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GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH)



Committee Meeting Title: Strategic Planning
Date/Time: Tuesday, January 22, 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.
Location: 441 4th St. NW, Room 1117
Call-In Information: N/A

Agenda

- I. **Welcome and Call to Order**
 - The committee co-chair welcomed everyone and started a round of introductions.

- II. **Approval of Minutes From Prior Meeting & Agenda Review**
 - The committee co-chair reviewed a summary of the minutes from the last meeting, and there was no objection to those minutes.

- III. **Discussion Items**
 - **Strategic Planning Goals for 2018**
 - The committee provided a handout to participants which contained an overview of the roles/responsibilities, and deliverables for the work groups. It also included information about committee seats/voting slates, as well as a listing of the work groups.
 - The committee discussed the implications of including CSA-only clients in the Medicaid workgroup analysis/recommendations and whether adequate progress could be made by the May/June timeframe. It was agreed that the topic should stay under the Medicaid workgroup.
 - Participant Jocelyn Route indicated that DBH is going through a significant restructuring and that she will be representing DBH on the ICH Strategic Planning Committee with co-chairing responsibility for the Medicaid Workgroup.
 - **Homeward DC Modeling & Next Steps**

- The ICH Director shared that Abt Associates is now helping finish the updated modeling for Homeward DC, and remaining questions are best resolved at the work group level to get the updated modeling across the finish line. The co-chairs for the family and singles CAHP working groups were asked to provide times/dates for their groups to give input. The ICH Director also shared a draft Homeward DC Progress Report which is a high-level overview of the progress so far on plan implementation and resource allocation. A full draft of this will be provided prior to the February meeting. ***To provide comments on the draft overview, written comments are due to ICH Director Kristy Greenwalt by Friday, February 1st.***
- Discussion among participants:
 - One participant noted that there is potentially a sizeable population of individuals who are not being counted in the PIT count, so we should consider other ways to improve the accuracy of our PIT count and collect information about their needs. Other people felt that, while there might be people not being counted, they were not sure if it was a sizeable number.
 - There was a question about whether the family data is being bumped against OSSE's data.
 - Another participant spoke about the importance of affordable housing in all eight wards of the city in order to truly address our homelessness crisis, and there was also a question about how we will use the data on affordable housing production in the modeling.

IV. Information Items

- **Family Work Group:** The first work group meeting was held on January 9th. It was very well attended and the next meeting will be February 13th.
- **DOES Data Bump Project:** HMIS data is being bumped against DOES data to see how many of our clients are accessing DOES services. If they are accessing DOES services, does it help in terms of employment or wages? We also want to look at what people's wages actually look like. This analysis is being done by the Lab@DC. The goal is to have this done for the March full council meeting.
- **Procurement Updates from DHS:**
 - **Families:** Three STFH housing sites in Wards 4, 7, and 8 are open and almost at full capacity. The next facility to open in April will be apartment style shelter for 26 families at 4300 12th St., SE. The STFH sites in Wards 5 and 6 will open by the end of the summer, Ward 3 will open in December 2019, and Ward 1 will open in summer 2020.
 - **Singles:** The Project Reconnect grant is being finalized. The vendor will be notified as soon as a draft grant agreement has passed legal sufficiency. Through internal partnerships at FSA, we were able to ensure the grant incorporates youth aged 18-24, so we are expanding the partners to include Casa Ruby and Covenant House – who will now be able to make referrals to Project Reconnect for clients who might be appropriate for the program. With

respect to the new Downtown Daytime Services Center, the Mayor is looking at scheduling a ribbon cutting for February 13th.

- **Youth:** The youth division received five applications for the new Youth Drop in Center, and a panel has selected one provider. That provider will be notified when a legally sufficient grant agreement is drafted. This Friday, FSA will release an RFA for up to 29 beds of transitional housing for youth. There will be a pre-application conference on February 8th and applications are due on February 27th.

V. **Action Items**

- **Data Governance:** DHS is preparing to launch an online public directory for homeless services organizations that gives the ability for providers to maintain information about their organization in one place. This directory follows the Human Services Data Standard (HSDS) which is the nationally recognized data standard for human services. The committee was presented with two choices. Each approach has advantages and disadvantages, and neither choice would limit who can benefit from the information on the public directory:
 - Does the community want any member with an email address affiliated with their organization to be able to update information in the directory (a.k.a. whitelisting the domain for that organization)?
 - Or should DHS govern the access through assigned credentials to specific people within each organization (e.g. only Amanda Chesney could update info for Catholic Charities)?
- The group decided (through consensus) to govern access through assigned credentials for specific people within that organization.

VI. **Announcements and Reminders – none at this time.**

VII. **Summary and Adjournment**

- All comments on the Homeward DC Progress Report are due to Kristy Greenwalt by Friday, February 1st.
- The work groups for singles and families should be prepared to review modeling at their February meetings with a goal of reporting back to the committee in March.
- The Work Plan for the Strategic Planning Committee will be updated based on comments today and sent out to everyone.

Next meeting - Tuesday, February 26, 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Documents Shared:

<<Work Plan _Strategic Planning_ 2019-01-18_Final.docx>>

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