

DAC Meeting Minutes

3.10.2021

Members present: Kim Sanders, Shamika Agbeviade, Thomas Montaglione, Allison Winston, Joann Markley, Courtney LaCaria, Melissa Corzine

Guests present: Branden Lewis, Erin Nixon

Members absent: Liz Clasen-Kelly, Justin Lane, Mary Ann Priester, Megan Coffey, Maya

Quorum established.

Reviewed February Meeting Minutes. No changes were made. Shamika motioned to approve the minutes, with second by Joann. Motion approved.

Welcome

Ana London was appointed as a new member and will begin coming to meetings in April.

Race Equity Data

Courtney presented an overview of the work that she and the HMIS team have been doing in incorporating race and ethnicity into our homelessness data. This information is now available on the dashboard; you can see the One Number and Inflow & Outflow broken down by race and ethnicity. The community is encouraged to use this data when making decisions related to systems change.

HMIS Sub-Committee

The committee discussed possible data quality error rates. They believe different program types (such as street outreach) need different standards rather than an across the board rate. The committee also continues to work on the fee for HMIS licenses. The next meeting will be March 31, 2021.

CoC Board Data Request

The committee looked at two data reports; length of time from project entry to housing, and length of time homeless. The members believe that the short length of time to housing does not necessarily reflect the work that is being done; often units are lined up first rather than finding a person then the unit. For roommate situations the provider will also plug in a new person when one moves out, which shows as a quick process even though they likely have been working with that person for a while. Certain programs, such as MeckHome, also do not enter clients into projects until the lease has been signed. For PSH programs, most (if not all) who were housed in 7 days or less will be in Moore Place. The length of time to housing did increase in 2020, which providers believe is due to the pandemic (barriers related to obtaining ID and SS card).

In discussing increases to Length of Time homeless, Allison stated that it can be harder for social workers to do their jobs remotely. Realistically, hotels are also nicer places to live than a shelter, so there is a little less incentive to leave. Roof Above has been shifting their focus to try to find solutions for long-term stayers. Some do not want to enter rapid rehousing for monetary reasons, while some do not want to enter into shared housing. Melissa added that at Salvation Army, many of their very long-term stayers are elderly and can't live alone.