

DAC Meeting Minutes

09.08.2021

Members present: Shamika Agbeviade, Thomas Montaglione, Mary Ann Priester, Megan Coffey, Melissa Corzine, Joann Markley, Courtney LaCaria, Justin Lane, Anna London

Guests present: Erin Nixon, Karen Pelletier, Branden Lewis

Members absent: Kim Sanders, Anisse Puryear, Maya Marshall, Vickie Craighead-Davis, Hannah Stutts

Quorum established.

Reviewed August meeting minutes. Approved.

Welcome

Tom has agreed to serve as the Chair, and Joann has agreed to serve as Vice-Chair of the DAC! We do still need a Chair for the HMIS subcommittee.

HMIS Subcommittee

Mary Ann reported out on the HMIS subcommittee meeting.

Vendor Demos

Erin updated the group on the vendor demo process that will take place over the next month; no decisions have been made regarding a vendor and/or HMIS Lead switch, however we will be taking the time to attend demo sessions with competing vendors. The next step in the process would be a Request for Proposal (RFP). Joan would like to ensure we get input from end-users before making a final decision.

System Performance Measure Monthly Updates

Mary Ann shared the updated SPM dashboard; our goal for PIT an annual count reductions were met last year. For LOT homeless, our benchmark is a 3% reduction in average and median, however, we are seeing a fairly significant increases in length of time homeless across the board. Joann pointed out that under normal circumstances, some people get turned away for beds; Covid could be impacting not only the length of stay but the number of people who are now encouraged to be in shelter rather than unsheltered. Mary Ann noted that even if some numbers increase, we do want people to be inside rather than unsheltered.

For Returns from permanent housing, we raised the benchmark to a 3% reduction (from 2%); we had slight increases in several of the time frames. Karen asked what can we do differently for people exited RRH to homelessness? Shamika also noted that we should also think about how long people are staying in rentals on a self-pay basis after exiting RRH; the destination may be permanent, but how long are they really staying in a permanent situation? If rent is not sustainable, people can end up back in a homeless situation. Tom noted that most of our money comes from HUD so we tend to be restricted on what we can do unless using private funds. Anna noted that connecting with organizations that provide

services, like workforce development, is crucial. Erin will follow up with Anna on possibly connecting with System Navigators.

NOFO

Erin discussed the upcoming NOFO; one issue is that we have to explain when bed coverage is below 85% and we typically do fall below this. We have previously said that we will encourage organizations to join HMIS and get VASH data. Shamika will be meeting with Saber and we do hope to bring them on, but are there other ways we can increase bed coverage? Discussion will continue offline.

Next Steps

The next HMIS subcommittee meeting is 9/29 and will feature two software demos. The next DAC meeting will be 10/13.