Hennepin County Singles Coordinated Entry System (CES) Leadership Committee

**Tuesday, October6th, 11:30-1:30 via Microsoft Teams**

**Attendance:**

**Committee Members**: Kim Lieberman, Susannah King, Zarita Hester, Heather Duchsherer, Tim Deen, Lucy Bullock, Jay Wagner, Stacy Sweeney, Qually Neal, Cherita, Tim Deen

**Hennepin County Staff**: Katherine DeSantis, Laura DeRosier, Eric Richert, Tracy Schumacher, Amy Donahue, Lindsay Anderson, Teresa Howard

**ICA staff:**

**Not in Attendance:** Travis Earthwerner, Ciara Kunert, Mark Miller

**Guests:** Michele Williams, Lindsey Giblin

### *Guiding Principles:*

1. Ensure service accessibility
2. Prioritize swift exit from homelessness
3. Align services to client need
4. Prioritize services for clients with the greatest need
5. Build a system that is efficient and effective for clients, referral sources, and receiving programs
6. Invest in continuously strengthening the system

| **Agenda Item** | **Action** |  | |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1. **Intros/community share** |  | |
| 1. **Last Meeting** | * Good-bye and Thank you! * Jay, Heather, Ciara   Susannah/Zarita  11:45 | |
| 1. **New member** | * Shanna McIntosh resignation * Looking for new member * A new post will be put in the Scoop and members are asked to recruit from their networks. | |
| 1. **CES Team updates** | * HUD TA equity demo –   + Coordinated entry systems have contributed to disparities in communities across the country   + The equity demo will work with local BIOPIC communities to rework and re-think the system with lens of racial equity   + Involved in the Demo will be a Core team and a Decisions making body   + This will take about 6 months to complete   + The committee reviewed baseline demographic data ([https://public.tableau.com/profile/lindsey.giblin#!/vizhome/HennepinCounty/BlackorAfricanAmerican?publish=yes](https://public.tableau.com/profile/lindsey.giblin" \l "!/vizhome/HennepinCounty/BlackorAfricanAmerican?publish=yes" \o "https://public.tableau.com/profile/lindsey.giblin#!/vizhome/hennepincounty/blackorafricanamerican?publish=yes" \t "_blank)   + Going forward, the demo will map the experiences people have in the system, specifically for people of color * The “Decision Making Body” will be asked/invited to provide critical feedback, identify issues for the “Core Group” to work on, and be involved in every step of the development of the new assessment process. The “Decision Making Body” will include:   + Street Voices of Change   + Additional members of our homeless community not currently represented by Street Voices of Change including:     - Families     - Native Americans     - Others identified by the “Core Group”, “Decision Making Body”, or CES Leadership Committee members as being under/not represented by Street Voice of Change * . The committee nominated potential members of the group | |
| 1. **Assessment Process Workgroup** | * This group has joined the work with C4 and the Equity Demo | |
| 1. **Hennepin County Update** | * County initiatives /strategies on hotel purchase   + Hennepin County purchased two buildings to assist in the transition of current hotel guests   + There are about 60 units in these two buildings   + There will be further acquisitions to come * There will be a diversion training for the community * The participant agreement was approved last month. These will be sent out mid to late October. These will be for 2021 and then sent out annually. | |
| 1. **Hotels to Housing** | * Description of the project – Hennepin County moved just over 300 individuals that were medically fragile and seniors In mid-March * HC is committed to working to try and assure no one returns to homelessness or a shelter * New staff are being hired to assist in the housing process * No preferential treatment is being given to guests of the hotel | |
| 1. **Equity and Inclusion in the CES** | * Review of workgroups/subcommittees * The HC CES Survivor Services group is still meeting * The Communications group is not currently meeting but could start back up if needed. * The Data and Equity committee met on Friday – Amy continues to lead this work | |
| 1. **Communication Strategies** | * Revisit recording meeting discussion * Updating the website * Host listening sessions * Using the Scoop | |
| 1. **Data Equity Workgroup** | * Update | |
| 1. **System report** |  | |
| 1. **Other Business** |  | |
| **Future Agenda Items** |  | |
| **Tasks for this month** |  | |
| **Reminders** |  | |

**Acronyms**

* **AMI:** Area Median Income.
* **CES:** Coordinated Entry System, a process operated by CoCs to assess and connect people residing in shelters and/or on the streets with homeless-designated housing programs
* **CoC:** continuum of care for the homeless; funding made available by HUD via the annual CoC program competition process
* **DHS:** Minnesota Department of Human Services
* **FHPAP:** Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program; biannual grant from MHFA for homelessness prevention and rapid rehousing
* **EA:** Emergency Assistance for families
* **EGA:** Emergency General Assistance for single adults
* **ESG:** Emergency Solutions Grant; annual grant from HUD used by Hennepin County and City and Minneapolis for rapid rehousing
* **FMR:** Fair Market Rent, a calculation completed by the federal government
* **GRH:** Group Residential Housing, a State benefit that pays for housing and some services for people with disabling conditions, also called Housing Support
* **HMIS:** Homelessness Management Information System; database and reporting application
* **HUD:** United States Department of Housing and Urban Development
* **LTH:** Long-term homeless, a Minnesota designation of people who have been homeless or doubled-up for 12 continuous months or for 4 times in the last 3 years
* **MFIP:** Minnesota Families Investment Program, Minnesota’s Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program
* **MHFA:** Minnesota Housing Finance Agency
* **PIT:** point in time count, a required count of people experiencing homelessness every January
* **PSH:** permanent supportive housing
* **VI-SPDAT:** Vulnerability Index – Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool, the tool used in Hennepin County’s Coordinated Entry System to prioritize households for different housing programs