**SMAC CES Committee Minutes**

**11/5/2020**

**9-10:30 AM**

**Attendance:**

Brittany Clausen, Alyssa Paulson, Liz Moen, Lisa Gustner, Angela Feller, Bill Church, Diane Pottratz, Doreen Farrell, Hans Dosland, Heather Duchscherer, Jen Romero, KaBao Lee, Kristen, Latrisse White, Lily Anderson, Linda Hall, Matt Lewis, Mica, Kim, Michele Reid, Miel Smith, Patrick Morley, Peter Goldstein, Rachel Bauer, Rebekah Schneider, Shae Carter Sheena Addis, Suzanne Misel Meserow, Teri Lazaretti

Menti Link to slideshow – screen shots help with context. \*\*<https://www.menti.com/ibntm66t3e/2>

Update on Chronic Youth and Families numbers:

59% of referrals are coming from shelter

50% of people are connected in Dakota County shelter to a housing provider

Components of Crisis intervention:

* 3-way calling with landlord/family/roommate
* HSS eligibility documentation/person-centered plan
* Direct referral/3-way call to further housing services

**Small Breakout Groups Discussion:**

*Breakout Group #1 Feedback*

***What are the pros/cons of centralized access?***

Pros-

* Good idea in context
* Could include racial equality for people in crisis, because the system can be very confusing to receive access

Cons-

* Will the resources be equally navigated to each community?
* Will the community partners be the same in each county?
* Will there be one county that will get the brunt of contact?

***What would we need to do to ensure this change would help advance racial equity?***

* The person would need to be well educated to know what the needs are in each community for outreach, homelessness, etc.
* The Director’s Council should be an active player in checking in with this group to ensure racial equity.
* This has to be mindful from the ground up to ensure racial equity.
* What will be the interview process? What will be the funding resources?

**Large Group Discussion:**

***What are the pros/cons of centralized access?***

* A number to call and text to stay in touch. A Google Form for response that provides meaningful contact so that there’s easier access.
* Attempt to centralize other contacts and activities to improve their overall process and activities. We should do some formal research to learn from other systems who have awareness of potential drawbacks and advantages of adopting this new system.
  + We could look at the Coordinated Entry System. The hope was that it was going to be a centralized system for housing and it turns out that we can’t do it all through this system.
  + We need to outreach to other places in the country that are utilizing a model like this. Looking at examples outside housing/CES is a good suggestion.
* Is there a potential to engage with community organizations/places that are frequented often by the population that we serve to educate them about Coordinated Entry? Like free COVID testing sites? So that we can better inform the population on the Coordinated Entry System.

***What would we need to do to ensure this change would help advance racial equity?***

* The Director’s Council can be very integral in developing racial equity for this system and they should regularly monitor and consult with this system.

***Feedback on implementation:***

* If we get the go ahead to move forward with this project, we will consult with the Director’s Council.
* Central access seems to be a good strategy, components to move forward, green to get conversation started.
* I'm a yellow simply because it's still seems that even as a concept it's unclear to me what would the Directors Council would be implementing.
* If there is a way to fund this, I say let's do it ASAP!!
* With funding being the question, I change to GREEN