



MDHI Coordinating Committee Meeting

August 24th 2018

9:00am-11:00am

Mile High United Way, 711 Park Ave West
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MINUTES

I. Welcome and Introductions

- Westminster Westbury fire update, it was declared an arson fire that displaced low income families
 - Please email Kate Skarbek (kskarbek@cityofwestminster.us) if you have ideas on how to find housing for individuals that have been displaced or if your program has funds available for deposit, rental assistance or a place that accepts vouchers
- Denver's Road Home updates
 - Denver Parks and Rec department and DRH plans to create a display of strung lights symbolic of people experiencing homelessness during the PIT in Sonny Lawson Park, and another for those who have passed away (in Denver).
 - Planning 'The Givers Summit' focused on charitable giving for public spaces; to bring together people to plan and work together for strategizing charity
- Pilot Program in Thornton - opening shower services twice a week at the location in Thornton, again in coordination with parks and rec – hopefully by October
- PIT
 - Efforts to start/continue regional PIT committees and see how we can improve our efforts over last year's
 - [PIT Regional Launch - October 10th -RSVP](#)
 - January 28th 2019 is the official PIT date
- Discussions about Denver Inner City Parish closing
 - Higher level employee turnover seems to be a common thread in agency and program closing in our area. It could be helpful if they were open to an "intervention committee" for the transition, to be more active and help prevent programs from going downhill or closing

II. Presentations and Updates

- **Employment committee update:**
 - i. Committee job/interviewing training on 9/28
 1. Denver public schools
 2. Urban farmer/SAGE
 - ii. Job training on Oct. 5th for RRH program staff 9am-noon @Bill Daniels Center, best practices and how can we help our clients better and getting employed
 - iii. [10/19 RRH employment training for participants](#)

- **OneHome updates:** from Bethany Maynard-Moody (bethany@mdhi.org)
 - Overarching goals and questions asked at each mtg
 - Equity and Accessibility group – next meeting Sept. 12th
 - Review of inputs and outputs by population type
 - Discussion around households new to Denver - 834 VISPDATs out of 3100ish were from people outside the metro Denver area (about 25%)
 - Remember that our input is much higher than output, OneHome is working on creative solutions, diversion, etc.
 - OneHome needs agencies updating the data in Salesforce to accurately track those housed within and outside the system
 - OneHome is developing P&P for client needs that require program changes – i.e. RRH to PSH,

- **HMIS Updates** – from Kyla Moe (kyla.moe@mdhi.org)
 - Advanced implementation, meetings with the new vendor, *BitFocus* and HMIS leads and agencies
 - Planning to address problems before they happen, trying to avoid some of the same issues that happened in the old system
 - Getting a scope of what data migration will look like, so they can have an official launch date, still targeting 2018
 - Attempting to do data quality and cleaning, in order to make the data migration as effective and accurate as possible
 - Agency verification spreadsheets
 - Survey for agencies who are not involved in HMIS but may at some point in the future
 - ‘Help Desk’ officially operated by MDHI, there is a “Self Help Portal” website. (Please be patient, 7 new staff learning everything as quickly as possible).
 - Intent is to make it easy to use, reliable and hopefully more agencies will want to use it

- **Shelter Plan update for Denver**
 - Long workshops, meetings, collaboration with people speaking not from the perspective of each agency specifically, but just in general what you want to do for the people we serve
 - New Collective Mission Statement:
 - “A collaborative, streamlined, high-quality system offered to anyone seeking shelter, putting them on a tailored pathway to housing stability”
 - Goal to have outputs = housing stability

Three year Shelter Plan for the City and County of Denver:

- a) Demand vs. Capacity
- b) Expansion, re-configuration or both
- c) Feasibility, budget and timeline

They have strategic recommendations going forward... though still in process.

Attendees: Lindi Sinton (VOA, and committee Chair), Renee Crews (DRH), Amanda Peacock (Aurora@Home VISTA), Candie Madril (Unison HP VISTA), Sue Gilman (Bayaud), Megan Morales (VOA), Megan Newton (Salvation Army), Eugene Wade (Downtown Denver Partnership), Robb Neumann (MHUW), Kate Skarbek (City of Westminster), Shelly Hines (Jewish Family Services), Allie Card (Family Promise), Diane Alumno (VA), Katharine Keenan (Energy Outreach Colorado), Megan Vizina (ACCESS Housing), Randle Loeb, Kelly Shinn (Earthlinks), Jackie Hernandez (MDHI), Kyla Moe (MDHI), Bethany Maynard-Moody (MDHI), Morgan Wieziolowski (Family Tree/Heading Home VISTA), Paige Dennis (MCPN VISTA), Amanda Gentzel (MHBHC), Dave Riggs (Unison HP), Courtney Fischer (Irving Street – VOA), Cheryl Secorski (Division of Housing), Rebecca Mayer (MDHI), Diane Howald, (MDHI), Chris Conner (Denver's Road Home), Deanne Witzke (CCH), Tom Leuhrs (St. Francis Center), Janet Rose (Bayaud), William Brown (Bayaud)