

Coordinating Committee

9/27/2019

- Housing First Lab Presentation
 - Just started organization with the intent of becoming a housing provider
 - Realized there was a robust ecosystem of housing resources in Denver
 - Operational Effectiveness
 - Evidence-based
 - Consistent data
 - Process Improvement
 - Additional Talent
 - Staffing constraints
 - Resources with analytical and data focus
 - Affordable housing
 - Constrained supply of housing for low income clients
 - Additional Development and acquisition needed
 - Fellowship model – Unite resources, talent, and knowledge across sectors to end homelessness
 - Business professional contributions
 - 6-12 months of dedicated project-based work to improve outcomes
 - Skill in data analysis, evidence-based decisions making, performance improvement
 - Housing providers contribute
 - Executive commitment to collaboration
 - Ideas for impactful 6-month projects
 - Partial short-term salary
 - Business professional
 - 2nd or 3rd year associate at a large management consulting firm
 - 4-12-month placement
 - Firms such as these are located in every major US city
 - Wants to help contribute to the eco system
 - Through this fellowship, the hope is that they can create local experts and advocates for homelessness in the area that could possibly become lifelong donors or partners
 - Questions and comments
 - The presentation mentioned a small salary?
 - Cost-sharing the salary of the business partners that were placed, contracting with Housing First Lab.
 - Ideas are great, but if there is no ability to implement those ideas then there is no point to contracting for these projects
 - trying to form an implementation fund to assist with this
 - What are some examples of projects?
 - What are the programs needs first?

- Decide on metrics that are important to track for an organization and how to implement a way to track them after the contracts end
 - Funding opportunities
 - Capacity for kickstarting programs that they would otherwise not have the ability to
 - Are you formally working with MDHI?
 - Matt Meyer – We have been working with the housing first lab since it was an idea, MDHI is working with the lab as their first incubator project. We need to be spurring innovation in the sector, and this is one way to do so. We want to encourage new people to understand the system and then form new ideas of how to interact with it. This will hopefully bring in additional capacity to all the organizations. If ideas work at one organization then we would look to implement that across programs as a system. This also gives us an opportunity to interact with new funders that aren't traditionally involved in our sector that could bring additional funds to the work that we are already doing.
 - Laura Ware – There are synthesized programs within the CoC that the Lab could bring their consulting expertise to
 - For questions and suggestions: Contact@housingfirstlab.org
- Safe Parking Workgroup
 - Several meetings already convened
 - Standard meeting time after Coordinating Committee at 11am every 4th Friday
 - Seeing models used across the country and how that interacts with our system
 - An initiative like this has not been done in a cold-weather city
 - Looking into: Locations, Possible funding sources Standardized model
 - Will bring a recommendation to the MDHI board before CoC backing approved
 - Determining scope of vehicular homelessness across region
 - City of Longmont
 - Working on the pitch with city councilors to see if they could make a good case for an initiative like this
 - Lakewood made a ban on RVs and Cars parking on any public roads in the city
 - Unclear how much of an impact this will make or what the bounds of it are
 - The group is working on creating recommendations and an initial model for a pilot
- MDHI Updates
 - Shawna miller has resigned her position as committee co-chair, and her agency
 - The coordinating Committee is now looking for another co-chair – contact Diane Howald
 - Chairs on the committees serve on the councils to increase communication with the MDHI Board
 - Board has defined 4 councils: Stakeholders, System Performance, Data Governance, and Resource
 - Senior staff member, board member, and chairs from committees under that council all attend council meetings
 - Each council reports to the Board on a quarterly basis

