SMAC Governing Board Minutes

March 19, 2021

Attendees: Alyssa Paulson, Carla Wiedemeier, Ann Lindquist, Abby Guilford, Heather Duchscherer, Corey Samuels, Heather West, Jaime Stampley, Kamaria Toulon, Daniel Lauer-Schumacher, Linda Hall, Kristen Brown, Liz Moen, Michele Reid, Rochelle Washington, Rukhsana Ghouse, Tonya Fitzgerald, Denise Smieja, Matt Lewis, Rebecca Bowers, Jen Romero, Doreen Farrell,

1. Introductions

1. Approve February Carla made motion, Heather W 2nd, minutes approved
2. Update
   1. Coordinated Entry

* Chronic Numbers:4 families, 2 youth, 110 single adults
* CE committee discussed priority pool for participants that have experienced homelessness the longest.
* Youth and Families can move from priority pool to housing
* Single adults are outpacing our resources. Singles have fewer non-CE housing options. Our pool size is steadily increasing due to this mismatch of resources
* What would be your approach to address the single resource issue?
  + Governing board assist with multilayered approach
    - Increase housing options for singles: Housing support
    - Research reason that more singles are experiencing homelessness: Prevention
    - Improve expand current processes: landlord recruitment, increase roommate situations, move-up
    - Talk to funders about community needs, esp. MN Housing
  1. SPARC
* Working on plan for ongoing work
  1. Operations
* Operations committee meets next week and will have an update next month. Committee is made up of County representatives. Will look at issues/challenges and make a plan to move them to actionable steps.
  1. Establish a new group to score NOFA. This was formerly the ranking committee. This will need to be developed in the next month

1. HUD Reporting Updates
   1. Point in Time – count that CoC is responsible for annually. Identify everyone that is unsheltered or in shelter. Due to COVID, HUD allowed us to not do an unsheltered count. None of the numbers are final yet. In 2020, we reported a combined (shelter and unsheltered) total of just over 600 individuals. This year the count has gone up, even though we are only counting shelter individuals. There was a pooled resource of providers to offer a shelter that was located in SMAC. This is required to be counted on our PIT.
   2. Housing Inventory Chart – Collection of all of the housing that is specific for people experiencing homelessness (shelter, THP, RRH, PSH). Have to collect information from all the providers and report to HUD. Abby will be reaching out to providers to collect necessary information.
   3. System Performance Measures – 7 performance measures are pulled out of HMIS. Accounts for everything in the HMIS universe, even if not funded by the CoC. Reporting results for the entire system. Will look at results that were reported to HUD next month
2. Data Review

* CORE Report: any participant in enrolled in a project of any type
  + 1346 singles
  + 406 families
  + 285 youth
* Single adult HH by Race in SMAC-PIT
  + 68% white (86% of total population)
  + 22% Black (5.5% of total population)
  + 6% Multiple races (2.5%)
  + 1% Native/Indigenous (.07%)
* Single adults and emergency shelter – where are people getting stuck in the system
  + 67% white
  + 22% Black
  + 2% Multiple Races (underrepresented in shelter population)
  + 1% Native/Indigenous
* Exits from Emergency Shelter – can be positive or negative.
  + 65% white
  + 22% Black
  + 6% Multiple (exiting twice as much as entering shelter)
  + 3% Native/Indigenous
* SA trends in exits to homelessness
  + Black and multiple races exits to homelessness are higher % than in shelter population
* Other data points to look at: outreach, those not able to access shelter and all shelter data since it is the access point to our system

1. Priority Setting 2021

* Mapping a plan for affordable housing development
* Youth Needs/Gaps Analysis and Planning
* Expanding Move on

Other ideas:

* Continuing equity focus and setting actionable goals
  + Expanding outreach
* Identifying and applying for regional grant opportunities
* Reaching and learning about new providers
  + Taking stock of current providers and how people are accepted and welcomed into programs
* Planning for when eviction moratorium ends
  + Timely as planning is under way as moratorium could end in the next quarter
* Landlord engagement specialty within centralized access design
* Alternatives to housing (incorporating SPARC initiatives into discussion of any new partners)
  + Vacant space in malls
  + Tiny home models
* Addressing racial disparities based on data shared

1. Voting members consider taking on officer roles including Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary. Also attend the Executive Committee meetings.
   1. Abby will send out a list of voting members