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Present Dylan Shubitz (HACA), Chris Laguna (IC), Andrew Willard (FFH), Stephanie Green (Caritas), Marcy Stahl (Caritas), Taryn Davis (Front Steps), Whitney Bright (Goodwill), Hilary Katz (Goodwill), Josh Rudow (NHCD), Ruth Ahearn (IC), Eric Kunish (NAMI), Catherine Williams (VA), Erin Clever (VA), Seetha Kulandaisamy (SAFE), Dan Mosley (HACA), Tasha Ponczek Shoemake (APH), Greg McCormack (Front Steps), Rick Rivera (TSA), Allison Shurr (StLHouse), Haggai Eshed (Front Steps), Niki Paul, Preston Petty, Bree Williams, Katie Rose, Laura Evanoff, Allison Mabbs, Nikki Kozak, Casey Soberon (ECHO)

Minutes

- 9:00-9:10 Welcome & Introductions (Co-Chairs)**
- Approve December Minutes
 - *Approved by consensus with no changes.*
- 9:10-9:45 2018 Committee Rebranding (Co-Chairs)**
- Change in the name of the group to better reflect the work being done and the existing governing structure.*
- Objectives
 - Understand the role of the Committee as it reports to the Membership Council.
 - Use this body to have deeper discussion on policy and practice related issues that will be voted on at Membership Council.
 - Attendance
 - Cleaning up current mailing list.
 - Ensuring that persons that should be attending or at a minimum receive the communications are included.
 - Each Workgroup will identify a chair to rep at the Committee.
 - Include Re-Entry Roundtable formally (Bree Currently reps); APD; TC Constables; EMS; LifeWorks; Green Doors; HATC; Sober Centers; ASO; TxDOT; two folks with lived experience (possibly from iTeam) – Send out broader categories to mailing lists to identify appropriate reps.
- 9:45-10:00 Workgroup Updates (WG Reps)**
- **Veterans – Taryn Davis, Chair**
 - More housing in January than December; only 4 under functional zero; working to locate new resources for financial assistance for VASH partners (deposits, app fees etc.); SSVF programs were able to accept 16 Veterans on waitlist; all veterans on VASH list accepted.
 - FS hiring two SOAR staff; one SOAR trained at the ARCH with Recuperative Care; SOAR Leads to meet with SSVF and VASH
 - SSVF notified that they can now accept previously enlisted veterans including active duty basic training (no reserve/national guard), but this will limit resources for veterans with uncharacterized discharge statuses and slightly increase our veteran number.
 - Veteran Affairs Committee meeting at 7pm tonight at City Hall, Room 101, to discuss resolution for Veteran Service Center
 - **PSH – Haggai Eshed, Chair**

- Created a 2018 timeline of priorities/goals to drive the year's work. Top two targeting PSH move up or move on cases; and how can we increase overall capacity
- When access to vouchers, using returns to homelessness and successful exits data to better identify voucher recipients.
- The City is exploring housing placement needs (funding gaps) for persons needing PSH in addition to risk mitigation and buy downs.
- **RRH**
 - Discussion at tomorrow's meeting to determine chairs
 - Staffing includes LOS to make immediate housing placements; Webinar Series is up and running
 - Policy Group has action plan to create objectives and action steps.
- **Outreach & Navigation**
 - Will identify co-chair at next meeting
 - Citywide outreach meeting was well attended (70 people); momentum building across the community
 - Will meet for one hour second Thursday of every month to continue conversations with case conferencing to follow.
 - Offers to two navigation specialists.
- **Income/Employment**
 - Next meeting is second Thursday of March and will identify chair.
 - SOAR Workgroup in place – not in a place to be included in the larger CoC governance structure.
 - No Prevention Workgroup, but discussion around what that would look like on a systems level – largely driven by the youth work. Appears that between the Outreach and Navigation Group, BSS+, and churches like Sunrise, some of this need is being organically met and could be improved upon.

10:00-10:15 Healthy Communities Collaborative (R. Ahearn)

- January groundbreaking of Oak Springs!! Looking at summer of 2019 to be up and running
- Communities for recovery and peer recovery coach at CF!V; formal partnership with FEC to provide payee services; HCC and ACT contract is paying FEC to expedite the process
- FS using Genesis for payee services. How to incentivize payee services to clients. Consider reducing 30% client portion if they have a payee to offset fee of having a payee.
- Recuperative Care Clinic to be onsite at CF!V.
- Structural changes within supportive housing. New hire to oversee program (Kali Gossett).

10:10-10:35 City of Austin Updates (T. Ponczek, J. Rudow)

- APH: Several stakeholder meetings about the ARCH; finalizing contract with NAEH – consulting to finalize competition documents for ARCH bid. Working with iTeam and lived experience groups and compiling findings from various research ventures. Convening a diverse group of people to discuss resolution for temporary work, in addition to options to give to reduce panhandling.
 - Town hall at 6:30-8pm at Connelly Guerrero Senior Center for two candidates for department head.
 - Staffed up for PSH planner position. Role will further the plan to increase PSH capacity.
- NHCD: Departments created “top 10 lists” to address homelessness and communication was identified as a priority.
- Homelessness Mapping: Information gathered from APD, EMS, Parks & Rec, watershed, code; etc. – where people experiencing homelessness have interacted with city services.
- Improvements need to be made on how to indicate homelessness, as well as cleaning up data so that identifying information is not be shared.
- Map also includes resources and their resource type (clothing, financial, etc.), city council districts, and bus lines.
- Feedback can be sent to Josh on how best to utilize information while also being cautious with sensitive information.

10:35-10:50 Other Community Updates & Discussions (Open)

- *New Meeting Location – ECHO Offices*
- SOAR Refresher training; 14 attended, 29 rsvp for the next one. Attendees names will be sent to SSA as persons that can complete SOAR applications.

10:50-11:00 Next Steps

Next Meeting: March 21, 2018 9:00AM-11:00AM; NHCD, 1000 E. 11th Street
