Six Month Check-in Results

At the All CoC Meeting on June 13, attendees reviewed results of the six-month check-in stakeholder survey that was circulated in late May. Of the 59 stakeholders who completed the survey, more than half indicated they were satisfied with the Action Agenda. Survey respondents also highlighted many opportunities for improvement, including better communication around joining workgroups and bringing more agencies into the work. Survey feedback will be incorporated into the Action Agenda, and we'll share progress in the coming months.

CoC Board Meeting Update

The CoC Board of Directors met on June 20, and you can review the agenda and meeting packet here.

The Board approved the CoC budget, learned about the work of the Project Prioritization Workgroup, and reviewed a presentation on key data points from Chicago’s Dashboard to End Homelessness. The Board also reviewed and approved CoC System Goals and Pipeline Expansion Recommendations. They reviewed the six-month survey results and learned about the FY18 NOFA process, as well. Save the date for the next CoC Board meeting on Weds., Aug. 15 from 9:30 - 11:30am.

June Action Plan Highlights

June’s Action Plans have now been posted to the Action Agenda webpage. Click on the link for each line of work to see the corresponding Action Plan.

Key progress from this month’s Action Plans includes:

- **Pipeline Expansion**: The Pipeline Expansion Workgroup has finalized system projections that outline the number of units needed to end homelessness among single adults, youth, and families. Recommended unit projections and corresponding methodology for single adults, families, and youth were recently approved by the CoC Board. The Pipeline Expansion Workgroup will start to work on financial modeling and unit creation strategies in the coming months.

- **System Funding**: The Project Prioritization Workgroup approved 19 of 25 Letters of Interest to move forward in the New Projects application process for HUD CoC Funding. There are three Coordinated Entry projects, three Joint Transitional - Rapid Re-housing projects, one Rapid Re-housing project, and 12 Permanent Supportive Housing projects.

- **Veterans** and **Crisis System Transition**: These lines of work are participating in the national VA’s Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Rapid Resolution Pilot Project, which will focus on launching a diversion pilot program for veterans. The goal of the pilot project is to gather information about effective rapid resolution (diversion, rapid exit, reunification, creative housing, etc.) practices, including the amount and type of financial assistance that contributes to a resolution of the housing crisis. Quantitative data will be
gathered from Homeless Management and Information System and other sources to analyze the process and outcomes of Rapid Resolution. This information will inform the anticipated national implementation of Rapid Resolution by SSVF in the fall of 2018. The pilot project began in May and Crisis System Transition Project Manager Christine Riley, along with Chicago SSVF providers and staff from the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center, attended a project planning meeting in Dallas in June. Community planning and implementation meetings will happen in June & July, and the pilot project will officially launch July 1.

**Workgroup Participation Needed!**

**Peer to Peer Provider Workgroup**

This workgroup will develop an independent structure to improve and expand upon peer support activities, such as peer interviews and technical assistance, that were previously conducted as components of the site visit process. Questions the workgroup will consider include: What type of peer to peer provider support is needed? What types of support activities would people be likely to engage in? What resources already exist? The goal is to develop and implement activities that will enable staff across different agencies to share their strengths and help one another address their challenges.

**Expertise needed:** Individuals who have participated in peer interviews in previous years, either as the interviewer or the interviewee, are encouraged to join. But past participation is not a requirement.

**Meeting details:** The first meeting will be held in July 2018. Email Jennifer Fabbrini by July 15 if you’re interested in attending.

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**Coordinated Entry Rapid Rehousing Provider Workgroup**

The Coordinated Entry (CE) Rapid Rehousing (RRH) Provider workgroup will meet as needed to find solutions to challenges impacting RRH programs with any type of funding, including CoC, Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF). This solution-focused workgroup will work to standardize and streamline RRH processes by crafting and testing strategies related to CE.

**Expertise needed:** Workgroup members should be RRH managers who can make project policy changes. RRH staff with direct line experience along with people with lived experience of homelessness that have experience with a RRH program are welcome to join.

**Meeting details:** The workgroup’s first meeting will be Thurs., July 12 from 9:30 - 11am at All Chicago (651 W. Washington Blvd., Suite 504). Please sign up here to join the group or e-mail rcrolius@allchicago.org with any questions.

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**Coordinated Entry Family Workgroup**

The Coordinated Entry (CE) Family workgroup will meet as needed to find solutions to CE challenges impacting families with children from assessment to matching to housing placement. This group will test solutions and recommend full scale implementation of best practices to the CE Leadership Team.

**Expertise needed:** Workgroup members should either be people with lived experience of homelessness as the head of a household with children, funders, family shelter, services, or housing providers with direct line experience, supervisors, or managers who can make decisions related to testing practices, or other key partners in ending homelessness for families.

**Meeting details:** This workgroup kicked off in June and welcomes new members! Please sign up here to be notified when this group meets or e-mail Jessica.smith@csh.org with any questions about this workgroup.

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If you’d like to learn more about joining a committee or workgroup, visit the Action Agenda webpage and click on the links for each line of work. You can also check the calendar to find the latest meeting details.

**Have questions or concerns?** Contact Maura McCauley or Dave Thomas.
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