

Central CoC Full Membership Meeting

August 3, 2021 1-3pm

Mission Statement

Central MN CoC is committed to building strong partnerships and being collaborative in our strategic planning efforts to improve our homeless response system. We strive to maximize access to funding and resources to assist in finding homes for all individuals and families who are at the greatest risk of being excluded from necessary services.

Vision Statement

Central MN CoC envisions a community committed to racial equity in which everyone has a stable permanent home and the support and resources needed to maintain it.

Business

1. Welcome, Introductions and Announcements ALL
Introductions made, announcements?
2. Inspiration Volunteer
"When something goes wrong in your life, just yell, PLOT TWIST! And move on! Lori G
3. Approval of June 2021 minutes ALL
Motion to approve minutes: Meg, Second by Will J. Discussion? All in favor, carries.
4. Additions to the Agenda ALL
Add line to talk about NOFA Ranking/Scoring. Add MESH Form to Process: Tim P
5. Approve Agenda ALL
Motion to approve agenda: Michelle F, Second by Hyacinth. Discussion? All in favor, carries.

System Performance Measures

- 2019-2020 Comparison Annabel Kornblum
SPM - System performance measures appear to be all over the place. See Power Point from Annabel explaining data gathering to help clarify statistics and data gathering to increase quality.

Information & Discussion

1. St. Cloud Mayor's Task Force on Homelessness Tim Poland
Tim was part of a task force, goals related to St. Cloud Homelessness. See handout from Tim.
4 areas of focus: Questions? Meg – Building tiny homes? Presented, ranking level of importance of all listed variables, to come up with top 4. PSH scored higher than other items. Jen – How fast are they willing to move on these ideas? Looking at next council meeting to develop task force. Tim will share the 4 areas of focus handout. Tim has not heard of task force dev. in other smaller surrounding communities at this time.
2. Housing Cost Burden Chart (Attachment) Tim Poland
From MN Housing Partnership – State of the States Housing 2021. Data on Rent Increase 2019-2020 along with Income changes, some negatively. Not keeping up with increased costs associated with renting or home ownership. Development of affordable units appears to fall way short of need. Tim can resend this report, a bit shocking for need increases based on the 13 counties in Central. Link is on attachments Tim sent with agenda.
3. State of Homelessness Data (Attachment) Tim Poland
Report attached to agenda from Natl. Alliance to End Homelessness from 2007. Link was provided on pg. 3 of our CoC data. Jen – Veteran data and Youth data? Categories changed in 2013. It will be interesting to see the changes due to Covid, possibly a spike in homelessness due to evictions. When emergency shelters are opened, they become full. Don't appear to be sustainable, have to find another way. Michelle from LSS, people getting evicted, or leases not being renewed, there is increased activity, calls are up significantly over the past several weeks. We need solutions/funding/task force. Tim will add task force discussion to our board agenda in two weeks.
4. HUD Technical Assistance Request for Coordinated Entry Tim Poland/Jay Vasek
There will be some TA training regarding learning about CE. Possibly 16hrs of training, and includes the auditing of our referrals, HUD will be getting back to Tim on what kind of TA will be provided.

HUD Funded Program

HUD Funded Program Highlight

Volunteer?

Hyacinth – BiCap has two, PSH Program, serves 3 families. Doc. Disability, permanent, pay 30% of their income. RRH – Serves 7 families. For BiCap in Cass County, very large, very rural but may work in other communities. RRH up to 24 months, receive support, look at increasing income, getting on Sect. 8.

Who will highlight their HUD program next month?

Please send an email if you are interested in providing info on your program. Will look at NOFA list to see who could give program info.

New funding throughout the CoC

1. Anyone awarded or applying for new funding?

ALL

Carol from Brainerd Salvation Army. She has a grant for Admin. Costs to be able to reach out to families in need evenings/w/ends. Hyacinth – received funding from FHPAP from Beltrami/Cass, Housing Plus Dollars, and will share what it is being used for. Michelle – awarded funds from FHPAP for next Biennium to figure out what it can be used for. Loise, St. Cloud HRA, change in leadership, shifting rental assistance to help renters. MN MH – Funding to help with issues. Bridges Program – 7 Counties. Emergency vouchers – of 48, we have 28 distributed, needs to help to find housing.

2021 NOFA Process

1. Update on Ranking & Scoring Process: MESH Processing form

Tim Poland

Committee met a few days ago. Will be working with Mike M at MESH, devised spreadsheet for NE-CoC, to help with our CoC. Eligibility, ranking, scoring, performance, etc. to all program participants. Tim is meeting with Mike Friday to start initial spreadsheet to make scoring interpretation easier. He will know more after meeting with Mike and offer more info at the next meeting. Hyacinth brought up it is not great for scoring when a program does not serve specific populations, it should not count against them. It would be very useful if there are changes in the focus of what items are important for scoring, we need to know that sooner than later for us to do well in our scoring. We are lucky with transparency in our group.

Updates

1. Coordinated Entry System Updates

Jay Vasek

See attached CE data info sheets. Let Jay know if you have questions on this data. Putting things on hold until the TA info comes out from HUD for training for CE.

2. Youth Initiative Committee Updates

Jennifer Walker

No updates, have met once recently, trying to coordinate schedules.

3. Ending Veteran Homelessness Update

Amy Sidmore

Amy left the meeting.

4. Family Homeless Prevention Assistance Program (FHPAP) Updates

FHPAP Providers

Hyacinth, nothing new yet. Trying to make the dollars stretch, revising budgets that end 9-30. Next grant will start Oct, and will be 24 months.

