

2020 Statewide Strategic Planning Committee

January 15th, 2020 9:00 am MT/ 8:00 am PT
Meeting Minutes

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| Facilitator: | Alicia Dart-Clegg |
| Attendees: | Aly Pogue (Region 1), Amanda Fields (Region 3), Crystal Arteaga-Juarez (Region 3), Holly Llewellyn (Region 5) |
| Not Present: | Cliff McAleer (Region 2), Vacant (Region 4), Marguerite Sharp (Region 6) |

NEW ITEMS:

1. Introductions

- a. Introductions and roll call. Invitation for nominations or volunteers for the position or Chair, Vice Chair, or Secretary. None initially, will check the IHCC guidelines and revisit committee positions next meeting.

2. Next Steps for Strategic Planning

- a. Included attachments-
 - Notes and ideas from the October 2019 IHCC Strategic Planning session that happened in Boise. Hoping we can implement and include some of those ideas as we go forward.
 - A list of strategic planning topics- HUD has been asking on the CoC application for CoC-wide strategies that address these things, and they're a good starting point, but our ideas and planning doesn't need to be limited to these.
 - An example of another Continuum of Care's Strategic Plan document, specifically Montgomery County.
- b. Our objective for the next while in Strategic Planning will be working through ideas to develop a strategic plan for the continuum addressing topics like the ones included on the attached list, developing strategies we can implement on a broad scale that will help the clients served by our Continuum.

3. Questions to address

- a. How to proceed?
 - How would members like to proceed with the planning process? It was agreed to narrow focus to one or two topics to focus on and discuss in meetings as well as collaborate via e-mail.
 - Which topics to address first? Committee members suggested and agreed to narrow the focus right now to addressing the topic of first time homelessness and outreach. From the attached topics document:
 1. **Topic:** First time homelessness
Questions: How do we identify those most at risk for becoming homeless for the first time? How do we address their needs and mitigate those factors that contribute to first-time homelessness?
 2. **Topic:** Outreach
Questions: How can we engage in street outreach and reach out to those who may not be accessing services or seeking help already? How do we engage those who are least likely to request assistance?

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b. Outreach

- The PATH program NOFA has been released- the PATH program is integral to Outreach; the PATH grantee working closely with or at Access Points would be helpful for coordination of outreach and services efforts.

c. First Time Homelessness

- St Vincent (Region 1) identifies people most at-risk of homelessness mostly through Access Point activities. They are also involved in outreach efforts to involve churches in their community because churches often help people out with assistance payments. Involving churches through their prisoner re-entry program and community meetings is helpful, with making sure that resources aren't doubled up and that people are getting the assistance that is specifically helpful to their situation. Churches can call the help center to discuss folks that have approached them for assistance and talk through their situation.
- Q: Are there confidentiality concerns, coming from the perspective of being a domestic violence service provider?
- A: The client signs a release of information that allows them to coordinate services.
- Region 7 uses release of information forms that cover all of the specific agencies that can coordinate services for a client and that is used as a more trauma-informed approach for approach for clients.
- Q: Can clients opt out of sharing with specific agencies? Who at those agencies has access to that information?
- A: Clients can opt out of their information being shared with specific agencies and clients' information is only shared with specific staff at those agencies.
- The eviction prevention program outlined in the Montgomery County Strategic Plan would be a good method to address those at risk of homelessness.
- Jesse Tree does some eviction prevention in Region 3, but do other regions have any similar programs? Region 1, St Vincent, has HPRR funds that are used for homelessness prevention, but that a more involved budgeting class or case management with clients might be helpful. The Rent Well class that is in Oregon is a good resource for helping clients be good renters and have a certificate to show if they have prior evictions, helpful with landlords and they're looking at making that class available to more states and more general.

4. Regional Updates- no big regional updates.

5. Wrap-Up- Generated some great ideas, continue to think over strategies and exchange ideas through e-mail if that's helpful before the next committee meeting.

Next Committee Meeting: Wednesday, February 19th, 2020 at 8 am PST/9 am MST