

CoC Planning Committee

February 28, 2019

Meeting Notes

Present: Babette Allen, GAECDC; Daune Brittlebank, Coalition for the Homeless; Angela Davis, Community Resource Network; Jimmy Diller, Rescue Outreach Mission; Martha Are, Brian Postlewait, Allison Nye, Tino Paz, HSN; ??, Seminole County; Carole Mason, Richard Wang, Wayne Densch Center; Yetzenia Negron, Susan Heiskelle, Janna Souvorova, Orange County; Dewey Wooden, HCCH, Sindy Connell, Salvation Army

Phone: Tia Aery, Family Promise; Will Cooper, Community Hope Center; Colleen McManus, CFCHS

- CoC Plan required from HUD
- Background on planning activities within the CoC
- Alignment Committee Background
- Barb Poppe Report: CF Roadmap Home
- Martha walks through CoC Plan
- Questions
 - What do you consider low hanging fruit?
 - What could be done in the next 60 days?
 - What do you consider the hardest for the CoC to complete/ fulfill?
 - What need additional task force style work groups?
 - Who should lead?
- Racial Equity and the CoC—tabled until next month
- Lived-Experience
 - HSN will offer Training on how boards work to persons with lived experience
 - Other ways we can engage persons with lived experience in policy, planning and program feedback?
 - Ryan White Committee
 - Peer Support Training?
 - Peer Support Funding
 - CoC Advisory Group
 - Speakers Bureau

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2018-2019				Progress
		CoC	HSN	
I. Champion Housing First				
A.	Bring on at least 300 more units of PSH and diversify the mix	Create site-based/project based rental assistance option for new new applications to be considered as part of federal submission in the 2019 HUD NOFA		identifying strategies for a strong application with the CoC Resource Allocation & Coordination Committee
B.	Scale up services now to secure current housing slots and support new	Partner with CFCHS and Wayne Densch to create 75 additional case management slots, allowing the region to make use of 75 vouchers that would have otherwise gone unused		completed
			Meet with staff and elected officials in Orange, Osceola & Seminole Counties to encourage support for Chronic Pilot services funding	done and ongoing
C.	Sustain and scale up through a continuing cross-sector collaborative undertaking and investment	include PSH and RRH as locally eligible project types for inclusion in the HUD and/or DCF (RRH) application submissions	Contract with agencies awarded funding through the local competition process if funding is awarded by HUD and/or DCF	developing DCF submission, including conducting local competition

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D.	Refine policies, procedures, benchmarks and targets for major homeless services project types, including RRH, PSH, TH, Shelter & Diversion	use committees and work group structure for broad CoC stakeholder buy in and consensus		RRH Standards approved by CoC Board; baselines identified by Shelter, PSH; targets for key project indicators identified for Shelter
II. Partner				
A.	Formally communicate the collaborative memorandum (Alignment Agreement)	discussed and shared at CoC member meetings		
		Discussed and shared at board meetings	Discussed and shared at board meetings	
			Discussed and shared at Coalition for the Homeless board meeting	
B.	Continue strengthening jurisdictional collaboration, centered on the regional commitment of ending homelessness in Central Florida			
C.	Work to certify effectively ending Veteran homelessness		encourage VA to enter VASH information into HMIS	in conversation
		co- present to CFCH Board with VA		
			Track data points on monthly basis	in process

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D.	Work to improve discharge planning to reduce discharges to homelessness	Relevant stakeholders to convene to share information and explore potential solutions to discharge from hospitals, ERS, mental health facilities and corrective institutions		Initial planning begun with Shelter Committee
			Facilitate meetings and any identified steps for follow up, including but not limited to development of MOUs or identification of funds needed to implement identified strategies.	
E.	Improve HUB access		Identify alternative HUB spaces to maximize hospitality, dignity and client privacy	Have engaged key community partners in efforts to identify available HUB opportunities
F.	Minimize returns to homelessness through use of TANF funding	Continue use of TANF funds for secondary homelessness prevention	Contract with agencies awarded funding through the local competition process if funding is awarded by DCF	developing DCF submission, including conducting local competition