5. REAP Updates

Kathy Sauve

Kathy is not on. Tim – working last couple days to moving forward. Cathy W– shared last month, CE P&P to incorporate data into achievement of racial equity data points. Need to develop/incorporate these to be able to make changes. Racial Equity Accountability Project is REAP acronym.

6. HMIS/Data Review Updates

This is not Lori Gudim

Any agency updates? RentHelpMN - Amy C – 10-15 calls a day for applications for people asking for this service. 15 applications have been submitted, with a variety of needs/support/questions. Somali community is receiving info on this support, outreach. This ends by December so need to continue working as quickly as possible with people. Landlords can access to see if their renters have applied for assistance. Amy gets notified as renters work through the process. Tenants reaching out for this will be protected from evictions until they find out if they will qualify for funds. Michelle F added many people going through this process has no idea where their app is at, who to call to ask questions, and worried that they will be homeless due to limited information after applying. Amy clarified some of the issues with this whole service. Amy can alert applicants where their apps are in the processing system.

Households that have vouchers: No additional protections.

Go to Renthelp.org – to find where their application is at. They can retrieve their password if lost.

What happens to their voucher if evicted: they lose their voucher if it is a court ordered eviction. Not an automatic loss if lease is ended or they just move out.

Lori I – Need a verbal verification for utilities to apply.

Checks from RentHelpMN may not pay for utilities, only rent. Separate sections in the application are for rent and another for utilities, so checks may only be used for catching up with rent unless specific to Utilities.

Motion to adjourn: Jay. Second by Louise. Motion carries.

2021 Coordinated Entry Monthly Meeting

Ages on Priority List

Ages	Jan.	Feb.	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
18-24	51	44	44	42	29	23	27					
60+	28	29	27	20	18	15	15					
50-59	65	58	70	65	53	47	37					
40-49	83	71	69	73	65	48	64					
30-39	150	128	126	125	127	100	78					
20-29	114	104	95	88	72	59	60					
19 <	3	1	4	3	4	4	9					
Missing	2	0	3	1	1	2	4					
Total	445	391	394	375	340	275	267	0	0	0	0	0

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Evaluation of Coordinated Entry System 2021

From 266 Monitoring Report

Date	26	22	24	27	25	29	28								
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Totals	Average	
Number of Referrals Made: 266 Referral Summary (Total Referrals M	49	84	57	68	74	140	80								
Number of Denials of Referrals: 266 Referral Summary (Declined &	24	23	10	21	8	6	17								
Number of Chronic Households: PL	59	49	55	65	33	24	20								
Number of Long-Term Homeless Households: PL	191	170	180	197	161	112	112								
Number of Unhoused Households: 266 PL Deduplicated Summary	659	673	650	636	608	509	473								
Number of Households who returned to homelessness: 266 E	22	70	54	63	61	74	64								
Number of program openings and length of time vacant:	Not Tracked in HMIS														

****The CE Monitoring report counts clients with referrals as being on the Priority List. This means that all clients on the Pending Referrals and Acknowledged Referrals tabs, and some of the clients on the Resolved Referrals tab, will be included on the PL Summary tabs.**

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2021 Monthly Coordinated Entry Meeting Key Indicators

	Active	Google Docs	Total Homeless	Ave. Day #3	3 < Ave. Days on PL #4	4 Ave. Days on PL #5	5 Ave. Days on PL	Monthly Assessment Numbers			
January (27)	445	2	447	209	1	43	21	197	47	214	42
February (22)	391	7	398	202	0	0	20	135	40	176	41
March (24)	394	7	401	205	0	0	20	135	40	200	50
April (27)	375	3	378	222	0	0	17	165	32	239	42
May (25)	340	3	343	207	0	0	16	186	35	242	40
June (29)	275	3	278	185	0	0	10	123	30	264	47
July (28)	267	3	270	196	0	0	13	189	27	238	44
August ()			0								
September ()			0								
October ()			0								
November ()			0								
December ()			0								
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Importance of 30 Day Follow-Ups

Average Length of Time on The Priority List

2021	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Top 10	1013	858	909	1054	979	936	1032					
Top 20	690	715	759	858	804	758	836					
Top 30	559	643	686	737	706	657	718					
Top 40	492	598	639	699	638	584	638					
Top 50	452	565	602	650	584	532	578					
Average	641.2	675.8	719	800	742	693	760	0	0	0	0	0

Call to Connect (866-560-7464) Phone Log by Month 2021

		Ext. 201 Central	Ext. 202 Easterr	Ext. 203 North	Ext. 204 Youth	Ext. 205 Domes	Ext. 206 Veterans							
		320-406-4682 LSS St. Cloud	320-679-1800 Lakes & Pines	866-970-1437 LSS Brainerd Hope Housing	320-250-2306 Catholic Charities Youth	320-253-6900 Anna Marie's Alliance	888-546-5838 Veterans	Call Hangup	2021 Total Calls	2020 Total Calls	Total Calls % + or -	2021 Missed Calls	2020 Missed Calls	
January	2021	45	6	17	0	0	2	4	74	71	104%	30	17	
February	2021	55	3	24	1	2	0	5	90	82	110%	38	27	
March (24)	2021	64	5	9	1	0	0	7	86	56	154%	26	25	
April (27)	2021	37	5	21	1	0	0	4	68	47	145%	21	18	
May	2021	35	6	7	1	0	0	3	52	43	121%	11	25	
June	2021								0	52	0%		30	
July	2021								0	53	0%		32	
August	2021								0	76	0%		41	
September	2021								0	68	0%		14	
October 31	2021								0	78	0%		16	
November	2021								0	100	0%		27	
December	2021								0	90	0%		27	
		236	25	78	4	2	2	23	370	816		126	299	
Unique Calls (Missed, Voice Mail, Hangups):														
Missed Calls (Missed Calls/Voice Mail):														