Welcome and Introductions 9:20 am

Executive Director Report

HR Updates- Putting navigators in-place for CE, Tracy Townsend at KWH
Community Linc seeking a staff person for that role
Navigators will delve into BNL and support clients as they are coming up on the list to eliminate backlog/ bottleneck and get people into housing faster

Currently looking for an Office Coordinator
Will post a position soon for the CE Coordinator position

Committee Update- Email sent out last night to determine meeting times and locations for each committee, except for supportive services and progress and eval, need full list of email addresses

Regarding question from last month about committee membership and board approval requirement: board responded it is a requirement as committees having voting power

We are trying to get everyone onto the committees they selected, where possible. There are many new/ unfamiliar names signed up which is exciting

Question from Cookie Cook- If committee participation is mandated, what if you aren’t selected; how does that work?
Response: We will make sure every program is represented on a committee, especially the smaller agencies who may have only signed up for one committee

CE Update- work group is publishing many new policies, transfer policy. We did not receive much feedback from community

Conference season has begun-
MW and HH, plus a community member will attend the NHSDC in Nashville in April
NAEH in DC is approaching in July. If community members are interested, but unable to budget for attendance/ travel, please contact the CocC as we would like to help if possible

Q&A w/ Tyler Rasmussen- section 8/ Fair Market Rent

I was asked to attend as the FMR was recently adjusted
Introduction
HCV Program, 7,500 Vouchers, 10,000 people on list. Mainstream Vouchers, FUP vouchers getting off the ground

FMR at the Housing Authority is based on calendar year. We use Market Standards, based on FMR
I have agencies ask how to roll people off homeless programs onto Section-8, response: Have them apply (while they’re in your program). If their name comes up and they’re not ready, they stay on the list

Q- Are there set asides for special pops mentioned earlier?
A- for project-based Section-8.
RFP coming out soon and available on website

Q- There are 10,000 people on the list. Is there a prioritization on the list?
A- Homeless and vets, everyone else is in order

Q- After screening process, how long is the wait?
A- from screening process it takes about 15-30 days, depending on how soon the person can get in.

Q- I assume the list is for the greater KC area. Is the list currently closed?
A- The waitlist has never been closed (for at least 20 years). We choose not to. The number of vouchers that comes available is based on attrition. We lose approximately 50 to 70 tenants per month, but do not consistently house that many every month.
Q: How do we access the income and asset form used to qualify a person for a voucher? 
A: I'll provide my card and you can contact me.

Q: Will there be more set-aside vouchers for specific sub-populations, like the FUP? 
A: There is a new project-based program for youth coming soon, and one for those with mental health. Applications have to be for project-based vouchers.

There are 1,8000 public housing units and 7,500 Housing Choice Vouchers

Q: Have you caught up since the government shutdown? Packets for clients are outstanding.
A: The shutdown did not actually slow us down.

Q: What is the definition of "disabled" for the NED vouchers?
A: Receiving SSI

Q: When a voucher is issued for a person experiencing homelessness, how long do they have to move into a unit?
A: 90 days, except for extenuating circumstances such as if a person is in a wheelchair and requires special accommodations.

If clients in PSH are ready to "graduate," have them sign up for Section-8.

Q: Do the local Housing Authorities work together? People might apply in Independence to move up the list faster.
A: We have a cross jurisdictional agreement. We can issue a voucher there and vice versa.

Q: Is there a list serv so we know when RFPs come out?
A: It's available on our website and if you give me your information, I can add you to the mailing list.

Jeannine: When I first started in Social Services, I didn't have a very positive impression about the Housing Authority and that has changed a lot. I'm glad to see you at the table, working with us to help the homeless. They are always helpful when we have questions and I want to thank you. "We are all in this together."

Q: Can a project-based voucher be moved to another city?
A: No. If they have been in the unit for one year, they can convert it to an HCV and port it elsewhere.

Q: In 2018, your payment standard was 8-10% above, and this year it isn't.

Q: Is there a section of the application to indicate homelessness? Which definition do you use?
A: We use the same 'HUD' homeless definition you do. Person must be able to document homelessness at the time their name comes up on the list. Doubled-up does not count.

Q: If a person is in a CoC program, do they maintain their homeless status if the move on to section 8?
A: No. If they are in permanent housing, that doesn't count. We need to look at this together.

Q: What kind of ID is required for a homeless neighbor to apply?
A: Homeless letter through social services, a shelter is preferable.

Q: Can a worker or case manager write the letter?
A: Yes, police can as well.

Committees

Coordinated Entry

Administration
NoFA-A Small group meeting working on cover sheets
We received our debrief. There are areas we scored higher on as well as those we scored lower on, especially data.
Early NOFA application materials for renewals. Deadline is April 5th at 5PM to submit materials. If you have not received your Dropbox folder link, please contact Marqueia.

Youth 4 Change KC

Y4CKC has been doing a lot of planning. We are working on awareness-raising, we would like to do a TED talk as well as a podcast. Three on three basketball tournament, fundraiser. If you would like to donate, support that event.
NoFA Competition

Announcements/ New Business

Tehani left flyers for an event at Rose Brooks - “Shelter the Whole family” link between animal abuse and DV. Lunch provided

There was a typo on the agenda sent out a couple of weeks ago. The regular meeting scheduled 4/17 will not be taken place. We will instead be hosting a town hall meeting on Monday, April 29 8AM to 10AM at the Kauffman Foundation Center. Our board will be present to field your questions. The town hall meeting will count as your attendance for April.

Community Linc is seeking a navigator for Coordinated Entry. Please contact me if you have any candidates

Truman is hiring two housing stabilization specialists.