



Health Workgroup Minutes

DATE: Wednesday, May 16, 2018
TIME: 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM
LOCATION: Five Oak Building
1st Floor, Willamette Conference Room
421 SW Oak Street
Portland, OR 97204

ATTENDEES: Andrew Brown, Kendra Castaldo, Drew Grabham, Pam Hester, Renee Huizinga, Liv Jenssen, Evita Marnell, Diana Marquez, Jan McManus, Mike Savarra, Neisha Saxena, Claudia Schroeder, Dana Schultz, William Toepper.

MEETING DISCUSSION

- **Human Services Research Institute (HSRI) Project Discussion**
 - Renee Huizinga, Office of Multnomah County Commissioner Meieran, gave an update on the health systems research project supported by her team. Human Services Research Institute (HSRI) was contracted by Multnomah County to conduct an analysis of the County's mental health system.
 - They started In November 2017.
 - Intensive document review, interviews with stakeholders and consumers, and several community listening sessions informed the research phase of this project.
 - An online comment form allowed for additional feedback.
 - Currently a small team of Health Department staff is performing an internal review of HSRI's draft report for accuracy and/or information gaps.
 - The draft report will be distributed to the public in June and undergo a three week public review process.
 - Question: Did HSRI attempt to assess the level of unmet mental health need in our current system?
 - The report addresses capacity issues in certain segments of the system, but this phase did not provide a quantifiable number of the unmet need.
 - It is clear that housing is an important for stabilization. "All roads lead back to housing."
 - HSRI will present their findings to the Multnomah County Board in the coming months.
- **Health and Housing System Engagement Opportunities**
 - Pam Hester, CareOregon, shared information from the recent Regional Supportive Housing Summit.
 - CareOregon, the Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH), Kaiser Permanente, and Metro co-hosted an event designed to share Los Angeles (LA) County's experience, convening stakeholders from public and private sectors with healthcare professionals and service providers to address homelessness.
 - Feedback from the event included:
 - Scalable contracting that allows for flexibility within current contract language.
 - LA County representatives commented that our community is already doing a lot of the work needed to replicate what was done in LA.
 - CSH paid for a video of the event that will be distributed when available.
- **Organizational and Member Updates**
 - The Health Workgroup Supportive Services Subcommittee will distribute a survey.

- “Are we going to ask whether staff feel financially supported through their work?”
 - Are they making enough to support basic needs?
 - Suggestion to define a living wage in the survey.
- Contact Liv Jenssen, Multnomah County Department of Community Justice, at liv.e.jenssen@multco.us with feedback or questions about the survey.
 - Liv Jenssen shared updates about a half-day summit to discuss guardianship and limitations around access, and more information will be shared as it becomes available.
- **Supportive Housing Planning Update**
 - Ryan Deibert, Joint Office of Homeless Services (JOHS), shared updates about the City and County budget, and the supportive housing planning process.
 - Ryan Deibert shared a handout displaying City and County budget proposals for fiscal year (FY) 2019.
 - The Supportive Housing Plan was scheduled to be delivered to the A Home for Everyone (AHFE) Executive Committee and the Multnomah County Board in July.
 - Heather Lyons of CSH has been the primary consultant and is experiencing a medical emergency.
 - Discussions are underway about whether the July timeline is still feasible.
 - Questions: Where is the voice of providers with expertise in serving seniors with physical and fiscal disabilities in the Supportive Housing Planning Advisory Group?
 - Many providers involved serve seniors, while none of them have specific expertise in serving this demographic.
 - Many at the table had discussions about how to best serve this growing population.
 - Frequent Users Systems Engagement (FUSE) meeting took place last week.
 - The meeting touched on “what are our data options for identifying frequent users in various systems?”
 - More updates will be shared as work progresses in this phase of the project.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

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