



Health Workgroup Minutes

DATE: Wednesday, December 20, 2017

TIME: 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

LOCATION: Lincoln Building
1st Floor, Willamette Conference Room
421 SW Oak Street
Portland, OR 97204

ATTENDEES: Ruth Adkins, Liora Berry, Andrew Brown, Ryan Deibert, Erin Fisher, Drew Grabham, Rhea Graves, Janet Hamilton, Pam Hester, Liv Jenssen, Mike Savara, Claudia Schroeder, Shannon Singleton, Natasha Smith, Bill Toepper, Jenny White.

MEETING DISCUSSION

- Portland Street Medicine Updates from Bill Toepper
 - Portland Street Medicine (PSM) met last week to engage in planning work for the pilot.
 - Subgroup lines were drawn for administration, community outreach, and programming.
 - The goal is to dispatch a medical team once a week starting on Feb 2, 2018.
 - PSM will obtain 501c status starting January 21, 2018
 - PSM will accept requests for sites and locations that need service.
 - They will use an ongoing weekly care model to increase effectiveness
 - A newsletter will go out on December 22nd.
 - Bill Toepper will send the newsletter to Rhea Graves for distribution to the Health Workgroup
 - Please email requests or questions to Portlandstreetmedicine@gmail.com.
- CareOregon Updates from Pam Hester
 - Pam shared that Care Oregon is struggling to support clients after the announcement that Family Care will close.
 - We're expecting a huge spike in emergency room (ER) visits as a result of this.
 - It will also impact providers who will no longer get paid at the same rate for providing services.
 - Important for providers to connect clients to any available resource before it becomes a crisis.
 - Ride to Care contracts will end with Health Share and Family Care on January 1st as well.
- Joint Office of Homeless Services (JOHS) Updates from Ryan Deibert
 - Meyer Memorial Trust will fund the FUSE Study, a system integration project led by CSH.
 - This is a two-year study.
 - The first year will be to identify the frequent users and how they intersect systems.
 - The second year will focus on "how do we house these frequent users?"
 - Comment made that prioritizing frequent users has the unintended impact of adversely affecting those quietly suffering in our shelters.
 - How can we minimize these negative impacts moving forward?
 - A Data Analyst Senior position is open at JOHS.
- Cascadia Behavioral Health updates from Liora Berry

- Cascadia working on an internal study to identify frequent users and highlight barriers to housing them.
- Hiring for their medical care team is complete.
 - The plan is to expand primary care medical services at several sites.
- Severe Weather Updates from Erin Fisher
 - Severe weather temperatures are on the horizon.
 - Efforts are underway to confirm the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) and providing medical care in severe weather shelters.
 - Warming Centers will open when at the following sites when severe weather thresholds are met: Sunrise Center, Imago Dei, and Bud Clark Commons Day Center.
 - Anyone wanting to monitor availability of severe weather shelters (and sign up for email updates when severe weather shelters are activated), can find information here: <http://211info.org/warmingcenters#multnomah>.
- General Updates: Group Discussion
 - The next data subgroup meeting will take place on January 2, 2018 at Transition Projects.
 - Measure 101 has kicked off. There are canvassing opportunities on New Year's Eve and Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
 - Discussion highlighted that the Oregonian editorial on Measure 101 was not helpful.
 - Feedback of the permanent supportive housing (PSH) planning process:
 - Need to answer clearly, "what is supportive housing?"
 - "What is our baseline" inventory of PSH units?
- PSH Mobile Housing Team Updates from Shannon Singleton and Pam Hester
 - The PSH Mobile Housing Team is an interdisciplinary, collaborative team.
 - Organizations involved include the Portland Housing Bureau (PHB), JOIN, CareOregon, JOHS, Native American Rehabilitation Association of the Northwest, Inc. (NARA), Urban League, Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare, and Coalition of Community Health Clinics.
 - The goal is to provide a wide range of supports across disciplines to ensure wrap around services and increase housing placements.
 - Peer supports will engage across all households served.
 - The team is currently working with PHB to identify affordable housing units.
 - Accessing a consistent supply of subsidized housing units has been a barrier to getting the team off the ground.
 - Currently serving households through the Affordable Housing Bond as well.
 - This includes 13 units at the Ellington.
 - Potential clients are identified through an in reach team.
 - The collaborative in reach team connects with folks at Right to Dream Too, Dignity Village, and the Willamette Center.
 - Similar intake for Coordinated Access although this team is not integrated within the Coordinated access system
 - Liora Berry: We have units that do not have services and need them. How do we connect services?
 - Response: The need is there, but the PSH Mobile housing pilot was structured to focus on new placements. It was not the intent of the pilot to focus on current placements. This would skew our ability to gauge the pilot's effectiveness.
- Discharge Planning Update
 - Four pilot proposals were submitted and went through a community led review process for feedback.
 - A collaborative pilot led by Transition Projects was selected.

- The pilot will focus on folks discharged from hospitals and aims to prevent homelessness by connecting clients to appropriate services and supportive housing.
- Providence and Kaiser have agreed to be involved in the pilot process.
- February 1, 2018 is the projected start date.
- This pilot is the result of the gaps in need called out by the Health Workgroup.
 - This work matters!
- Discussion about future goals included conversation about
 - Chronic homelessness planning
 - Pushing for more tri-county strategies in A Home for Everyone (AHFE)

ACTION ITEMS

ITEM

1. Bill Toepper will send the PSM newsletter to Rhea Graves for distribution to the Health Workgroup
2. Add Cristina Castano from JOIN to the Health Workgroup list
3. Request agenda item to update Executive Committee on the Discharge Planning group
4. Distribute the Oregonian editorial on Measure 101 to Health Workgroup list

ASSIGNED

Rhea Graves
Bill Toepper
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Erin Fisher
Ryan Deibert
Liv Jensen

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, January 17, 2018
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM
CareOregon
Fritz-Rankin Conference Room
315 SW 5th Ave
Portland, OR 97204