

Coordinating Committee 3.22.19 Minutes

Community Updates

- 10 open beds at [Ready to Work](#) Aurora, both male and female rooms.
- Matt Meyer-New Executive Director for MDHI introduced himself to the group
- [Open Door Ministries](#)
 - Outreach at their Family Room has formed a collaboration with Colorado mental wellness and now provide peer support services – 5 peers available Monday-Thursday. All are welcome to tour the facility at 11am on Wednesday 4/10, 1567 Marion street in Denver
 - Te Veo House got zoning and building permits approved, located nearby the family room. Hoping to be open this summer. Spots for up to 16 women for up to 6 months, will be working with Women’s Homeless Initiative
- [Denver Economic Development and Opportunity](#) (formerly OED) is Hosting -Innovate! A Solutions forum on Housing-on April 19th If interested register [here](#).
- Denver Meadows mobile home park is closing May 31st, the city of Aurora has been working to re-house those living there, including financial support to the displaced families.
 - Trailer parks are a resource for large families to find affordable housing. This may be a discussion point in the future.
 - [Energy Outreach Colorado](#) can help weatherize homes (including trailers) by request
- Salvation army’s Lambuth center is reopening as a family shelter (no longer transitional housing) in May with 25 rooms. Working with DHS and also supporting some of the Samaritan house families that will need space. Contact their Community Connections Call Center is: 303-295-3366 for info on shelter availability.
- Samaritan House family floor will be [closing](#) in Mid-May for renovations, expected to re-open in September.
- MDHI’s Employment Committee’s next training is almost finalized, will get sent out to the group when there is a date set

Presentation by Kristin Toombs, Office of Homeless Initiatives

- Presentation posted on the MDHI Coordinating committee page
- May 21st there is a stakeholder meeting about state funds at Arroyo Village, email Kristin for more information: Kristin.toombs@state.co.us
- Office of Homeless Initiatives – Request for Applications for funding opportunities - [RFA](#)

Responses to the Bomb Cyclone event last week

City of Denver-Charter busses couldn't run during the storm and the power went out at several locations, including DRM. An emergency operations center was opened to direct a response. Smaller organizations ran trucks and vans to help get people to shelter. The cross-agency collaboration was key to keeping people safe. Non-emergency police line was doing dispatch to people stuck out in the cold to help get them to shelter. Urban Peak stayed open 24 hrs at the drop in center to support youth during the crisis.

- Response was spur of the moment which was a challenge.
- Might need to work on policy triggers for when to activate such services
- Need some media coverage so that people will know where to get resources

Aurora-Comitis lost power due to the wind of the cyclone. The Day Resource Center was activated, and lost power and the generator froze up. The outreach team was sent out but didn't find anyone to transport. Helped stranded motorists until 4:30am the day of the cyclone.

Jeffco-The severe weather shelter network could not function due to volunteers not being able to travel. Motel vouchers were able to be activated by phone and email even though the access points were closed. Only Mean Street was open until 12, with many in the lobby as a warming site waiting for shelter. Law enforcement helped immensely in transport and voucher distribution, though did not really have the capacity to do so.

Adams- Discussed lack of plan and shelter to address a severe weather issue. Has workgroups planes and will work towards a future solution.

Boulder-Designated two public buildings for sheltering. The storm mostly missed Boulder and the emergency systems that were activated were eventually shut down due to it being unneeded after the weather calmed down.

MDHI Updates

OneHome updates: There are processes for reporting vacancies inside of HMIS. The OneHome team is willing to sit down and work with agencies through this transition and want to hear feedback. Please Contact Bethany for assistance and information. The OneHome team is able and willing to come to your agencies to help clarify and support!

HMIS updates: Case notes have been completely migrated. Services are currently in the process of getting transferred. HMIS team will be sharing monthly data spotlights through the communications biweekly email to the community.

The Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program NOFA has been published. MDHI is currently working on applying to be one of 25 communities to gain funding focused on youth homelessness. Last year's application was very near the scored group, so the chances look good! This is flexible money that could be used to come up with new programming and to change how we approach the problem and develop best practices.

Thanks for the support of the Denver Foundation and the Metro Mayor's Caucus, and several municipalities for giving us the funding to open the Flex Fund again. There is more information on MDHI.org for policies and procedures. This is a last resort fund to help people pay for things that prevent them from ending their homelessness crisis.

Attendees: Angie Nelson (DRH), Cameron Shropshire (Stride Health Clinics), Carol Fey (Tri-Cities Homelessness Policy Group), Chuck Lortie (Salvation Army Crossroads), Dani Paulk (Open Door Ministries), David Riggs (DEDO), Dolores Ramirez (Growing Home), Ellen Barton (Open Door Ministries), Joel Cassady (SFC), Joseph Zanovich (H.O.P.E), Katherine Keenen (Energy Outreach Colorado), Katie Medina (VOA keys to housing), Kristen Baluyot (The Salvation Army), Kristin Toombs (OHI), Laura Herridge (Rocky Mountain Human Services), Lauren McClanahan (EOC), Leslie Mongin (DPD), Linda Barringer (Heading Home), Lindi Sinton (VOA), Mandy Garman (DDRC), McKenzie Bush (Family Promise), Mikah Wagner (MDHI), Randle Loeb (Homeless Representative), Rebecca Mayer (MDHI), Shawna Miller (Almost Home), Shelley McKittrick (City of Aurora), Shelly Hines (Jewish Family Services), Sue Gilman (Bayaud), Syndey Hawkins (City of Aurora), Bill Sweeney (BOHO)