All Home Coordinating Board Meeting Summary June 14, 2017

Members Present:			Members Absent:
Andrew Lofton	Catherine Lester	Meghan Deal	Melinda Giovengo
Jean-Paul Yafali	Sheila Sebron	Hamdi Abdulle	Gordon McHenry Jr.
Daniel Malone	John Chelminiak	Sara Levin	Nancy Backus
Steve Walker	Joe McDermott	Colleen Echohawk	Adrienne Quinn

Agenda Item	Action Steps and Follow Up
Public Comment	Michael: Last year at the All Home Annual Conference I told everyone that Trump was going to win the election. No one talked about jobs at today's conference. We can't build our way out of this problem, we have built a homeless industrial complex in "free-attle" and I am calling for a massive jobs program to take 1,000 people off the street in the first year. Dawn: There is a common misconception that Native people have money because of their tribal affiliation but that is not always true. Okesha: I missed the panel at today's Annual Conference where I was going to share my personal experience of homelessness. I share my story because it has the power to influence generations that come after me. Advocacy is a significant portion of my life and I want to help because I believe that we can solve this problem. Bill: We need common sense policies and practice to address vehicle residents, please get in contact with me after the meeting if you would like to be involved in the vehicle residency workgroup.
Director's Report	Mark Putnam, Director of All Home, shared the following updates: - The 2017 Point in Time Count: Count Us In Report is now available on the All Home website. All Home invites feedback and comments to make improvements and adjustment to next year's Count. - The Coordinating Board held a racial equity retreat last Friday and committed to addressing the low rate of exits to permanent housing for the American Indian/Alaska Native population.
Youth Homelessness Demonstration Grant (YHDP)	*This portion of the Coordinating Board meeting was a Joint Session with the Youth Advisory Board and the All Home Coordinating Board as two of the three decision-making bodies for the Youth Homeless Demonstration Project.* The Conflict of Interest Policy, signed by Coordinating Board members, outlines the need for transparency and recusal in specific decision making processes: "Any Board or Committee member who is aware of a potential conflict of interest involving any matter under consideration by the Board or Committee, shall not be present for any discussion of the matter and shall not be permitted to vote on any matter in which he/she has an interest." Board members were given the opportunity to identify potential conflicts and recuse themselves from the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Grant (YHDP) decision-making process. Specifically, board members were asked to recuse themselves if an organization they were affiliated with would have any possibility of applying for YHDP funding.

Action: Melinda Giovengo, Hamdi Abdulle, Gordon McHenry Jr., Jean-Paul Yafali and Colleen Echohawk recused themselves from the discussion and decision.

Ahead of the YHDP discussion, the following comments were offered:
- Much of the phrasing and nomenclature used in homelessness discussions is not in plain language that people outside of the system can easily understand.
- Expanding RRH, as included in the proposal, may not be equitable because the description implies that funding would only be available to agencies that already administer RRH.

The YHDP Planning Team and the Youth Advisory Board (YAB) submitted a proposed list of projects to consider including in the Seattle-King County Continuum of Care's Coordinated Community Plan as part of the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Grant. The Coordinating Board, Children's Administration, and Youth Advisory Board need to review, discuss and rank the projects and determine which projects should be included in the Plan and which should be funded through the YHDP dollars specifically. Once the projects are approved or revised for final approval, the decision-making bodies will be presented with the final completed Plan with approved projects for final signature prior to submittal to HUD on July 13th.

Youth Advisory Board initial rank order of projects:
1. Landlord Liaising/Incentivizing
2. Revamped drop-in centers
3. Multi-Site/Tiny Home Village
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6. Youth Engagement Team
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Discussion comments:
- (YAB) Homeless youth may not be in school so the school-based intervention project needs to consider how it will reach YYA who are not attending school.
- (YAB) Host homes/kinship care are a very bad idea and should be removed from the project ranking all together.
- (YAB) Host homes/kinship care should be funded by the child welfare system not the YHDP grant.
- (CB) Tiny homes do not have a uniform definition and the model proposed in the YHDP project list is not clear. In King County, it would be difficult to find/site/pay for land to host tiny homes. Further discussion of the model and logistics is necessary before including in the plan.
- (YAB) The YAB doesn't feel like they have enough details about RRH and that is why it scored low in their initial project rank-order. The YAB is open to hearing more about the RRH model.
- (CB) The CB is interested in how much of the RRH funding has been drawn down and if there is a need for more funding at this time.
- (YAB) The YAB would like more time to interact with the CB. The CB indicated that they would

meet with the YAB at a time/place that the YAB selects.
- (CB) A set of high-level values or principles to keep in mind while ranking projects for the YHDP grant would be helpful, in addition to the HUD YHDP priorities (*USICH framework (rare, brief, one-time), special populations, PYD & TIC, family engagement, youth choice, client-driven, community integration, coordinated entry*).

Action:
After hearing the perspective of the Youth Advisory Board, the Coordinating Board unanimously votes to remove Host Homes/Kinship Care from the YHDP project list. Both the Coordinating Board and Youth Advisory Board agreed that the decision on which proposals to include in the Coordinated Community Plan should be made with 100% consensus among the 3 decision-making bodies (though individual members of each decision-making group may dissent).

Follow up:
- The YAB will meet this Sunday afternoon (6/18). (UPDATE: following the meeting, the YAB invited All Home and partner staff and Coordinating Board members to attend. Kira Zylstra attended and was able to answer questions about the RRH and Bridge housing models.)
- There is a proposal to convene the Coordinating Board, Youth Advisory Board and Children's Administration again for further discussion of YHDP. Options for location/date/time for that meeting have been offered by the YAB and a meeting will be confirmed soon. The meeting must happen by 2nd week of July as the plan is due to HUD on July 13.

Coordinated Entry for All	The Board agreed at their last meeting to grant the County the authority to make changes to CEA, after conducting stakeholder meetings and review with CEA Policy Advisory Committee, and report back to the Coordinating Board. The County is currently hosting listening sessions to get feedback on CEA. Following the listening sessions, a group of individuals including County CEA staff and the CEA Policy Committee members will meet on June 22nd to decide on changes to CEA. Themes emerging from the listening sessions include: • More communication is needed all around • More clarity on what housing/services are available at any given time • Needed improvement in referral process, potentially leading to case conferencing. • Need to simplify assessments so clients are only answering what is needed to be referred • Need for a critical analysis of CEA with an equity and social justice lens • Need to strengthen and expand diversion at the front door Some changes have already been decided upon by the CEA team including: • Implementation of a 5 day external fill policy for the single adult population (already implemented) • Families will no longer be referred to shelter through CEA (to be implemented) The Coordinating Board offered the following comments and questions: - Last month, the Board gave its vote of confidence in the County to act on the feedback and data they have and make changes to CEA. The Board is interested in getting an update in July and determining if other system changes, beyond CEA, are appropriate. - If family shelters get exceptions from CEA referrals, what other opportunities exist for other populations to get exceptions? Mark noted that HUD guidelines must be followed. HUD does not require shelter to be part of CEA. - Do clients understand the wait time they may experience for a housing resource referral at time of assessment? How can that be made clear? - The immigrant/refugee community has possible solutions to share with CEA for immigrant/refugee families that have a difficult time matching to homeless housing that can accommodate their large families. - The CEA assessment should not be amended to match the available housing stock in our community, but instead to meet the need of people experiencing homelessness.

Next Meeting
Wednesday, July 5th, Solid Ground