



Housing Work Group

November 15th, 2017

9am-11am

City of Austin-NHCD Training Room

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

Minutes

Present: Sandra Chavez (ASA), Eric Kunish (NAMI), Dan Mosley (HACA), Rick Rivera (TSA), Greg McCormack (Front Steps), Andrew Willard (FFH), Natasha Shoemake (COA APH), Taylor Cook (iTeam), Josh Rudow (NHCD), Allison Shurr (St LH), Joshua Visi (APD), Marcy Stahl (Caritas), Casey Soberon, Abby Tatkow, Laura Evanoff (ECHO Staff)

9:00-9:10 Welcome and Introductions

9:10-9:45 Task Group Updates

Co-Chairs

- **Austin Homeless Veterans Initiative**
 - Secure a letter of support from VA for HUD VASH vouchers
 - Tasha presented COA resolution for a Veterans Resource Center
 - Seeking input by Dec 22nd on services available, unmet needs, and eligibility
 - 35-45 new vets continuing to be identified each month. Spike in October, possibly due to Standdown
- **Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program**
 - Informal Feedback
 - Received some informal feedback from TA provider, but not yet from USICH. Another round of revisions will be necessary.
 - True Colors Training Update
 - Twiggy with True Colors Fund came last week for a two-day workshop with Austin Youth Collective on project management
 - First Lifeworks RRH youth have been identified!
- **Weekly Staffing (Outreach/PSH/RRH Programs)**
 - Looking back 6 months to people who were housed to staff those cases- specifically for RRH, but also PSH
 - Some attended RRH Institute- plan to bring some of that material to the policy group and then RRH workgroup to create standards around best practice, budgeting
 - Discussions around being clear to PSH scoring clients what RRH entails and that once housed, they may not be eligible for PSH anymore- hence the reason why standardizing RRH is so important for us to be able to bridge to PSH in the future.
 - Working to pare through the data and determine true RRH enrollments vs one-time financial assistance
 - Belief that housing can be identified for anyone at this point, and can be said with confidence in a way that previously we could not.
 - Will need to determine how a person can be enrolled in a RRH and not be bumped off the PSH list- can be further discussed in RRH Workgroup
 - NHCD PSH units 60% acquired- suggestion to make eligibility criteria available
 - Josh to Present next month
 - ECHO to gather number of folks waiting for PSH

- 9:45-10:00 Healthy Communities Collaborative Update C. Laguna, Integral Care**
- Next phase for MLF to expand to 450 units and long-term goals of having behavior healthcare and primary healthcare play a larger role in their services
 - HCC State - added a requirement for rural expansion, with no additional funds attached; FY19 attaching criteria for criminal justice partnerships
- 10:00-10:15 City Innovation Office iTeam Updates S. Rodriguez T. Cook**
- Shared Resource List Presentation
 - City working to compile shared document for service providers and APD to use.
 - The intent is to have programs update the spreadsheet
 - Next steps: programs help to fill in data gaps, working with ARCH to develop navigation tools
 - Casey to share links with Housing Workgroup
- 10:15-11AM Other Community Updates and Discussions Open**
- APD Update
 - Josh Visi; District 4 Rep will be attending HW; Assigned to special projects and shadowing Officer Borton.
 - Does not see HOST being able to expand, but rather fall on the district reps.
 - Focusing on Oak Hill and Sunrise Church
 - Feast of Sharing Nov. 21st at Parmer Events Center 6-9pm
 - Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week
 - ECHO Fall Meeting
 - Point In Time Count
 - Josh to share City Resolutions, funding spreadsheet, and map of EMS and APD calls regarding homelessness
- Put on agenda for December:
 - City Council Resolutions/Public Health Homeless initiatives
 - APD Updates
 - NHCD PSH Updates and Story map of homeless camps

Next Meeting Schedule: December 20th, 9AM-11AM, NHCD, 1000 E. 11th Street, Austin, TX-4th Floor Training Room.