SMAC CES Committee Agenda

November 4th, 2021

9:00-10:30

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1. Introductions – (via chat) 5 minutes
2. Advisory Update 10 minutes
3. Data review by population - wrap-up from October meeting 30 minutes
   1. Chronic
   2. Youth -Please see power point for data
   3. Families
   4. Discussion:
      1. Surprised by how easy it looks to get housing for youth
         1. Would not say “easy” as youth have the own challenges but there are factors that landlords seem to be willing to move forward with like no rental history vs. evictions. Income is a much bigger challenge for youth
      2. Re: Racial Breakdown: How many households are we looking at?
         1. Over 100 households are represented in the data
         2. Means that 1 or 2 households are not skewing the data
      3. USICH identifies HUD definition of homelessness but couch hopping is not a apart of that
         1. These benchmarks are specific to youth and families so couch-hopping is included
      4. Questions/Comments/What would you like to convey to directors council?
         1. Seniors-not a subpopulation that we have control over in this instance.
         2. Would this change the priority pool prioritization at all?
            1. Possibly, but after a sub-committee takes a closer look
         3. Who has the longest time in the priority pool? Who is getting “stuck” in the system?
            1. Single adults 263 days, youth 209 days
         4. Where can we have an impact the quickest?
            1. The biggest need is single adults BUT there is a lack of financial resources and housing resources. There are many elements outside our control as opposed to singles or family where there are more elements within our control making a year a reasonable time to impact change.
4. SMAC/Ramsey Assessment Revision 40 minutes
   1. HUD Racial Equity Demonstration Project
   2. What do we want to stop doing, start doing, and keep doing?
      1. Break-out room #1:
         1. Currently feeling like it’s equitable across populations; glad VISPDAT is gone
         2. Barrier housing, utility payments are not useful to outreach but are useful to housing providers
         3. In-person meetings- some people being assessed prefer phone/virtual assessments
         4. Target populations-we don’t have housing for those populations so don’t ask
         5. Disclosures are difficult on the front end-people may or may not tell the truth OR know the full information to disclose.
         6. Foster Care Question? Many of us don’t use it; from youth provider: we would use it to refer out to other services but it is not a crucial question we use for housing related items
            1. Can we find out how often this question is answered? Is it being used for other reasons?
      2. Break-out room #2:
         1. SMAC & Ramsey partnered originally because there are a lot of shared resources it made sense to ask the same questions
            1. No reassessment if clients moved between CoCs
            2. Is it accomplishing this goal? Is it just longer and not benefitting anyone?
5. Review actions/next meeting 5 minutes
   1. Directors council will get our notes on which population we should target
   2. Racial Equity Project is being started-let Liz know if you want to be a part of it!

**Specific comments regarding choosing next focus area:**

From Bill Church to Everyone: 09:31 AM

senior housing in general,

From Jennifer Moore to Everyone: 09:31 AM

I would say families as it seems to have a lower placement rate and there are children involved?

From Teri Lazaretti to Everyone: 09:31 AM

I'm with Bill...seniors

From Bill Church to Everyone: 09:33 AM

I get that, just seeing this on outreach.

From Me to Everyone: 09:34 AM

Someone correct me if I'm wrong, but "youth" also includes youth led families so would also involve chidlren

From Michele Reid to Everyone: 09:34 AM

Yes, I believe so

From Alyssa Paulson (she/her) to Everyone: 09:34 AM

yes that is correct

From Michele Reid to Everyone: 09:35 AM

My suggestion would be youth

From Jennifer Moore to Everyone: 09:40 AM

I thought single adults was too big a group to make it our next target?

They might have fresher eyes?

I think our jobs might lead us in one direction or another.

From Suzanne Misel Meserow to Everyone: 09:41 AM

I like Betty's suggestion to work on singles since they are on the list the longest. I also see Michelle's point about feeling like we can move the needle.

From Jennifer Moore to Everyone: 09:41 AM

Amen to building more housing!!

From Doreen Farrell to Everyone: 09:42 AM

Youth

From Rachel Bauer to Everyone: 09:42 AM

I agree with youth then. I just don’t know which group we have the capacity to actually be sucdessful

From Michele Reid to Everyone: 09:42 AM

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