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G.	Maximize use of evidence based best practices to improve CoC outcomes and system performance measures	Support front line staff with training on evidence based best practices to include, but not limited to motivational interviewing, trauma informed care, LGBTQ cultural competency, Victim Centered Services, HIPAA, Racial Equity, Harm Reduction, Housing First, SOAR, Housing Focused Case Management, at least once every 2 years	develop ongoing training schedule	Schedule under development, most topics scheduled on a regular basis
III. Grow				
A.	Implement "diversion" everywhere as first response to individuals and families that are literally homeless			
		monitor outcomes of Orange County/Coalition for the Homeless pilot Diversion project		ongoing
			develop workflow for Diversion within CES & HMIS	in process
		Include Diversion funding in Challenge grant application with DCF	Submit DCF application	approved by CoC Resource Allocation & Coordination Committee
		Engage jurisdictions in Diversion planning and implementation		Meeting with county staff January 2019

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B.	Extend Rapid ReHousing to Serve Single Adults	explore in 2019 CoC NOFA		
		2020: Develop P&P should other funding sources become available		
C.	Form partnerships with public housing authorities for high-need families with children		Facilitate strategy to transfer 20 PSH clients to less intensive case management and financially stable housing in 2019	have met with OHA staff and board member. Addition meeting being scheduled by OHA board member
D.	Encourage all homeless assistance providers to utilize HMIS & CES	continue to educate CoC and other stakeholders on benefits of HMIS & address misperceptions		in conversation with Rescue Mission & VA
E.	Increase access to affordable rental housing	Encourage case managers to assist clients in applying for tax credit units	Housing Operations Team work with landlords to support tenants that are able to move to tax credit units	
			Housing Operations Team continue to develop MOUS with tax credit properties to give CoC clients access to units	
F.	Assess shelter capacity	Explore bridge housing options that are region wide and thoroughly integrated into CES	Seek funding for bridge housing to be available regionwide, including but not limited to ESG and Challenge Grant to be administered by agency identified through RFA process.	will incorporate bridge housing into DCF Unified Application

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		use shelter committee to improve awareness of current shelter capacity, priorities, target populations and specialized services		in process
IV. Create				
A.	Scale diversion using best practices that have been successful in other communities	Continue research into Diversion best practice to inform strategies for implementation (CoC Planning, Shelter committees)		in process
		Conduct initial diversion training, including train the trainer		completed
B.	Shift current emergency shelter to be 24/7 programs with focus on diversion and quick exits to stable housing	create Day Services task force		created
		host Day Services summit to explore best practices with communities that have implemented quality day service programs		planning
C.	Encourage all shelters to participate in HMIS	Encourage Rescue Mission to join HMIS		in conversation
		Encourage VA to enter VASH into HMIS		in conversation
D.	Improve street outreach coordination and equip with diversion skills	Conduct initial diversion training, including train the trainer		completed

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			Submit applications for YHDP and other appropriate funding sources	
E.	Identify options for youth homelessness efforts	CoC Youth Committee explores strategy/intervention options and develops recommendations, developing a framework for enhancing housing options and services		Committee is meeting monthly and has reviewed several options including host homes, transitional housing, rapid rehousing;
		Support Youth Advisory Society		Membership of X; members were paid to act as leads in the Jan 2019 PIT count. HSN has identified a staff liaison to the YAS
		Submit YHDP application when HUD makes available		
		Support development of Youth Host Home with CRN and Valencia College		
V. Support				
A.	Prioritize investment in most vulnerable families living in shared housing that is unsafe because of domestic violence, severe overcrowding, and/or extremely poor quality housing	include DV and HT application for 2018 bonus funding in HUC CoC submission		completed
			encourage development of HMIS for HT	in conversation

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		include PSH and RRH as locally eligible project types for inclusion in the HUD and/or DCF (RRH) application submissions		
B.	Mobilize publicly funded services for low income and vulnerable to be better aligned and collaborating with community organizations to provide emergency aid and housing stabilization services			
C.	Maximize value of HMIS to support regional system	Engage in community based decision making process of future system changes	Review and evaluate current HMIS vendor against other options.	review and evaluation begun
D.	Explore Racial Equity	Analyze access and outcome data related to Racial Equity and homeless services in CoC region		
		Include Racial Equity component in local competition of 2019 CoC application		
			Create Racial Equity dialogue group within the Lead Agency (HSN)	
VI. Increase				

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A.	Put together 3 year investment and resource plan to share with current and potential investors		Seek opportunities to apply for funding that can align with regional and CoC identified priorities	
B.	Secure sufficient investments to sustain the Housing First signature initiative	Partner with CFCHS and Wayne Densch to create 75 additional case management slots, allowing the region to make use of 75 vouchers that would have otherwise gone unused		completed
			Meet with staff and elected officials in Orange, Osceola & Seminole Counties to encourage support for Chronic Pilot services funding	done and ongoing