

Coordinating Committee to End Homelessness (CCEH) Meeting Minutes – September 19th, 2012

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Present: E.V. Armitage, Caren Baumgart, Liora Berry, Ann Brown, Heather Brown, Mellani Calvin, Caitlin Campbell, Jennifer Chang, Reverend Paul Davis, Mike Dee, Angela Deparini, Patty Doyle, Sally Erickson, Toeney Flowers, Diane Hall, Troy Hammond, Pam Hester, Iris Hodge, Amanda Hurley, Bruce Jones, Kristen Juul, Marc Jolin, Carl Kapocias, Marylee King, Megan Kidd, Peggy Kuhn, Jes Larson, Vicki Massey, Michael Mellick, John Miller, Susan Montgomery, Katherine Moon, Andrew Noethe, Hope O'Connor, LeRoy Patton, Rachel Payton, Rosaria Roberts, Erika Silver, Renee Sutherland, Lynne Walker, Bobby Weinstock, Monica Weitzel, Linda Wenning, Becky Wilkinson, Lisa Wills,

Agenda Topic	Discussion Points	Outcomes / Decisions / Next Steps
<p>Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>● Community Outreach for Frequent ER Users – Becky Wilkinson and Lisa Wills (Legacy Emanuel Hospital) Legacy Emanuel Hospital has started an outreach program to assist frequent ER visitors who are experiencing homelessness with more effective discharge planning. The pilot is a good collaboration between the hospital and community partners to minimize people from cycling through the system. The program is funded by the Legacy Emanuel.</p> <p>● Voter Registration Resources – Oregon Voice This initiative engages homeless people to participate in the civic process by registering to vote and getting involved with voter registration. So far, more than 500 homeless people have been registered to vote through the SPACE pilot project. This project strives to increase participation by low income people, minorities and other marginalized groups. September 25th is National Voter Registration Day so you are encouraged to engage clients in the civic process. You can email Iris Hodge for a “tool kit” or other questions at ihodge@fieldworks.com. She will also be at JOIN in their day space registering people to vote on October 1.</p> <p>● Day of Homelessness Awareness – Paul Schroeder (New City Initiative) The Homelessness Day of Awareness will be held the week before Thanksgiving and is organized by the City, County and Ecumenical Ministries to be held on Friday, November 16th. It will begin at First Baptist Church and end at the First United Methodist Church followed by a summit and a screening of the documentary “American Winter.” This year current and formerly homeless people are encouraged to participate.</p> 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 Year Plan Reset Committee The month of September was spent conducting focus groups. If you have additional feedback on any of the topic areas you can contact Sally Erickson or Marc Jolin. The process should be concluding by January 2013, when the committee will present its recommendations. 	
<p>Coordinated Care (CCO) Presentation</p>	<p>Coordinated Care Organization (CCO) – Sandra Clark (Health Share of Oregon) Ms. Clark provided an overview of state healthcare legislation and the CCO model of care, including the CCO purpose, using integration to create innovative solutions and creating incentives for prevention. CCO’s aim is to take advantage of the Affordable Care Act which goes into effect on January 1, 2014. The Medicaid population is rapidly increasing along with extreme cuts to this program. There is a big incentive for hospitals to be at the table for this shift in order to be prepared and save money. The current system of care is fragmented and CCO’s aim to integrate mental and physical health into one system of care.</p> <p>Health Share of Oregon, founded in April of 2012, consists of 12 partners and has elected board members. To get more information, go to www.healthshareoregon.org. Health Share Oregon was awarded a \$17 million dollar grant to further Medicaid innovation and has been convening lots of meetings to create transformative plans and align program goals.</p> <p>On October 5th there will be a community advisory committee meeting that will focus on services and how to reduce hospitalizations. For questions or to learn more, contact Sandra at: Sandra@healthshareoregon.org</p>	
<p>Jennifer Ho, Deputy Director, US Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH)</p>	<p>Jennifer Ho, Deputy Director, US Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) Ms. Ho discussed the nation’s first comprehensive federal plan to prevent and end homelessness called, “Opening Doors” developed by 19 agencies. The plan consists of four goals: 1. Finish the task of ending chronic homelessness 2. End veteran’s homelessness 3. Prevent and end family homelessness 4. Prevent and end youth homelessness.</p> <p>Funding needs to be thought about holistically, everyone needs to be at the table and thinking about their roles in prevention. Good information is needed as well as more funding for benefits, income, employment, health and well being. Health care reform is homelessness prevention and the homelessness crisis response system needs to be retooled.</p>	

	<p>There has been good progress made so far in some areas but momentum has slowed in the area of chronic homelessness. Health care reform will allow us to use the service side to leverage more housing creation. The “Point in Time Count” is helpful but not totally accurate and we need to get a handle on how we can reach more people to collect better data. There has been a 2% decrease in chronic homelessness but over 100,000 units have been put online. Are we targeting the right populations? What do we understand about our investments? How we succeed with the implementation of the Affordable Care Act?</p> <p>A sign of progress is that HUD and the VA are now using the same data to determine who is a homeless veteran. There has been a 20% reduction in homeless veterans between 2011-2012.</p> <p>In the areas of family/youth/child homelessness, we still need better data on the homeless youth population. We need to better understand the different subpopulations and use this type of funding strategically. Rapid re-housing has proven to be successful for the family homeless population, but now that the stimulus money is gone, we need to learn from that and how to use what we have to prioritize housing choice money.</p> <p>Cross-pollination between government agencies is happening at the federal level and more funding is being allocated for programs for vets.</p> <p>Questions (partial):</p> <p>With HPRP you could use some funding for service delivery but now when it is used there are no services attached to help the person stay in their housing because it is no longer eligible under federal grants. Why?</p> <p>There are other federal programs that are funded to assist with the service aspect of ending homelessness. The reason those aren’t an eligible use is because those other agencies are responsible to use their funding to provide those services and not dump everyone into homelessness.</p> <p>How can we get the community more involved in the cause to end homelessness?</p> <p>The message needs to be elevated locally. People who don’t agree with your standpoint need to be engaged, the minds of people who aren’t on your side need to be convinced that this is something worth fighting for. You need to talk directly to your Congressman and take direct action.</p>	
<p>Community Announcements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AIDS Walk on Sunday, September 23rd 	

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