**SLC Heading Home Advisory Council Meeting**

**Via Webex only**

**Thursday, Feb. 17th, 2022 – 1-3 PM**

**Members attending by Microsoft Teams and/or phone will be included in a quorum.**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call: (5 min)
2. Members –Cynthia, Deb, Kristy, Paul, Salaam, Kimberly, David, Biz, Theresa Drift, Kassie Helgerson
3. Members Missing: Angie, Pat, Nathan, Victoria, Shelly
4. Staff – Courtney, Suzanne, Bradley Gustafson, Laurie Kramka, Tom Church, Britt (ICA), Thom, Steve Nelson, Kate Bradley, Stacy, Kevin, Heather Lindula
5. Others- Review and Approval of Agenda (2 minutes) Motion: Salaam, 2nd: Cynthia, motion passes
6. Approval of Meeting Summary (3 minutes) Motion: Salaam, 2nd: Cynthia, motion passes
7. Board Business (15 minutes)
   1. Kristy & Den reappointed for another term---YAY!
   2. Land Acknowledgement : Added Amir Locke & Daunte Wright
   3. By-laws review: By-laws review and board roster next month
8. CES policy changes (Kate, Heather) (15 min)
   1. Motion to approve changes to CES policies listed below & in CES policies & procedures, motion: Theresa, 2nd: Cynthia, Motion passes
9. LTH referral changes
   1. A few years ago (2019), State of MN revised the requirement to us CES for housing supports
   2. Each LTH HS providers can fill up to 50 percent of beds outside of CES
   3. 1 year pilot launching March 1st, may become permanent after evaluation
   4. LTH HS pre-existing relationship clause will no longer exist moving forward
   5. Discussion:
      1. This would be very helpful for those exiting homelessness
      2. ½ still through CE and ½ do not require this process, but still have to meet LTH
10. Policies on Chronic Homelessness
    * 1. Following a discussion with HUD, we need a CoC rule on what to do in the case of a client referred to a program (ex: chronic), but at intake, do not actually meet that chronic requirement, but do meet all the other program requirements.
      2. Real life example: A Duluth project has a preference (ex. Age 55+) and chronic homelessness requirement, and after all referrals available on the priority list
11. NE MN Home Consortium Presentation (Laurie, Steve, Brad) (30 min)
    1. $2 million received from HUD, targeted to homeless households or households at risk of homelessness, or exiting institutional settings, DV populations as well

Qualifying populations:

* Homeless by federal definition
  + Imminently homeless – residence lost within 14 days
  + Unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age
* At risk of homelessness – needs further study
* Fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking
* Other populations – needs further study

Eligible activities:

* Rental housing – acquisition, rehab (conversion), or new construction
* Tenant-based rental assistance
* Supportive services
  + Homeless services as defined by the Continuum of Care regulations
  + Homeless prevention services – needs further study
  + Housing counseling services
* Acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter
  + Definition: A non-congregate shelter (NCS) is one or more buildings that provide private units or rooms as temporary shelter to individuals and families and does not require occupants to sign a lease or occupancy agreement
  + May later convert the NCS to permanent rental housing during the HOME compliance period
  1. Allocation plan needs to be submitted to HUD about needs and gaps for 4 counties in NE CoC & Northern SLC
  2. Currently assessing funding needs through community feedback and conversations, Survey for feedback: [NE MN HOME Consortium Homelessness Survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YLJ22LF)
  3. Determining how funds should be prioritized, hoping to have a plan in place for public comment (15 days) period by end of March before submitting to HUD
  4. 1 time funding shared across 5 counties
  5. Group discussion of needs for NSLC:
     1. Housing needs:
        1. Shelter for youth under 18 is desperately needed in NSLC, mostly youth w/out children, but some needs for parenting youth too
        2. Shelter beds are always full in NSLC
        3. Specific needs for folks getting discharged from hospital and needing more medical support then shelters can provide (medical respite)
        4. Need more family shelter options
        5. No where to house folks released from incarceration pre-trial
        6. No where for those with sex offenders to live in many rural areas, especially those with lifetime registration banned form federal funding
     2. Services Needs:
        1. More advocacy for people with criminal background or legal issues that make finding housing difficult
        2. Need support for support service only funds to sustain programs that already exist
        3. Need more mental health and harm reduction models in housing and shelter & PSH
        4. Pertaining to older adult population, around need for warming shelters, and the lack of new multi housing units (ex. last new unit in I'Falls was 1987)
        5. Pets need to be welcome or have care plan for pets
        6. Target services around discharge and release from incarceration and treatment facilitates
        7. Need more coordinated entry housing navigation support for those waiting for housing
        8. No SSO for those not on MA, or MA qualified households
        9. Landlord incentive program
     3. Prioritizing uses of funds:
        1. Shelter expansion congregate and scattered #1
        2. Need more housing units of all types #2
        3. Support service #3
        4. Rental Assistance #4
        5. Any projects currently happening that this could supplement/add into? Projects needed Rehab?
           1. Combine with housing supports projects that are moving forward
           2. RTH looking at possibilities of building family shelter

