May Action Plans Now Posted

The CoC Action Agenda is continuing to make progress and bring the CoC’s vision to prevent and end homelessness closer into view. May’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. As a reminder, these Action Plans are working documents that show progress and work that will be completed in the near future.

Key progress from this month’s Action Plans includes:

- **Pipeline Expansion:** This line of work has been developing system projections that outline the number of units needed to end homelessness among single adults, youth, and families. Final unit projections and corresponding methodology for single adults were recently approved by the Pipeline Expansion Workgroup. Unit projections for youth and families are in progress. The Pipeline Expansion Workgroup also conducted an impact modeling exercise to learn how adding different categories of units to the homeless system would impact the number of people experiencing homelessness.

- **Coordinated Entry System (CES):** Based on feedback from the CE Refinement Lab and Youth Implementation Team, the CE Standardized Housing Assessment has been updated to improve matching outcomes and decrease the length of time housing providers have vacancies. Households will now be asked if there is a part of the city where they will refuse housing, and if they are not open to being matched to an SRO or Youth Transitional Housing. Also, the West Side now has a full coverage Coordinated Entry Access Point located at 10 S. Kedzie, which is open Mon. through Fri. from 9am to 3pm. This Access Point is staffed by Franciscan Outreach Association (FOA), and participants should go to the front desk and ask to meet with FOA.

- **Supporting Change:** Joyce Grangent, a nationally recognized trainer, will hold an advocacy and leadership training for the Lived Experience Commission on May 14.

- **Youth:** The Youth Implementation Work Group is testing 2:1 matching for Youth Transitional Housing. This means three Youth Transitional Housing providers are receiving two matches for one opening. Data will be evaluated to see if this new process improves match to intake rates for youth. This work group also proposed two additional questions that have been added to the CES Assessment: 1) location preference and 2) transitional housing model type preference.

- **System Funding:** After meeting with community members to gather feedback, a system funding needs document has been drafted that will be presented to Funders Together to End Homelessness.

- **Veterans:** The Veteran line of work is evaluating a pilot opportunity to participate in the national VA’s Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Rapid Resolution Pilot Project. The goal of the project is to gather information about effective rapid resolution (e.g. diversion, rapid exit, reunification, creative housing, etc.) practices, including the amount and type...
of financial assistance that contributes to a resolution of a housing crisis. This information will inform the VA's anticipated national implementation of Rapid Resolution by SSVF in the fall of 2018.

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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