- Wanting to permeate people with lived experience through all committees
 - NOFA has been all consuming the past 2 months for the organization with all the ranking and scoring
 - Good news is meeting with the team and hitting the button on the submission this afternoon
 - [Posted for public comment](#)
 - This is a competitive process, and MDHI wants to improve community performance to bring in more tier 2 funding
 - Usually a couple of months to hear back from HUD, expecting to hear sometime early in the new year
- Community Updates
 - Angie Nelson – [Project Homeless Connect](#) is coming on October 10th!!!
 - Please help to support the event and spread the word about it!
 - Good-ish on volunteers
 - Last year over 1400 guests, the Veteran Stand Down usually gets about 400 attendants
 - Planning for about 1600 guests due to the combination of these two events for the community
 - Everyone will get socks and a hygiene bag
 - Haircuts, portraits, hepatitis A vaccines, eye exams, and much more!
 - Resume lab run by the employment division of City of Denver, education and employment section that works to arrange training, plus the employment fair
 - 40-60 companies show up looking to hire same day at the employment fair
 - About 140 people walked out of the event with jobs last year
 - Linda Barringer – Campaign in Jefferson county to change the fire codes to allow churches to work as shelter
 - The response by fire marshals and political sector has been great
 - There are 3 fire districts in Jefferson, was hoping for universal buy in
 - Trying to secure resources for emergency weather partnering with a fiscal agency
 - Cold Weather Care – 21st of October is the first day of services as we move into fall
 - Any questions, contact Carrie Hartsuiker (cm@coldweathercare.org)
 - Located in Adams county, but will serve any who meet criteria
 - network of churches are the hosts, 3 meals a day, gas cards, Case Management, Bus passes
 - Varies from other cold weather sheltering as 30 day stay in a program model
 - Working to increase their connections to faith communities to try to work year-round
 - Background check and drug/alcohol test are only qualifications
- Please contact Diane Howald (diane.howald@mdhi.org) about plans for severe weather sheltering as MDHI tries to communicate this info to the community

- Adams County – the workgroup is trying to formulate a county plan for how to handle severe weather sheltering
 - Also working on an action plan on how to utilize organizations and resources to move the needle on homelessness in Adams county, should be formulated in a few months
- Diane Howald – Initial Point in Time Committee retreat happened 9/24
 - Lots of innovation with mapping to help outreach coverage
 - No PIT launch, but there will be a regional convening
 - [11/7 – RSVP here](#)
 - Every communities PIT committees should attend
 - Place for people to engage with outside partners such as funders
 - Also, great place for collaboration on such things as outreach, magnet events, and plans for the count
 - Public services have been engaging in the PIT count to varying degrees
- Randall Loeb – Colorado Social Legislation Committee are having an open forum on Friday, October 18th from 6pm to 9pm on environmental issues at 5000 E. Alameda Ave, Denver, CO, 80246
 - Also, a day of remembrance/memorial is happening on December 21st at the City and County building hosted by Colorado Coalition for the Homeless
- Employment committee – Training with interviews on the 25th of October
 - Focusing on being a resource for Rapid Rehousing Clients
 - Contact Laura Ware (lauraware985@gmail.com) or Courtney Fischer (cfischer@voacolorado.org) if someone needs help to develop employment programming

Attending: Allie Card (Family Promise), Angie Nelson (Denver's Road Home), Ashley Dunn (Almost Home), Cameron Shropshire (Stride Community Health Centers), Carrie Hartsuiker (Cold Weather Care), Cassie Ratliff (Family Tree), Chuck Lortie (Salvation Army Crossroads), Courtney Fischer (Irving Street Womens Residence), Diane Howald (Metro Denver Homeless Initiative), Jaylin Stotler (City of Thornton), Kathy Mulloy (Salvation Army), Laura Ware (Bayaud Enterprises), Lauren Lapinski (Veterans Administration), Lauren McClanahan (Energy Outreach Colorado), Laurie Walowitz (The Action Center), Linda Barringer, Matt Meyer (Metro Denver Homeless Initiative), Michael Wittington (Open Door Ministries), Mikah Wagner (Metro Denver Homeless Initiative), Mike Malloy (Colorado Coalition for the Homeless), Randle Loeb, Rene Mike Hernandez (Salvation Army, Sam Olson (Adams County), Shelly Hines (Jewish Family Service), Sue Gilman (Bayaud Enterprises), Bill Sweeney (Ready To Work)