



Workforce & Economic Opportunity Workgroup Minutes

DATE: Friday, July 7, 2017

TIME: 10:00 – 11:30 AM

LOCATION: Lincoln Building
Pine Conference Room
421 SW Oak Street
Portland, OR 97204

ATTENDEES: Becky Bangs, Delores Burgos, Clay Cooper, Kenneth DeWeese, Tim Finnegan, Greg Goloborodkho, Nancy Jason, Vivian Lackey, Victoria Libor, Lanya McClintock, Patricia McLean, Rachel Post, Blair Schaeffer-Bisht, Stacey Triplett, Kenyatta Trice, Emily Volpert, Leisl Wehmueller, Jill Weir, Megan Wilson

MEETING DISCUSSION

- Welcome and Introductions – Rachel Post
 - Rachel Post, Central City Concern, spoke briefly about the Point-in-Time Count
- Legislative Update – Rachel Post
 - Worksystems met with Workforce Investment Board Directors and have worked on a draft for some money to be used for workforce centers for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Programs (such as Central City Concern, New Avenues for Youth, Outside In).
 - Still waiting for House Bill 2004 (which would allow communities to make determinations about just cause evictions).
 - The group discussed the Affordable Care Act and the U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) budget.
 - The funding for the Continuum of Care (CoC) this year is safe. We are waiting for the Notification of Funding Availability (NOFA) to be released.
- Program Inventory Update and Discussion – Stacey Triplett
 - A Home For Everyone (AHFE) and Economic Opportunity Program-funded programs are represented in the AHFE Employment Inventory
 - Stacey Triplett led the group through the inventory and discussed the gaps that exist.
 - Rachel Post asked about de-duplicating numbers in the program inventory
 - Lanya McClintock asked whether we are trying to capture all of the employment programs that exist or whether there are some things that are purposefully being excluded.
 - The group discussed whether they should remove the people who either are not homeless or recently housed or at-risk of homelessness.
 - The group discussed how they define who is at risk of homelessness, and how they should separate the populations served.
 - The group discussed whether it should be considered an inventory or a proportional increase in capacity.

- Rachel Post suggested refining the inventory to a point where we can guess the percentage that is de-duplicated.
- Some members of the group expressed confusion about the initial intention for the inventory, and Rachel Post took some time to explain the initial intention and the group discussed the importance of documenting the annual capacity.
- The group discussed the difficulty of the duplication in the program inventory.
- Rachel Post recommended that those who are interested in participating find a time between now and the August 4, 2017 Workforce and Economic Opportunity meeting to speak with Ryan Deibert in the Joint Office of Homeless Services about how to refine some of the numbers in the Program Inventory. We will reach out to him and ask how he can help with the data analytics so we can better understand how to adequately represent subpopulations.
- The group discussed who would be interested in joining the group to discuss with Ryan Deibert. About seven people volunteered.
- Stacey Triplett thanked everyone who sent information in to be put in the Program Inventory, and encouraged folks to continue sending information to her to be added.
- As the group debated who to include, some argued that it should be everyone included and a comprehensive list of those involved. It was suggested that the group phrase it as programs that are available to people who are experiencing homelessness.
 - Lanya McClintock questioned including programs that don't specifically target homeless populations but end up serving people who are experiencing homelessness?
 - Rachel Post suggested that people contact Stacey Triplett if there are organizations/providers that are not represented on this list and should be added.
- Review of Newly Funded Employment Program Data
 - Jill Weir spoke about youth systems – Jill mentioned that data shows that they may have set their goals low. They doubled their goals (45-100 youth), as they actually served 200+ youth. They had a target of 15 youth finding internships and helped 29 youth. One outcome was youth obtaining employment, and they surpassed their 40 youth goal with 84 youth served. They had a goal of 140 youth increasing employment related skills and they helped 223 youth. They had a goal of helping 25 youth obtain licensing (i.e. food handlers' license, drivers' license, etc.), and they helped 40 youth. They had a housing stability goal of 45 youth helped, and this goal is difficult to quantify but they are working on how to quantify that.
 - Nancy Jason, Human Solutions, spoke about Rent Assistance – the referrals they received through the Economic Opportunity Program format. Nancy said they placed 68 homeless individuals and had 89 eviction preventions. There are 15 homeless placements still in progress. AHFE did 31 placements and 51 eviction preventions.
 - Patricia McLean briefly discussed the Economic Opportunity Program Rent Assistance Handout.
 - Megan Wilson spoke about the Immigrant & Refugee Community Organization (IRCO)-funded employment programs. IRCO had a hard time with the SNAP-only cases loading. She'll follow up by email from program-specific outcomes. IRCO was contracted for 122 individuals, served 88.
 - Black Parent Initiative—have focused more on training and housing, and during the end of June they found that many families were looking for affordable housing. They are seeing more success in training. Contracted for 25.
 - Clay Cooper spoke about the Central City Concern enrollments and said 20 to 30 have been employed. 63 are enrolled. They are on a very short timeline at the shelter. Everything is on an accelerated process. They received AHFE funding for Flip the Script program, which allows 90 days to find employment and affordable permanent housing.

- Rachel Post recommended that the group try to find time on the September 6, 2017 Coordinating Board agenda to do a presentation on the performance thus far.
 - Rachel Post suggested that Caitlin Campbell coordinate with the providers to prepare a presentation for the Coordinating Board.
 - Rachel Post suggested that at a later date when the group feels like they have something that we are ready to share related to the Program Inventory
 - Jill Weir said that the template was already made
 - Rachel will ask Marc if they could get time on the agenda at the Coordinating Board
- Rachel Post suggested that Caitlin Campbell could send out a presentation template
- The group discussed success stories.

ACTION ITEMS

ITEM	ASSIGNED
1. Work with providers to generate a presentation for the Coordinating Board to provide information on the newly funded employment programs	Caitlin Campbell
2. Contact Ryan Diebert to set up a meeting with the WEO subgroup to discuss data in the Program Inventory	Rachel Post
3. Contact Marc Jolin to request time on the September 6 th Coordinating Board meeting agenda	Rachel Post
4. Add 10 minutes at the beginning of each meeting for a coordinating board meeting update—Coordinating Board Agenda should be printed and handed out.	Staff Leads/Emily Volpert
5. Add 10 minutes to the end of each meeting to discuss success stories	

NEXT MEETING

Friday, August 4, 2017
10:00 – 11:30 AM
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