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Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH)



Committee: Strategic Planning

Date/Time: Tuesday, November 27, 2018 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Location: 441 4th St. NW, Room 1114

Call-In Information: N/A

Agenda Items & Notes

• Update on data for system modeling for Homeward DC (Kristy Greenwalt, 1 hour)

- O Kristy explained the context of the Homeward DC modeling. It is a guide based on a set of set of assumptions. Some of those assumptions have remained accurate, others have not not panned out or need to be adjusted. The purpose of this exercise is to update the model model with our latest data and most updated strategic thinking about where we should be in be in five years. We can readjust our assumptions over the coming years. Interested parties can send comments to Kristy by December 14th so the ICH can see if additional conversations are needed before the new model is drafted into an updated plan. The questions dispersed throughout the PowerPoint should be the guide for what to respond with.
- O While discussing the family system, Kristy explained that the updated model would not not include shelter diversion in the family system, because that program exists outside of the of the homeless services system, prior to placement, so those families were being double double counted in the previous modeling.
- O The updated model will reflect the fact that we're seeing longer lengths of stay, than originally originally modeled, in family shelter and in the FRSP program. Participants asked questions questions about how many families return to Virginia Williams after having exited the FRSP FRSP program, and looking at that in various time increments (e.g. came back within three three months, six months, twelve months, etc.). There was also a request to look at whether whether returners are disproportionally representative of the DV community and/or child child welfare involvement, and how the families are scoring on the vulnerability assessments. assessments. Kristy agreed to work with TCP to get more analysis on these points.
- O There was a question about the evidence base supporting transitional housing programs as it programs as it relates to families. Several participants expressed their opinions about the the efficacy of transitional housing, but there was a request for quantitative evidence. There There was also a question about what the latest youth census says about youth heads of of households and what they need. All of these questions essentially revealed an important important question about whether we have designed an intentional, intensive service model model for youth and, if not, whether we should.
- O With respect to the modeling for singles, Kristy walked through some of the errors in the the original modeling and how it is being updated. There was a discussion about potentially potentially needing a housing resource between PSH and TAH, as well as a lengthy discussion about the appropriate resources for women in our system, many of whom express express a preference for congregate PSH – a discussion which would benefit from DBH's DBH's involvement. There were also concerns that the new assumptions about Rapid Re-

Re-Housing are overly aggressive, given current progress. The group expressed a desire for desire for more dialogue around singles.

- Procurement & Service Delivery Updates
 - Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
 - The Request for Qualifications is currently open for PSH2 and closes on 12/18
 - DHS expects to make awards in early February
 - Short Term Family Housing (STFH)
 - DHS currently has 43 families at The Kennedy (W-4) and 34 at The Horizon (W-7)
 (W-7)
 - The Mayor cut the ribbon cutting for Ward 8 (The Triumph) on Nov. 13, and referrals referrals will begin on November 30th.
 - DHS expects the first three STFH contracts to be fully approved by Council be the the end of December. They are currently on letter contracts.
 - There was a question from a participant about when the 12th street location would open. DHS will follow up.

o SOAR

- SOAR was awarded to Miriam's Kitchen and Pathways to Housing and services have have begun.
- These new SOAR resources do not change the requirements for other providers in in terms of having SOAR certified staff
- One participant noted that the CABHI funding was extended via no-cost extension extension through the end of FY 2019.
- o Diversion/Rapid Exit
 - DHS extended the original deadline DHS received multiple applications when the RFA the RFA closed on November 16th. The review panel meets this week to develop recommendations for DHS leadership. The program is expected to launch in mid-January.

o Youth

 The RFP for 24 hour drop in center has closed and the review panel will be meeting meeting soon.

Documents Shared



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Next meeting - December meeting Cancelled

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