhance what we do for clients?

- Help low income Coloradans
- Assistance with: *energy bill payment assistance, weatherization, energy-efficient enhancements, non-profit facility upgrades*
- Partner with agencies and organizations, leverage resources

Filling the Gap

- a. CIP – upgrades furnaces or air conditioners at no cost to clients
- b. CARE – program raised un-restricted dollars to update homes and apartments
- c. Homeless to Home -- pays old utility bills, to assist people from coming from homeless to start fresh with their excel bill (pays maximum of \$3000 per household)

- i. *Eligible if:* entering housing from being homeless, are receiving housing or homeless prevention from a homelessness program, OR is at imminent risk of eviction with no prior history of homelessness
- Advocates – voice/watch dog on utilities statewide, affordable bills, fair and reasonable, and that low income voices are represented. (politically active to protect programs like LEAP, “loud and proud” to advocate for such programs)

Example of recent project:

- a. Partnership with CDOT & City of Denver to mitigate impact of construction on homes by the new I-70 construction (updating and securing homes in this area from unhealthy construction dust, debris, noise, etc.) i.e. windows, roofs, doors, insulation, A/C
- b. 282 homes (York to Colorado Blvd.), 87% participation
- Contact Denise Stepto, Chief Communications Officer for more information or questions: dstepto@energyoutreach.org

IV. Employment committee update:

- At recent Employment Committee community training –
 - o Marriott Denver tech center did job interviews, at least 6 people got offered follow up interviews
 - o Marriott is an awesome partner, excited to continue working with us
- RRH – discussing how we can connect RRH clients with employment, or provide better employment assistance to RRH clients
- developing nonprofit training curriculum with MDHI and Burns Center, and Bayaud, to teach people how to be social service providers (to teach people how to work at non-profits in different capacity) **Want to provide a certificate of completion for people who complete this training*
- How do we help people get beyond “I got a job”, beyond the first week of work for clients, how can we help people sustain a career overtime? One topic of ongoing discussion.

V. OneHome Updates:

- Consistent messaging and goals for 2018, always asking ourselves: Does this help participants resolve their housing crisis as soon as possible?
- Ian Fletcher moving to lead HMIS transition, new OneHome program manager hired: Bethany Maynard-Moody – starting in late July.
- PSH graduation planning in process (previous called move-on strategy)
- Built for zero – convening in Detroit June 26-28th
- Regional governing council vacancies right now
- Colorado house bill WIN! – HB18-1432 signed into law (prohibits housing discrimination based on source of income) ****run into any non-compliance contact Colorado Center for law and policy**
- Creating an initial screening tool for everyone

Housed so far in 2018:

Individuals – 72PSH, 14RRH

Families- 10 PSH & 18 RRH

Youth: 9PSH & 2 RRH

Veterans: 98 housed

- Equity and Accessibility work group, meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month 11-12pm @MDHI, contact Ilyas or Karissa if interested or have questions
- All meeting information on the website @ <https://www.onehomeco.org/calendar>

VI. CoC Governance Charter/NOFA

- MDHI governance charter has been updated and approved, helps clarify and define the structure for our CoC
- Highlights of Governance Charter:
 - a. Formalizes CoC membership – agree to support mission, vision and related efforts of MDHI, each agency may appoint one liaison for purposes of voting (e.g. at semi-annual stakeholder meetings) - stay tuned on how to apply
 - b. New committees for funders alliance, consumer advisory committee etc.
 - c. Posted on the MDHI Website -here

VII. Point in Time

- Everybody worked so hard, big thank-you to everyone's efforts
- plan on having a big community launch in early October for regional planning in one room.
- (increase vs decrease –it's not that simple, the numbers a different, because processes/methodology have changed year to year)
- PIT 'Sheltered' numbers must match the HIC (housing inventory count) according to HUD ~ this is a challenging task, we are examining how we can do this better and have more accurate data next year – who responds to these requests from your agency?
- Future PIT counts should have sheltered data coming from HMIS and databases – will streamline and improve the accuracy of the count data, as well as allow the resources to be allotted to the unsheltered count
- Improved identification of people living unsheltered in our community – due to Magnet events and increased outreach planning and coordination – especially in Adams and Jefferson Counties - Denver and Aurora as well.
- unsheltered count increased region-wide by 42% - difficult to say whether actual increase in people living unsheltered or the increased efforts led to more people found and surveyed.

- in-kind donations given to survey participants was increased significantly (500%!), thank you VISTA team for your hard work!
- Increased agency participation throughout most of the CoC!
- Contact Diane at mdhi -diane.howald@mdhi.org or PIT@mdhi.org for any PIT needs, questions, or interest in helping for 2019

Attendees: Lindi Sinton (VOA, co-chair), Isabel McDevitt (Bridge House, co-chair), Allie Card (Family Promise), Amanda Peacock (AmeriCorps VISTA), Ben Nichols (Arapahoe County), Cameron Shropshire (MCPN), Candie Madril (Unison VISTA), David Riggs (Unison Housing Partners), Denise Stepto (Energy Outreach Colorado), Deborah Hopkins (Catholic Charities), Diane Alumno (VA-CRRC), Jackie Hernandez (MDHI), Joel Cassady (SFC), Kate Skarbek (City of Westminster), Kelly Richie (EarthLinks), Laura Ware (CCHP/Bayaud), Matt Haies (boulder bridge house), Maryjane Carr (211 Mobile Assessor/One-home), Missy Gildhouse (Jefferson Human Services), Morgan Wieziolowski (AmeriCorps VISTA), Paige Dennis (AmeriCorps VISTA/MCPN), Rene Crews (Denver's Road Home) Robb Neumann (MHUW), Shelly McKittrick (City of Aurora), Shelly Hines (Jewish Family Services), Sue Gilman (Bayaud) Cameron Shropshire (MCPN).