

## 9/20/22 Heading Home Quarterly Meeting Minutes

### Attendees:

Laurie Walowitz, Kelli Barker, Cassie Ratliff, Christine Geerts, Claudia, Colleen Osborne, Don Cameron, Eric, Haley Stephenson, James Ginsburg, Janet Maccubbin, Karen Cowling, Kat Douglas, Kate Skarbek, Kathy Smith, Kory Kolar, Lauren Bernstein, Linda Barringer, Lisa Chavez, LynnAnn Huizingh, Lynnette Nambia, Mary Jo Kerrigan, Michael, Mindy Mohr, Miranda, Paolo Vilaxa, Rebekah Raudabaugh, Sarah Kinzer, Sharon Tessier, Taylor Clepper, Tim Clancy, Tracy Thayer, Zac Schaffner, Jane Barnes, Karen Cowling, Jessica Hanson, Bodhi Horton, Jamie Rife, Deanna

Facilitated by: Kelli Barker, Regional Homeless Coordinator

### Agenda:

- \* Special Guest Presentation: State Funding Opportunities – Zac Schaffner, State Office of Homelessness Initiatives, Division of Housing (9-9:45)
- \* Heading Home Workgroup Updates (9:45-10)
- \* Community Updates (10-10:30)

### Special Presentation

Special Guest Presentation: State Funding Opportunities – Zac Schaffner, State Office of Homelessness Initiatives, Division of Housing (9-9:45)

Three Focuses for State use of ARPA funds

Capacity building  
Direct assistance  
Housing Development

\*\*HB1377

<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb22-1377>

\*\*HB1304

<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb22-1304>

\*\*two major bills

Document for Public Comment on how to release funds for community grants –

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1SIEi3cSjadlnXHKdnVSFVU4lcG00pKeA/view?mc\\_cid=6f69c4f1e8&mc\\_eid=cf11f5337b](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1SIEi3cSjadlnXHKdnVSFVU4lcG00pKeA/view?mc_cid=6f69c4f1e8&mc_eid=cf11f5337b)

HB1378 – for housing navigation centers and campuses

<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb22-1378>

Olmstead Advancement RFA – state housing vouchers and supports – must be used together – from state funding – not ARPA dollars – minimum size is 15 vouchers – maximum is 60 vouchers

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jbG39TlaQCEf3b6-KTCLGD7aBNHP6IXr/view>

Also – ESG applications due October 7

<https://cdola.colorado.gov/open-request-applications-rfa>

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EVRShv-aUb\\_N6wXUzS0pm5Zrxpzm16RW/edit?mc\\_cid=6f69c4f1e8&mc\\_eid=cf11f5337b](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EVRShv-aUb_N6wXUzS0pm5Zrxpzm16RW/edit?mc_cid=6f69c4f1e8&mc_eid=cf11f5337b)

There is also a Statewide Supportive Housing Project – in partnership with Medicaid – using ARPA dollars – support individuals to the extent that they need and build intentionality and flexibility into this program. Link below -

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Nfq3wMZUWLhLSzMF8jEVm8aPhsUfsaPs/view>

## **Heading Home Updates from Kelli –**

*New State Funding Opportunities –*  
Reviewed by Zac Schaffner, Division of Housing

*Housing Navigation Centers –*  
Still in early concept development – north and central Jeffco – Arvada and Lakewood – navigation/drop in center, co-located services, emergency beds, workforce housing and PSH. Working on IGA on how to share operations costs among 7 jurisdictions. Lakewood searching for site. Arvada potential site secured.

*Built for Zero –*  
New funding source through Community Solutions for systems work, not necessarily agency services – reducing Veteran services. It is a nationwide initiative, and Jeffco has its own team in a larger metro-wide group. Email Kelli if interested in being part of this

*Severe Weather –*  
Begins 10/1 and there is an overview webinar on 9/29 at 2pm  
Family Response led by Human Services – summarized in Heading Home website

### **\* Heading Home Workgroup Updates (9:45-10)**

#### *Crisis Resolution (Linda)*

- Street Outreach – JCMH is the lead – across the entire county
  - Positions posted for staff to do this outreach
- Shower/Laundry Trucks
  - Expanded to include the DMV go effort in the county
  - Working on creating a system of updating and disseminating schedule and schedule changes
- Looking at creating focus groups – more details to come

#### *Housing Continuum Task Force (Kelli)*

- Strategic Plan – looking at the full continuum of housing -
- Hiring a consultant to facilitate this work group to make a larger plan – in RFP now
- Modeled off of state's transformational task force on housing

#### *Data Collection and Reporting (unfilled)*

- Built for Zero
- Jeffco-wide dashboards – will be posted on HH website – one stop shop for all data on homelessness in Jeffco

- PIT count 2023
  - Will be adding a field for the city – so we can drill down even deeper

#### *Community Engagement (Colleen)*

- Community Meeting in Lakewood
  - Far exceeded expectations – over 120 people – thanks to all who shared the word.
  - People wanted to get engaged – uplifting and exciting
- YIMBY listserv
  - About 60 names added to the list from the outreach event –‘
  - Monthly newsletter to update on opportunities to show up and speak up to support solutions – and so much more
  - Building capacity – many ideas – limited by the people to do the work
- Arvada is in the infancy stage of developing a similar event – a city council member is leading this – all interested people should please contact Kelli

#### **\* Community Updates (10-10:30)**

*MDHI – Jamie Rife*

NOFA season –

Revamping HMIS training to be self-paced – paced over three days – will remove training barriers

Working to improve coordinated entry system

Provide feedback to MDHI –

<https://www.mdhi.org/blog/give-your-input-unsheltered-plan-amp-coc-consolidated-application>

*Severe Weather – LynnAnn*

Registration is underway – over 100 people registered online  
Will announce host locations shortly  
Volunteers can also register through their website  
They are hiring seasonal positions – look on their website  
Capacity goal is 40 guests per night in each region –

*Safe Parking – Linda*

4 lots in Jeffco – 2 new ones  
Lakewood – singles and families  
Arvada – singles  
Jeffco is leading the way on safe lots

*Jeffco Human Services – Mary Jo*

Announced Sandra Lawrence – new homeless family navigator

*Work Options – Christine Geerts*

Culinary training program – 4-6 week program  
Count as a community service option  
Supportive services and job search  
[www.workoptions.org](http://www.workoptions.org)

**General Info –**

Heading Home sponsored Job Fair

- It is a hard climate to hire people – folks getting hire from our client base and for our own openings

Sign up for listserv on heading home website if you are not on already