SMAC CES Committee Agenda

October 7, 2021

9:00-10:30

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1. Introductions – (via chat) 5 minutes
   1. See Page 2 of notes
2. MN Coordinated Entry Dashboard-Emily Salvaterra, ICA
   1. Information:
      1. Check out the ICA data on tableau! We have access to A LOT of great information via this tool.
   2. Action Item:
      1. Over the next month please spend time looking at and playing with the tool so we can discuss what data to use as a community!
      2. There is a facilitation guide available on the website as well
      3. Look for Data Therapy sessions coming soon! They will be communicated via the ICA newsletter
3. Letter of Interest for Centralized Access 10 minutes
   1. Information (Copy sent with agenda)
      1. Letter is communication to agencies to see who would be willing to be a Centralized Access Point for the SMAC area.
4. Provider/Assessor Meetings 5 minutes
5. Vacancy and Denial Reports 15 minutes
   1. Information:
      1. Slide 1: By HH Type, Vacancies
         1. Note 60 openings for families during Qtr. 1
         2. Single Adults trended slightly upwards, most likely from emergency housing vouchers
         3. Youth referrals were steady throughout the Quarters
      2. Slide 2: Denials
         1. Denial rates were: 34%, 27%, 28% respectively
         2. This is AMAZING
      3. Slide 3: Reasons for Denial
         1. 28% Client Declined Services
         2. 26% Unreachable/Disappeared
         3. Reason for these rates Brainstorm:
            1. Location of PSH is often a reason youth reject referrals
            2. RRH-county is the 2nd or 3rd choice and the youth want to go back to the priority pool
            3. Expectations of programs (ex: sober living)
            4. I think some work could be done to focus on ending housing crisis not ideal housing option. When we are able to talk with people through an option that they may want to decline and that this isn't the place where they are going to live forever but it is a step from shelter, people are more likely to take "undesirable" options.
            5. Action Item: Make sure that CES is aware of your program details so they can provide appropriate referrals
6. Youth Priority Pool Discussion 40 minutes
   1. Information:
      1. WE are a year past the Veteran Declaration so it is time for another goal!
      2. 30-50 Youth in the Priority Pool on any given day
   2. Considerations:
      1. USICH benchmarks for Ending Youth Homelessness
         1. All youth (any federal definition of homelessness) included in the count of youth experiencing homelessness
         2. No youth households are unsheltered
         3. Community used prevention and diversion whenever possible, has low-barrier access to shelter and services
         4. Number of youth in shelter/TH is low
         5. Overall youth homelessness is not increasing
         6. Youth sheltered/unsheltered exit to permanent housing in avg. of 30 days, no longer than 90 days from ID
   3. Discussion:
      1. Practicality?
         1. Seeing the benchmarks and the ways we have to go particularly on #6 feels daunting and we want this but navigating the HOW is a lot
      2. Is this a direction we want to go in? Are we ready to dig in, create a youth work group, etc…?
         1. 3 “yes” response in the chat
   4. Begin making a plan-Breakout rooms
      1. Discussion:
         1. What do the numbers on Families look like? Would families be a good target for this?
         2. What to do about youth with a partner over 25?
7. Review actions/next meeting 5 minutes

Attendance:

Diane Pottratz-YMCA

Liz Moen-CES

Emily Salvaterra-ICA

Heather Duchscherer

Mark M

Abby Guilford

Alyssa Paulson

Bill Church

Casey Snaza

Dan Lauer-Schumacher- Scott Co

Doreen Farrerll

Jen Romero- Carver County

Jennifer Moore- CAP, RRH

Kim

Kristen

Matt Lewis-RADIAS, PSH

Mica

Patrick Morley- Salvation Army

Peter Goldstein-Scott County

Rachel Bauer- Dakota County Probation-reentry assistance

Sheena Addis-

Suzanne Misel Meserow- Scott/Carver CAP