AGENDA

Call to Order: 1:05 pm by Bill Salganik
Minutes: Minutes from the December 2021 meeting were approved.

Agenda item: New Office of Community Partnerships (OCP) Staff  Presenting: Rose Burton

Rose Burton welcomed Lelena Dagne to the OCP team and introduced her to the Board. Lelena is the new Coordinated Entry Manager for the Homeless System.

Agenda item: The Path Home Implementation Plan  Presenting: Rose Burton and Bill Salganik

Bill Salganik is tracking the progress of The Path Home. We are now using Monday.com for the implementation plan. Monday.com matches what was on the spreadsheet used for tracking previously. Each section pertaining to a committee has been discussed with the committee’s chair/co-chairs. Now
the draft of the implementation plan is being presented to the board and a copy will be sent after the meeting. We will hear feedback and hopefully approve the implementation plan at the May meeting.

**Agenda item:** The Path Home Implementation Plan by Committee  
**Presenting:** Committee Chairs

Community Commitment and Awareness Committee  
- Current and Perspective Partners  
- Develop a Prioritized Engagement Strategy  
- Implement Engagement Strategy  
- Strategize Around Annual Events

Executive Committee  
- Governance Structure  
- Governance Charter  
- Other Duties

Program Policy & Process Committee  
- Written Standards for Housing  
- Expand Street Outreach

System Performance Committee  
- Establish System and Program Level Performance (Benchmarks)  
- Review Benchmarks

Resource Development Committee  
- Rapid Rehousing Funding  
- Inventory of Current Funds  
- Same Day Shelter for Literal Homeless  
- Expand Outreach  
- Database of Funding Sources  
- Explore New Funding Sources  
- Inventory of Current Spending from All Sources  
- Developing Strategies for Housing Funding  
- Completing Applications and Appeals

Continuum of Care (CoC) Lead Agency  
- Landlord Navigator  
- Discuss Addition of Housing Navigator  
- Mainstream Vouchers  
- Landlord Guarantee Program  
- Implement Program Standards for Funded Agencies

**Agenda item:** Mainstream Vouchers  
**Presenting:** Lelena Dagné

There are 80 emergency vouchers. 59 applications are being or have been processed and 46 vouchers have been used so far. To qualify a person must be: 62 years old or younger with a disability. Of the households to receive a voucher, 15% are families and 85% are single adults. Average time homeless
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477 days (includes time before entering the program). 92 days was the least amount of time and 1,532 days was the most amount of time.

Strategies use to house people: refined process, offered landlords monetary incentives, ongoing communication between Landlord Navigator, Case Manager and clients, Landlord Navigator assists with locating housing units, landlord education of CoC programs. Barriers to still overcome: getting critical documentation, meeting deadlines, and clients not able to use DocuSign. There are growing pains and we are learning how best to use the Landlord Navigator. Lessons Learned: all referrals should be from Coordinated Entry System, exploring ongoing case management, have a buffer of 20% of referrals so that if someone is denied a vouch then one of the 20% can immediately apply for the voucher. Would like to thank the Housing Commission for their partnership. Together we have overcome many challenges during COVID-19 pandemic.

Agenda item: Homeless System Updates                          Presenting:  Lelena Dagne and Latonya Dulin

A training calendar will be released soon. Please reach out to Latonya if you know of trainings related to homelessness. Coordinated Entry System is working on a new prioritization tool. There will be trainings provides once it is ready to launch. Exploring a new system for providers to submit invoices called Prefix. Will share more information about Prefix once contract with the Office of Community Partnerships is approved.

Agenda item: Point in Time (PIT) Count                          Presenting:  Catherine Wellman

Conducted a full PIT Count this year, which includes street count and shelter count. Were able to have both day and evening shift. It went great! Preliminary data; 37 surveys from people reported as literally homeless. This number does not include the sheltered surveys. Will send out final data before the next board meeting.

Agenda item: Homeless System Benchmarks & Glossary              Presenting:  Catherine Wellman

A copy of the Benchmark System Glossary will be sent to the board. Catherine then went over the terms in the glossary. Copy of Benchmarks will be sent to the board as well. The Benchmarks were reviewed during the meeting. A monthly overview was also reviewed.

Announcement:  
Bill Salganik, co-chair of the board, will receive the Bridges of Hope Legacy Award. This is a lifetime achievement award from Bridges to Housing Stability for his work in advocating for and assisting the homeless.

Meeting Conclusion Time: 2:27 pm
Next Meeting:  May 25, 2022 1:00 pm via WebEx