

6/21/2022 Heading Home Quarterly Meeting Minutes

Present: Lauren Lapinski- VA, Timothy Galloway- Employment Navigation Center, Sara Embrey- Jeffco Connections, Yvette Gallegos- Jefferson County Human Services, Lisa Chavez,- Navigator City of Arvada, Mary Peonio- Jefferson County Head Start, James Ginsburg, -RecoveryWorks. Sarah Kinzer- Mountain Resource Center, Colleen Osborne- concerned citizen, Tim Clancy- (EChO Shelter), Lynn Ann Huizingh- Severe Weather Shelter Network Tracy Thayer- Community Volunteer, Taylor Clepper- Jefferson Center for Mental Health, Paola Vilaxa- Jeffco Public Library, Ash Rud- Homeless Navigator City of Westminster, Lynnette Namba- Kaiser Permanente, Sharon Mascarenas- Brothers Redevelopment TRUA program, Laurie Walowitz- The Action Center, Doria Barajas- Jeffco Public Schools. Janet Maccubbin- City of Golden, Haley Stephenson- Homeless Navigator City Of Westminster, Jamie Rife- MDHI, Jessica Hansen- Jeffco Human Services, Ben A.D. Hensley- Lakewood UMC, Llinda Barringer CSPI, Bobby McCann - Jeffco CYF, Kathy Smith- Jefferson Unitarian Church Community Action Network (JUC CAN), Rachel- Jefferson County Human Services ERAP, Kaethe Zellner EChO, Gretchen- Community Table. Facilitated by: Kelli Barker, Regional Homeless Coordinator

Agenda:

- VA Housing Presentation
- Heading Home Key Initiative updates
- Workgroup Updates
- Member updates & announcements

Presentation- Veteran Housing Resources and By Name List- Lauren Lapinski-Training will be recorded for new members and staff, slides will also be made available. Most important take away: Email Lauren if you do not have access to HMIS to get your homeless veteran on to the Built for Zero list to assist them on their path to housing.

VA Housing Resources for Homeless Veterans Presentation

- **Recording of Presentation** (33 minutes), Lauren Lapinski, VA Coordinated Entry Specialist (lauren.lapinski@va.gov).
 - Webex meeting recording: VA Housing Resources - Heading Home 6-21-22
 - Recording link: <https://jeffco.webex.com/jeffco/ldr.php?RCID=1a96f22d98e791adb62b101951626e98>
 - Password: k2mNXV77xRd
- **Resources to Highlight -will be posted on [Heading Home site](#)**
 - Centralized # to get registered with the VA over the phone: 877-222-8387
 - VA Outreach Coordinator: Marc Eschler (720-362-0023; marc.eschler@va.gov)
 - Email Lauren Lapinski to get Veterans on By Name List (or enroll in One Home if you use HMIS)

Q&A:

- James Ginsburg- Question re eligibility criteria for Valor Point- Vet needs to be eligible for VA healthcare and registered and needs to be working on some kind

of recovery (program is clinical based), also need to have some long term housing plan for after they leave Valor Point.

- Rebekah Raudabaugh Question- Valor Point clarification- length of stay is typically 4-6 months but really is based on a case by case basis.
- Janet MaCubbin- Average turnaround time for DD-214?- Not at this time. They seem to be coming after if you go through the online route vs. Fax/Paper Route. Sometimes reaching out to Veterans Benefit office might have copies of the DD-214 if they have applied in the past.
- Lynette Namba- Transportation assistance for Veterans? VA is now partnering with Lyft for a VA ride share program that was created in the last year. As long as vet is registered with VA they can assist in arranging rides for them to and from VA offices.

Heading Home Updates -

- **New State Funding Opportunities-**

Recovery Act Funding- 1x time funding, Total about 200 Million was dedicated to Homelessness & Housing. Will ask DOH to join us for next quarterly meeting. Will send updates in monthly emails as well as more information becomes available.

https://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/images/homelessproposals_11.5.21_2.pdf

- **Housing Navigation Centers-**

Regular meetings taking place regarding this program. Wanting to develop two locations- one in north Jeffco and one in south Jeffco- likely one in Arvada and one in Lakewood. Arvada is vetting their site still and Lakewood is looking for sites. Still exploring funding for these centers. These will be county wide resources. Family Tree and JCMH are in process of submitting tax credit application for 85 unit permanent supportive housing development in Arvada.

- **Shower & Laundry Services-**

Full schedule for free showers and laundry services have been put together and post on Heading Home website. Will keep most up to date version on Lots of resources out there, almost every day of the week. <https://www.headinghomejeffco.com/partner-page>

- **Built for Zero & White Swan Motel-**

Built for Zero- Project tied to reducing vet homelessness. 14 individuals have been housed so far. By Name List is roughly the same length but we know that we have more homeless vets out there. Rebekah has taken on leadership for Built for Zero Conferencing.

