



Housing Work Group

October 18th, 2017

9am-11am

City of Austin-NHCD Training Room

Co-Chairs: Sandra Chavez (ASA), Chris Laguna (Integral Care)

Minutes

Present: Dan Mosley (HACA), Dylan Shubitz (HACA), Sandra Chavez (ASA), Greg McCormack (Front Steps), Chris Laguna (IC), Stephanie Green (Caritas), Haggai Eshed (Front Steps), Eric Kunish (NAMI), Marilyn Hartman (NAMI), Natasha Ponczek (COA), Catherine Williams (VASH), Erin Clever (VASH), Taylor Cook (COA), Gabriella Baker (COA), Erin Goodison (SAFE), Josh Rudow (NHCD), Lauren Katz (ASA), Preston Petty, Bree Williams, Abby Tatkov, Laura Evanoff, Niki Kozak, Casey Soberon, Katie Rose (ECHO Staff)

9:00-9:10 Welcome and Introductions
September minutes approved as is.

9:10-9:45 Task Group Updates Co-Chairs

- Austin Homeless Veterans Initiative
 - Have until Oct. 31st to apply for more HUD-VASH vouchers.
 - Conversations has how to start the income conversation at the time of coordinated entry. The hope is that clients walk away with understanding of income resources. Plan is to explore this process not just for Veterans. Tiered system- Earned income, disability application track, supportive employment.
 - Unused HUD-VASH vouchers due to PIT numbers- however, those communities are the only locations with Veteran inpatient services.
 - Stand down is this Friday. Veteran's day is the 11th. Red, White, & Blues Fundraiser for Housing Our Heroes Fund
- Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program
 - First and hopefully final round of revisions submitted to HUD. First turn around time for feedback was a few weeks. We are hoping for the same quick turnaround.
 - Sarah Hunter has returned as TA provider.
 - Local competition will be very public and bidder's conferences will be hosted to provide information on the competition process. Agencies will be applying for funds for already vetted programs outlined by the YHDP leadership as community needs.
- Weekly Staffing (Outreach/PSH/RRH Programs)
 - New Structure
 - PSH Work Group
 - RRH CM Work Group (x2 monthly)
 - RRH Policy Work Group
 - Outreach and Navigation Work Group

9:45-10:00 Healthy Communities Collaborative Update C. Laguna, Integral Care

- Racial Inequity training yesterday.
- Full SPDAT training- this is not the local formal training to complete VI-SPDAT as part of the coordinated assessment process. Assessment Review process is still in place.

- New hires- RN, Oak creek Support, Supportive Employment Specialist. Hiring SOAR specialists.
 - Oak Springs on target to have groundbreaking by end of the year.
- 10:00-10:15 City Innovation Office iTeam Updates T. Cook
- Lived Experience Advisory Group
 - Over 30 people participated in orientation
 - November 6th, Kickoff
 - Research Sprint 2
 - Looking to sleeping at the ARCH and lottery process
 - Interviews with case workers
 - Sprint 3 Ideas
 - Looking into people that stay outside of downtown.
- 10:15-11AM Other Community Updates and Discussions Open
- Cross-Systems Collaboration
 - Seeking out better collaboration with APD
 - APD is looking into their own data and trying to figure out the what kind of calls they are responding to and looking deeper into why those crimes are happening- getting to the social issues associated with crime.
 - Pilot completed in Rundburg. New pilot in Northeast Austin- looking at 9 or so markers: mental health, drugs, juvenile, gangs, etc. to look at the cross-section of public service and social service.
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 - Workgroup agrees that once the data has been looked through, they look forward to seeing how they can best aid APD in serving the homeless population.
 - Critical Observations Patrol And Community (COPAC) plan which addresses the safety or lack of safety residents feel in their neighborhoods. APD expresses interests in surveying housed clients as part of the efforts to increase public safety. Katie Rose is in on those discussions- feel free to contact with suggestions.
 - Agencies can provide education to APD on resources to reinforces the message of availability to people experiencing homelessness.
 - APD will share the contact info of district reps to provide information on known campsites to be used during PIT and other outreach efforts.
 - ASA potential to serve high risk negative individuals and able to hire 1.5 FTE for expansion
 - PIT Count January 27th. Still need 20 team leads. General volunteer registration starts Nov. 1st.
 - H&H Week is Nov. 11th through 19th- please send events to either Casey or Blythe with Project Transitions who are collectively putting together the events calendar.

Next Meeting Schedule: November 15th, 9AM-11AM, NHCD, 1000 E. 11th Street, Austin, TX-4th Floor Training Room.