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ASH Redesign Housing Work Group
Tuesday, April 5, 2022 • 10:00 – 11:00am • Conference Call

Agenda
1. Welcome
2. Synthesized 365+ and Readmission Data
3. Next Steps

Attendees
Michelle Hallee, Cristyn Cordova, Spencer Andries, Marilyn Hartman, Sonja Burns, Ashley Trust, Melissa Shearer, Sydney Harris, Cory Morris, Alison Engbretson

Minutes
Welcome
Group was welcomed and agenda was reviewed. Provided brief update on work being shared with other Travis County focused groups, which has increased interest in pushing the housing work forward. Co-chairs will be presenting housing data and workgroup efforts to Psychiatric Services Stakeholders on 4/25. Co-chairs indicated that they would also be presenting to ASH Redesign CR workgroup on 4/7.

Synthesized 365+ and Readmission Data
Group briefly reviewed the 365+ general characteristics and demographics for the entire catchment area. Also reviewed the barriers and needs data gathered from Travis County and Integral Care, then from the full catchment area. Group then reviewed themes around 365+ list, which will be used to create recommendations around housing. Group then reviewed same items for the readmissions group. Discussed differences in themes between 365+ and readmissions. Discussed how recommendations can track to a mapping of the continuum to address both pre-admission and post-admission. Would like to use continuum map, which is currently being worked on, in next two meetings to identify appropriate recommendations around housing and the continuum. A member shared concerns over restrictions from the Texas Legislature, which limit innovative solutions in the private sector around housing. Group also discussed limitation around HCBS-AMH. Member suggested some adjustments to criteria for HCBS-AMH, such as combining stay criteria between all three spaces – ER, jail, and hospital.

Group reviewed TAC information, which was discussed at the last meeting around potential rules which create barriers. Reviewed reason for discussion and concern over follow up services appointments being done at a later date vs at discharge, and how this relates to barriers to maintaining long-acting injectable or oral medications after discharge. Asked if there is data around how many people this is affecting in relation to Medicaid/Medicare billing and how many people are missing their follow up appointments. Group suggested discussing this process with other LMHA’s to see if this is a Travis County issue or more catchment wide.
Next Steps
A poll will be sent for an additional meeting in April. Next two meetings will focus on the continuum mapping to create specific, detailed, and actionable recommendations.