CCHA Steering Committee

July 6th, 2023 – 9:00am-11am

Location: Burlington City Hall, Contois Auditorium

Meeting Minutes

Attendees

Sarah Russell, Marcella Gange, Chanel Bastian, CEDO; Louise Masterson, Karina McNamara, ICA; Linda Amante, Stephanie Smith, CVOEO; Elaine Soto, Howard Center; Jason Brill, Veterans' Affairs; Crystal Jones, Burlington Housing Authority; Jane Helmstetter, Facilitator; Ari Kisler, Abby Erwin, OEO; Lindsay Mesa, Pathways; Elizabeth Gilman, United Way NWVT; Lacey Smith, BPD, Community Liaisons; Sean Thomas, HUD; Brandon Studler, Ascend Housing; Diana Carminati, Strategic Planning Consultant; Erin Roelke, AgeWell; Alyssa Peteani, VHFA; Emily Korkosz, Turning Point Center; Will Vilardo, SSVF at UVM; Kerri Duquette-Hoffman, David Riegel, AHS; Chris Brzovic, Coordinated Entry Consultant; Nichele Carver, USICH; Yoshi Bird, UVM Researcher; Jayme Bauer, VT DHCD; Daniel Blankenship, VSHA; Lucia Valino; Trisha Matthews, AHS VCCI; Jen Hunter, Cathedral Square; Ciara Kilburn, Steps to End DV; Virginia Finn, ANEW Place

1. Intros and announcements

- a. Burlington cooling centers are open
- b. NOFO- HUD has released the NOFO for the 2023 CoC funding- CEDO as the CCHA collaborative applicant will coordinate the CoC application and release the local CCHA RFP and timeline for submission once available
- c. Elmwood Community activity for ONE Ramble July 29th
- 2. Coordinated Entry Data May
 - a. 2023 is off to a better start than 2022, see data sheet with meeting materials on website
- 3. Coordinated Entry Consultant Report
 - a. Built for Zero Funding Award- Chris Brzovic
 - b. Built for Zero report and data dashboard are under construction, once data is finalized it will be shared
 - c. BFZ metrics focus on "individuals" experiencing homelessness as opposed to "households/families" like BITFocus
 - d. Workflow has been created to assist staff in calculations for individual homelessness, should be available around end of September
 - e. Contact Chris with any questions chrisbrzovic@gmail.com
- 4. Update from SOV
 - a. Motel Program Update
 - i. Folks staying in the motels were designated Cohorts based on criteria as of 6/30. Cohorts are approved for a period of time. Folks must adhere to set of rules to stay in cohort:
 - 1. Required to actively work towards housing and with a case manager (SOV is working on what this looks like with housing case manager waitlist)
 - 2. Must pay 30% of income towards payment
 - 3. Must follow rules of hotel
 - ii. Questions:
 - 1. Q: If someone is exited from one hotel but doing well in another, is it a one-strike system?
 - a. A: Depends on reason for needing to exit,
 - 2. Q: Is there specific language around if the housing opportunity offered works for the family, and what qualifies as an "offer"?
 - a. A: Rules are still being solidified but will likely take a community approach to making sure the "offers" work for the households
 - 3. Q: Self-pay day calculations for folks entering after 6/30
 - a. A: Folks will receive a 14 day transition period to leave the hotel and into the new housing opportunity

- 4. Q: Will there be options to extend the 14-day transition period? It can take a few months for some housing providers to process applications and paperwork
 - a. The 14 days will begin once a move-in date is given
- iii. Mondays 12-12:45pm open office hours
- iv. Team Based Care will continue but in a different format
- b. LOIs
 - i. AHS is working with other agencies to review, rank, and approve the proposals received
 - ii. Need has shifted from short-term, temporary congregate shelters to projects that can begin with one-time funding and are sustainable
 - iii. Discussion around which agency will make final decisions on housing suitability
 - iv. Q: How will eligibility rules be communicated?
 - 1. Through service providers, over the phone with individuals, notice of decision letters will be sent, and motels will receive letters with changes and updates

5. USICH Update

- a. The Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness
 - i. First updated Federal plan since "Open Doors" plan under Obama from ~2009
 - ii. Biggest Challenges
 - 1. Lack of housing supply (shortage of 7 million housing units)
 - 2. Rising rent amid slow income growth
 - 3. Inadequate access to supports
 - 4. Unsheltered homelessness rising
 - 5. Criminalization of homelessness
 - 6. Fatigue and trauma among providers
 - iii. Goal: Reduce homelessness 25% by 2025
 - iv. Need data-driven creative solutions
 - v. Implementation plans will be rolled out to assist communities with potential solutions
- b. Looking to visit August meeting
- c. Email Nichele with any questions nichele.carver@usich.gov
- 6. HUD Grants Community-Engaged Research Address Homelessness Application
 - a. Looking to research impacts of municipal policies on homelessness by working with local partners
 - b. Contact Yoshi Bird with any questions yoshi.bird@uvm.edu
- 7. VT Council on Housing and Homelessness
 - a. Previous Executive order establishing the Council expired in December
 - b. Governor is still working on council appointments at this time
 - This executive order provides detail on the composition of the council including sub-committees and council task of delivering a Tactical Action Plan for Vermont by December 31st, 2023, as well as annual updates going forward
 - d. Permanent Supportive Housing Medicaid Benefit received approval and the process will begin to shape the benefit and roll it out. Interviews and surveys will be conducted with stakeholders
 - e. Contact David Riegel with any questions david.riegel@vermont.gov
- 8. FY24 Data Quality Standards
 - a. HMIS language updates, merge of race and ethnicity data elements, gender field will be revamped, changes to living situation piece, any projects that are COC or ESG funded will required only the last 4 digits of the social security number, PSH funded projects will be required to collect sexual orientation information, Coordinated Entry updates will be delayed until 2026
 - b. Training based on program and funding types will be rolled out
 - c. Changes begin October 1st, 2023