

12/14/21 Heading Home Committee Meeting

Present: Laurie Walowitz & Katelyn Slettum - Action Center, Gioany Lira-Jasso & Sara James – Porchlight Family Justice Center, Cassie Ratliff- Family Tree, James Ginsburg, Sydney Dalton, Colleen Osborne- RecoveryWorks, Lauren Lapinski- VA, Lynnette Namba- Kaiser, Jamie Rife- MDHI, Rev. Ben A. David Hensley, Debra Keane- Jeffco Public Library, Linda Barringer- CO Safe Parking & Just Living, Monica Buhlig- St. Anthony Hospital, Susan Todd- STRIDE, Kate Skarbek- Westminster, Pauline Nunez- Lakewood United Church of Christ, Kathy Smith & Jill Armstrong- Jefferson Unitarian Church Community Action Network, Laura Boggs- Benefits in Action, Stephanie Hayden, Jessica Hansen & Yvette Gallegos- Jeffco Human Services, Janet Maccubbin – City of Golden, Miranda Thompson – Jeffco Public Health, Steven Howell – City of Arvada

Agenda:

- Heading Home General Updates
- Workgroup Updates
- Menti Poll
- Community Updates

Heading Home Updates:

- **CDBG Round 3 NOFA:**
 - Specifically for programs that provide direct services primarily to PEH, connecting persons with housing and services. Focus on street outreach services, emergency subsistence payments to prevent homelessness and maintain housing
 - Letters of Intent due to Cheryl-Kaye Barker by 1/17 5pm. Questions submit to Stephanie Hayden.
- **PIT Count 2022**
 - o Scheduled for 1/24/21 (Sunday night and Monday). Jeffco is planning to do full survey/interview count as we have done in the past, with observational shortcuts when necessary.
 - o Success of the count will be largely dependent on volunteers. Looking for community-based volunteers AND staff of organizations.
 - o Send out volunteer sign-up form next week and again in early January. Ask that you send this far and wide to all of your local networks.
 - o Survey Volunteers will be required to a) show proof of full vaccination, b) complete 30-45 minute YouTube based training and short quiz.
 - o Also, looking to recruit people with lived expertise, who will be compensated by MDHI. Will send email about this to local orgs.
- **Built for Zero**
 - o Kicked off case conferencing orientation last week. Plan to begin case conferencing in January. Will meet every other week. Goal is to identify Veterans on a BNL, set goals and work towards measurable reduction in homeless Veterans

- Need persons to help to lead this case conferencing. Hope to rotate leadership. Please let me know if interested or you have staff interested.
- **White Swan**
 - JCHS is master leasing 18 rooms from White Swan motel to house homeless families with children. Contract to be executed this week.
 - All referrals will come through Human Services. Work with homeless families navigators if you are working with an unhoused family with children.
- **Severe Weather**
 - Reminder- 3-part system: SWSN, Human Services and ECHO. Began in October. First severe weather event last week for SWSN. Let her share. Summarized on [HH website](#).
- **Housing Navigation Centers:**
 - Blueline Development selected as lead developer. Working on vetting sites
- **ERAP (Emergency rental assistance program)**
 - Emergency rental assistance program for renters who cannot make rental payments due to financial hardships that are related to COVID. Can be used to assist with rent, utilities, deposit assistance and internet. Must meet income eligibility and have documented COVID-impact. Can also apply at Action Center, City of Arvada, Foothills Regional Housing and The Salvation Army. Link in Heading Home email, or can share with you.

Workgroup Updates:

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Community Updates:

- Foothills Regional Housing- hired Manager for Services and Community Initiatives. Also hired Service Coordinator for Evergreen developments
- The Action Center: reminder mailing address is available. Have to check every 90 days at least. Stove-free options for food. Clothing bank open for M, T, Th, F, 10-12, 1-3
- RecoveryWorks. 8:30-11:30 showers and laundry. Same day appts in afternoon for housing navigation, benefits acquisition. Respite piece – 10 respite beds. Do have openings. Unhoused have acute medical condition that can be improved or resolved within 30 days.
- CO Safe Parking Initiative: operating 2 in Jeffco. 3 on the table. Many people are employed. Newly remodeled. Especially welcoming to BIPOC and LGBTQ communities. Safe Parking is illegal in Lakewood – needs to be urgently addressed. Criminal nuisance (Pastor Ben). Meeting on Lakewood ordinances on 12/22 at 9:00. Email Linda Barringer if would like to join
- Monica with St. Anthony- Hospital Transformation Program planning. Will be assessing for social determinants of health. Working on housing planning soon. What can solutions be for people experiencing homelessness.
- Arvada Navigator Steven Howell: hiring for Housing navigator position
- Family Tree – developing PSH to have 75-80 units. Moving through development.
- VA/ Lauren Lapinski: come across a homeless Veteran.

- Benefits in Action: Connect folks to benefits, food program.

Menti poll

What special topics would like to see presented during Heading Home meetings?



Outreach	Recuperative care	current affordable housing projects being done
safe parking	Navigators updates	Medical Legal Partnership
Special topics are great! Keeps us all in the loop! Agenda as is seems to be sufficient	Resources for seniors homelessness	Gaps in Jeffco to fill
More on member organizations to	legality of churches offering homelessness services	Hospital Transformation Program
More on member organizations to better understand their roles and goals.	legality of churches offering homelessness services	Hospital Transformation Program
1. Applying for ESG funding 2. Running / operating a Navigation Center	networking; project highlights and gap brainstorming especially around funding and collaboration	Tiny home communities and what it takes to bring that to Jeffco
What is the role of Faith Based	Models for working with/funding church partners	permanent supportive housing. creative options for our unhoused community that are low barrier
What is the role of Faith Based organizations in ending Homelessness in Jefferson County?	Models for working with/funding church partners	creative options for our unhoused community that are low barrier
Housing solutions for our aging population when they decline assisted living/nursing home.	Highlight specific success stories in ending homelessness	where to find a central list of housing navigators in Jeffco
UPdates of the PIT count and other	anything related to burnout/resiliency, anything related to hearing more directly from people experiencing homelessness.	

UPdates of the PIT count and other data sources.

