

## SLC FHPAP Provider Quarterly Meeting June 12, 2014 Cotton Town Hall

Attendance: AEOA, AICHO, Shelter Project (representatives from both Dabinoo'Igan and Safe Haven), Legal Aid-Duluth, Legal Aid-Range, Salvation Army and LifeHouse. Leadership Council RHC and AHC reps.

Direct Service Flex Administration: Life House effective 5/1/2014.

Update-Transition was smooth. Process ok, everything submitted has been paid. LH will continue program as established, but will continue to evaluate for improvements. Discussion regarding admin dollars, FHPAP limited to 10% of total grant, need community discussion on how to divide. Too little to be dispersed among all providers...*For next biennium, will have AEOA and LH put together cost analysis to determine what FTE is truly needed to administer the flex portion of the program. SLC admin portion is not enough to cover cost of administrator and other program costs.*

**Current biennium dashboard:** HH served (10 months data)

### Prevention

Single Youth 38%  
Family Youth 110%  
Single 52%  
Family 65%

### Homeless

Single Youth 20.5%  
Family Youth 31%  
Single 25.6%  
Family 22%

Reasoning for Prev HH counts higher than expected is that FHPAP Providers also have ESG funds for direct assistance, but not with Support Service dollars. So, ESG is leveraging FHPAP clients which are entered as FHPAP clients.

Also, more utility clients served after exceptionally harsh winter. AEOA saw more utility fund requests than expected. Utility deposits required are set as 2X the highest month.

Lack of housing is a major concern-discussion was to move funds from homeless to prevention. Not as many options for new housing. Better to keep folks in housing and utilize prevention dollars. FHPAP (w/ ESG leverage) is the only prevention funding.

AEOA seeing less homeless #'s overall. AICHO says there are more calls for prevention. Need data to back up.

*Provider consensus was to move homeless funds to prevention side if necessary to derail homelessness for folks already in housing, but struggling. Will review this in September.*

Another discussion topic was to move to more declining support (obligated funding) for a longer period of time to help folks stabilize. *Review for next application.*

**Overall expenditures (9 months data)**

**Admin 24%**

**Total Support Services: 29.5%**

Prevention Support Services: 26%

Homeless Support Services: 36%

**Total Direct Assistance: 17%**

Prevention DA 27%

Homeless 11%

Reasoning: ESG fund utilized first. FHPAP last resort funding.

No Direct Assistance disbursed in 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, as contracts were not yet signed.

Shelters slow start even after 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter-Evaluating HH's for RRH-tight housing market, expected to open up a bit once colleges are out (June 1<sup>st</sup>)

Note: for future reference, MHFA will allow reimbursements back to start of biennium. However most agencies will not utilize funds until contract is actually signed.

Additional discussion items update:

Uniform Intake Application: Most Providers began using in April. All should be using this tool as decided for the pilot. We will then need to evaluate how it is working and if it provides sufficient data to develop tighter targeting strategies.

Targeting Strategies work/Characteristics for Diversion: St Louis County emergency assistance accessed first, First time Homeless could just need budgeting support, Family or church support determined, veterans who could access other specific programs,

Targeting HH's that need assistance for safety issues and Families with children. HH at or below 150% of poverty (125% for Legal Aid /or can serve up to 200% per MHFA guidelines)

Further prevention targeting strategies determined folks at or below 50% rent burdened would be best FHPAP candidates since they are most likely able to maintain housing after help. However, state trends indicate that communities are reflecting a much higher % of income going toward rent and utilities than in past, so this should be an ongoing question to determine appropriate targeting.

Minnesota Housing site visit scheduled for June 25, 2014 at Cotton Town Hall 1:00-3:00.