SMAC CES Committee Agenda

July 1st, 2021

9:00-10:30

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1. Introductions – (via chat) 5 minutes
2. Updates 30 minutes
	1. NIS Workgroups
		1. Information:
			1. Exploration of streamlining approach across 7 county area
			2. Process has been interviewing, questioning, identifying barriers to having a regional approach
				1. Lack of regional mission/vision
				2. Human Services system set-up on county level (financial responsibility/state policy informing decision making)
				3. Coordinated Entry varied processes
			3. Next Step: build political will to make ideas more actionable
		2. Action Steps:
			1. Let Abby or Liz know if you want to be involved moving forward!
	2. Centralized Access
		1. Information: See PPT
		2. Discussion:
			1. Liz will be taking this information to the county to share and solicit buy-in
			2. Positive feedback in the chat
			3. What are other COC experiences with centralized access?
				1. Used COC’s and centralized access groups across the country to pull best practices from

Specifically beefing up problem solving/diversion skills with staff before beginning

* + 1. Action Steps:
			1. After convo with county will be bringing to other stakeholders, others who need to buy-in
			2. If you have hesitations or ideas of others who need to be in the conversation please reach out
	1. Housing Stabilization
		1. Information
			1. With no money getting people through the hurdles has been tricky
			2. Anoka/Carver County partnering to pilot something forward.
				1. Details are still very much in the works
				2. Using housing vouchers to jump-start the process but will not rely on them to make it work
1. Racial Equity and CE Priorities 45 minutes
	1. Discussion
		1. How to we ensure over-represented groups get equitable access within the Single Adult population?
			1. What culturally specific programs already exist (in SMAC and outside)
				1. Within SMAC:

Dakota County: 3 East African specific service providers

1 SE Asian Service Provider

* + - * 1. Outside SMAC:

Indigenous/Native Community

Queer Youth

Casa de Esperanza

Ujamaa Place

* + 1. What questions could we add or change in our assessment?
			1. Questions regarding doubled-up status
				1. Several agreements and examples shared
			2. Child being in out of home care and/or criminal background
			3. Lack of job skills/training
			4. Targeting Outreach
			5. FHPAP MPAT Questions
			6. Eviction Actions as well as criminal background
			7. Ramsey County is adding questions about inter-generational experiences (boarding schools, incarceration, etc…)
			8. Adverse Childhood Experience questions?
			9. Not focusing on length of time homeless but also episodic
			10. ZIP Code of last housing
	1. Action Items:
		1. Liz is reaching out to Ramsey to see full list of questions they are utilizing for group feedback!
		2. Questions will be sent out prior to meeting for those wanting time to look over them!
1. Review actions/next meeting 5 minutes

**Attendance:**

Diane Pottratz-YMCA

Heather Duchscherer, Hearth Connection

Michele Reid, Anoka County

Liz Moen-Hearth Connection

Matt Lewis - RADIAS Health

Sheena, The Link

Jennifer Moore/ Community Action Partnership of Ramsey and Washington Counties

Alyssa Paulson Hearth Connection

Briana Rutscher - Hearth Connection

Abby Guildford-Anoka County

Mark McNamer - HOPE 4 Youth

Betty Notto, ICA - HMIS Lead agency

Kristen Brown, Matrix Housing Services

Bill- Ally Homeless Outreach- Dakota

Peter Goldstein - Scott Co

Doreen Farrell - Washington County HOST