White Swan- Partnership between DHS and White Swan for families who are experiencing homelessness. Portal for entry is through our homeless family navigators. Master Lease for 20 rooms. If you have families who are experiencing contact Yvette- ygallego@jeffco.us

- **Community Engagement/7/28 Lakewood Community Meeting on Homelessness**

5-6:30PM- Open to the Public. Panel will be present to encourage conversations and education. Project came out the YIMBY workgroup. Lakewood United Methodist Church. Will be putting out flyer in the next two weeks. Contact Colleen or Kelly if you would like to be involved in supporting the event- colleen_osborne@msn.com

Colleen is putting together a YIMBY List serve to inform community about these types of events. Putting together social media tool kit as well.

Workgroup Updates -

- **Crisis Resolution Workgroup-**

- Shower & Laundry Truck- created comprehensive schedule: <https://www.headinghomejeffco.com/partner-page>
- Christ Body Ministries offered to expand their shower truck- two other sites have added on and two more are in development. Important during this season- helping people cool off and stay clean.
- Collab for Jefferson Center heading Jeffco Street Outreach team- Jefferson Center just posted outreach positions- hiring case manager and another coordinator position as well. Jeffco is committed to coordinated effort for outreach.
- Housing 101 Recorded Training- Idea to create an hour long orientation on what the landscape of affordable housing is in our community for those working with people who are experiencing homelessness. High level overview.
- CR Workgroup creating similar schedule for mobile DMV service (DMVToGo). Multiple locations throughout Jeffco, helps expedite obtaining ID's for people experiencing homelessness.

- **Housing Continuum Task Force-** Identifying Advisory Board members at this time. Will be roughly 15 members large to include community and topic area experts. Will then look at hiring consultant who will organize this group and create Strategic Plan. Goal- What can we do to make housing more affordable and attainable.

- **Data Collection and Reporting-** Looking to create a Jeffco Wide Data Dashboard that community members and orgs can use to understand scale and scope of homelessness locally at any given point in time.

- **PIT Count** results coming soon- likely early July 2022 release.

Member Updates -

- **Community Awareness Campaign**- A Decent Home- Important film screening on the evening of July 19 at 5:30 at Jefferson Unitarian Church. Facebook: <https://fb.me/e/1JVRUluCl>. Blog post: <https://www.goldenunited.org/post/a-decent-home-is-coming-to-golden> . Free and open to the public.
- **Colorado Safe Parking Initiative**- City of Lakewood has started their Safe Parking Initiative in partnership with CSPI. They have 5 programs on board. They would like to expand the number of lots and spots that are being offered in Lakewood. 1year and ½ of work that has come to fruition. A recap: City of Lakewood has started a safe parking pilot program. It is limited to 5 lots at the moment, and safe lots in Lakewood are required to partner with and be approved by CSPI. Now we need to have MORE than 5 willing orgs to do this so city council can be pushed to expand the pilot program
- **Arvada** will have DMV2Go services every 2nd Monday at the Municipal Courthouse from 10-12p for all homeless individuals needing IDs
- The **City of Westminster** has added a second homeless navigator position. Hayley Stephenson started with the City and will be reaching out to learn more about resources.
- **Severe Weather Shelter Network**- moving back to their congregate setting. Will not be doing motel vouchers. Shifting model to a single site in each region to include warming site hours. Recruiting warming site locations as we approach fall. Anticipating that they will need 75 per region vs. 300 total. Reach out to Lynnann with questions- lynnann@swshelternetwork.com.
- **Kelli**: We are currently working on what severe weather will look like for families and those unable to access SWSN. We will send out info when we have details. Hopefully be ready to present during next quarterly meeting.
- **Homeless Family Navigation** is being expanded at Jefferson County Human Services. They will be adding another navigator position!
- **Welcome new Heading Home member- Cynthia Midiwo- Hattie Pearls**. Provides lunches to homeless community members and at RecoveryWorks on Wednesdays in Lakewood. They also offer mobile showers on Saturday until Aug 13th
- **EchO Shelter**- Will have first Jeffco CSBG review audit. Were open 195 consecutive nights. Will be looking to hire an assistant shelter manager and some overnight hosts- one paid and one volunteer. Goal to open Oct 1.
- **Community Table**- Partnered with Bayaud and will be starting shower truck and laundry truck this Friday! Details will be added to the shower list posted on Heading Home website.

Wrap-Up:

- Reach out to Kelli for any support needed, thought partnership, ideas on topics for future quarterly meetings, etc.

- Kelli will circle back closer to next quarterly meeting to get a pulse desire for in-person option.
- If you or any of your staff would like to be involved in a workgroup of Heading Home or PIT Committee, please contact Kelli. We can always use more hands on deck!

Thank you for attending and participation. Most importantly, thank you for all of the fantastic work and commitment you have to serving all of our Jeffco neighbors.

Enjoy your Summer! 😊