April Action Plans Now Posted

The CoC Action Agenda is four months old, and CoC workgroups and committees are continuing to drive this exciting work forward. If you’d like to get involved in 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.

April’s Action Plans have now been posted to the website. As a reminder, workgroups and committees use Action Plans to record the steps they’re taking to complete their work. Groups are in various stages of development, so these Action Plans are working documents that show progress and work that will be completed in the near future. Click on the link for each line of work on the Action Agenda webpage to see the corresponding Action Plan.

Key progress from this month’s Action Plans includes:

- **Supporting Change**: The new CoC Board of Directors will hold their first meeting on Weds., April 18 from 9:30 - 11:30 am at City Hall, 121 N. LaSalle. Room 501A. This is an open meeting and all are welcome to attend. The 2017 and 2018 CoC Boards held a transition meeting on April 9.

- **Pipeline Expansion**: The Pipeline Expansion Workgroup convened their first meeting and plan to meet bi-weekly though May. They committed to finalizing the projections of system need by June 2018 and creating a resource map for the projections based on existing resources tied to homelessness.

- **Crisis System Transition**: The Diversion Workgroup is developing a one-pager and/or online eviction application resource for lawyers, tenants, and landlords, pre-eviction and/or post judgement. The Outreach Workgroup is creating a one-pager for clients engaged by outreach teams that explains the Central Referral System is no longer in use and provides information on how to get assessed through the Coordinated Entry System.

- **Coordinated Entry System (CES)**: On March 8, CSH consultants facilitated a Coordinated Entry Refinement Lab including 87 stakeholders to review progress, identify challenges, and create solutions for refining the CES. The final report with solutions from the community, along with recommendations from CSH-National Team, will be published in April. The findings will be incorporated into the CES action plan with support from workgroups.

- **Employment and Income**: The Employment Task Force launched a Supported Employment Workgroup. On April 5, 55 individuals from 18 agencies started the SOAR Online Course Cohort, which means 55 SOAR-certified service providers will be added to our system upon successful completion of the course.

- **Youth**: The CoC is continuing to work on Chicago’s proposal for HUD’s Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project (YHDP) Notice of Funding Availability. With support from Funders Together to End Homelessness, the group engaged a consultant, Andrew Niklaus from Pivot for Change, to create a plan to address the needs of homeless youth. To craft this “system blueprint,” Andrew interviewed more than 30 stakeholders, held a community-wide kick-off meeting and a two-
day workshop where key community members defined a framework for solving youth homelessness, defined our impact, clarified our youth typology, and agreed on outcomes. The system blueprint will be shared and discussed at the next Youth Taskforce meeting on Thurs., May 3 from 3:30pm to 5pm at DFSS, 1615 W. Chicago Ave., 1st Fl. Conference Room.

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

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