1. LTH Housing Supports Program Overview (15 min) (Kevin)
   1. Beds in SLC
      1. 12 Board & lodge providers, 530 beds
      2. Assisted living/adult foster care: 75 beds (less oversight from Kevin as there are other systems in place)
      3. 12 LTH providers, 70+ sites, over 261 beds
      4. 2 new providers approved & 2 more expected to come on board in the next few months
      5. All funded $16 million/year through these beds come into SLC through housing support funds at the state level
      6. All providers have a min of 2x a year file review meeting
      7. New providers rapidly growing/expanding and new providers get lots of support and mentoring
      8. Steep learning curve, but still see more providers coming on board regularly
      9. HS Providers have an annual training calendar and a quarterly meeting established for housing support providers
      10. Kevin/Tawney manage and address any complaints about providers
      11. Community living infrastructure grant annually helps fund kevin’s position, HDC & RTH housing navigator positions.
      12. Kevin also hosts a support group for new providers getting enrolled in Housing Stabilization services
2. FHPAP Updates & Budget Action (15 min) (Stacy)
   1. Just started new Biennium
   2. Stacy shared budget changes proposals and info from the FHPAP advisory committee
   3. Look into how FHPAP advisory and how it related to HHAC and in the future and if it should be streamlined
   4. Motion to approve FHPAP admin budget/contract changes (pending approval by MN housing) as recommended by FHPAP advisory committee, Motion Salaam, 2nd, Cynthia, Motion Passes
3. Committee Updates & Action Items -- (15 minutes)
   1. Affordable Housing Coalition: Discussed 2022 workplan and charter amendment, big switch to do workplan to be earlier and be ready for legislative session. Kristy will share workplan.
   2. Rural Housing Coalition: NE Home Consortium Discussion
   3. Ad Hoc Veterans Committee: Declaration that we have ended veterans homelessness (functional zero) submitted to USICH, pending review, and hoping to be approved. A year ago 20+ vets on list, today 4 or 5 names on list, as low as 3 vets on list at one point. MACV awarded a new grant from state of MN called MNVest, similar to HUD VASH voucher, but doesn’t require mental health need. Helpful in farther out rural areas, will be scattered site.
   4. Housing Response Committee: CES policies and procedures updates, Spring retreat the 2nd Wednesday in April
   5. Evaluation and Planning Committee: SPM benchmarks getting set for 2022 soon, 2021 year end data review
   6. Other committees:
      1. Housing Support Advisory Committee: Star of the North Maternity home approved, Salvation Army approved for One Roof New Model partnership (coming this summer).
      2. Racial Equity Accountability Project (REAP) Leadership Team: Statewide kickoff a few weeks ago and group has been focused on landlord/tenant relationships, accountability, and rights. Amazing leadership team shaping up and ready for action!
4. Updates (15 minutes)
   1. State Updates (Pat Leary)
      1. Governors Budget has lots of proposed funding for housing and homelessness for capital and operating funds for deeply affordable housing, more to come!
   2. City of Duluth Updates (Phillis Webb/Suzanne Kelley)
      1. Welcome to Tom Church! Working on Home ARP for City of Duluth
      2. Ben VanTassel moved on to be the Administrative Coordinator for City of Duluth
      3. 2022 program contracts are being worked on, pending HUD
   3. HMIS Updates (Thom)
      1. PIT night has happened, ICA working with SLC CoC to review/validate data for an accurate PIT count
      2. Gearing up for Housing inventory count: ICA will be asking all providers to do some data quality checking for ES, TH, PSH (all PH including RRH) providers –deadline Friday, March 4th for data correction
      3. HMIS User group: 02/24 Topics: User training & PIT data quality corrections
      4. Help desk closed on Monday
   4. St. Louis County Updates
      1. UCare funds: $75,000 in direct assistance funding, RTH is ana amazing partner because they can cut checks quickly for direct assistance
      2. HSASMI: Current grant will end June 30th, 2022. New RFP released. We will submit Collaborative applications-Southern SLC led by HDC, NSLC led by SLC. Housing navigators, seed funding to support onboarding for Housing Stabilization Services
      3. Reminder re 3/8 housing collaborative meeting: reviewing previous SLC CoC plans to end homelessness and strategic plans and assessing plan for new plan to end homelessness for SLC
      4. HMIS Governing Board: Courtney joining as Greater MN CoC Rep staring in March
      5. PIT/HIC: PIT in data validation phase with ICA, softe number to report after this. HIC launching with new handy reporting tool created by ICA that should make the process easier.
   5. Any other updates? (Open to all) : NA
5. Adjourn: Motion Salaam, Second, Deb, Motion passes

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