



## Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project (YHDP) Meeting Summary July 5, 2017

Coordinating Board Members Present:		Children's Administration Members Present:	Youth Advisory Board Members Present:
Daniel Malone Steve Walker Meghan Deal Hamdi Abdulle Sara Levin Gordon McHenry Jr.	Catherine Lester Sheila Sebron John Chelminiak Melinda Giovengo	Bill Barrett Bolesha Johnson	James Akwa Thalia Jennifer Mandy

Agenda Item	Action Steps and Follow Up
<b>Youth Homelessness Demonstration Grant (YHDP)</b>	<p><i>This meeting was a Joint Session with the Youth Advisory Board (YAB), the Children's Administration (CA) and the All Home Coordinating Board (CB) as the three decision-making bodies for the Youth Homeless Demonstration Project.</i></p> <p>Coordinating Board member recusals from the <a href="#">previous meeting</a> (Melinda Giovengo, Hamdi Abdulle, Gordon McHenry Jr., Jean-Paul Yafali and Colleen Echohawk) carried over in accordance with the Coordinating Board <a href="#">Conflict of Interest Policy</a>.</p> <p>The meeting today is intended to address remaining questions, come to agreement on the overall direction of the project proposal, further discuss the proposed prioritization of projects and determine what work will be left to the next phase after submittal and into implementation.</p> <p>Further clarification from HUD has revealed that the plan proposal submitted on Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup> does not need to be completely refined or the final version of the proposal. HUD wants to clearly see the vision for the plan and the process that has taken place over the last six months in as much detail as possible. We expect feedback by mid-August and an opportunity to dialogue with HUD about the projects and priorities identified in the initial plan proposal.</p> <p>Ground rules established ahead of discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• one diva one mike</li> <li>• assume positive intent</li> <li>• be aware of your impact</li> <li>• listen to listen not to respond</li> <li>• keep the vision/mission in mind</li> <li>• ask for clarification on language and acronyms</li> <li>• center the young people in the room</li> <li>• try to share the big picture behind your comments/feedback</li> </ul> <p>Discussion comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- (YAB) The data on how many unsheltered minors there are in the community is incorrect,</li> </ul>

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- underestimated
- (CB) Data quality and completeness is a problem in many communities, we must use best available data
  - (YAB) Not been aware of Coordinating Board meeting dates/times
  - (YAB) Members of CB and CA have RSVP'd to attend past YAB meetings but never showed up
  - (YAB) Feels like they have been treated less-than, ageism at play in the group dynamics
  - (CB) Would like to see a consolidated list of who needs information/communication
  - (YAB) Would like any significant changes to the project list to be discussed separately at YAB meetings, for a robust and private conversation
  - (YAB) Homelessness is an issue of no resources not personal failings, money should go directly to the people who need it not to programs that don't work or salaries or data collection
  - (CB) The CB and CA have not intentionally left out the YAB, we are learning through this process what works and what doesn't work to collaborate
  - (YAB) Sweeps are the problem, we should let homelessness be more visible to increase funding
  - (YAB) All funding should be used to reduce harm, we need to let people self-determine and decriminalize homelessness
  - (CB) It needs to be okay that we are uncomfortable and we may not know the answers, we need to listen to the youth
  - (CB) How does our commitment to the American Indian/Alaska Native population fit into the YHDP?
  - (YAB) What is the reasoning/thought process behind why some projects were ranked so high by the CB?
  - (YAB) What are the options for youth under 18?

**Action:**

**The Youth Advisory Board, Children's Administration and All Home Coordinating Board approves the draft projects and plan to be submitted to HUD on July 13<sup>th</sup>.**

**While all other projects are still eligible for inclusion or removal from the final Coordinated Community Plan, all bodies agreed to confirm the inclusion of the Transitional Housing/Rapid Re-housing Bridge Model project proposal.**

**Catherine Lester and Sheila Sebron were selected to represent the Coordinating Board at future meetings with the Youth Advisory Board and the Children's Administration to discuss the YHDP proposal, in place of the full Coordinating Board membership.**

Follow up:

- Michelle Valdez, All Home staff, will follow up with each group on next steps
  - Michelle Valdez, All Home staff, will send the project list and memo to each group by this Friday, July 7<sup>th</sup>
  - The joint meeting scheduled for July 10<sup>th</sup> will be cancelled and All Home staff will work on scheduling future meetings
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## All Home Coordinating Board Meeting Summary

July 5, 2017

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

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<b>Public Comment</b>	<u>John:</u> I was given a 20-day notice of eviction at my long time apartment residence. I am a veteran who connected with the VA for help, but was told they cannot help me until I become homeless. I have poor credit which has made it difficult to secure alternative housing.
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<b>Director's Report</b>	<p>Mark Putnam, Director of All Home, shared the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Updated <a href="#">quarterly data</a> is now available on the All Home website               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Exits to permanent housing have increased and we are on track to meet our goal of a 10% increase by the end of 2017</li> <li>o The Board is the body to determine whether our goals are the appropriate pace in relation to the need</li> </ul> </li> <li>- The System Performance Committee will be working to better understand the shelter utilization data               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Data quality continues to be a topic of concern at Provider Consortium meetings</li> <li>o The Provider Consortium would like to see an action plan for resolving data issues</li> </ul> </li> <li>- A brief summary and next steps from the Board's Racial Equity retreat is included in the meeting <a href="#">materials</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o The Provider Consortium wrote the Coordinating Board a letter, also in meeting materials, regarding 'Racial Equity Principles and Recommendations for Homelessness Service Delivery System'</li> <li>o The Provider Consortium is expecting a formal response to their letter</li> </ul> </li> <li>- An update on the CEA improvement process is included in the meeting <a href="#">materials</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Action: Mark will work with the co-chairs to include System Performance Committee developments and data quality as an agenda item at a future Coordinating Board meeting and to draft a response to the Provider Consortium Racial Equity letter.</b></p>
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<b>Continuum of Care Application</b>	<p>This year, the McKinney CoC Application Values and final rank order of projects will be approved by the Coordinating Board as opposed to the Funder Alignment Committee, as has been the practice in previous years. This will be another opportunity for Board members to recuse themselves, in accordance with the Coordinating Board <a href="#">Conflict of Interest Policy</a>.</p> <p><b>** Melinda would like it to be known that the Provider Consortium would like to have a conversation with the Coordinating Board regarding the Conflict of Interest Policy and that recusal of provider Board members, as the only members with on the ground experience and subject matter expertise, is problematic.</b></p>
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Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for 2017 has not yet been released, though is expected soon. The NOFA changes each year as HUD considers new data, research and best practices, and looks to meet its priorities for the funds. An overview of the process, what is known for FY17 and last year's ranking of projects is included in the meeting [materials](#).

The McKinney CoC Application Values, available in the meeting [materials](#), are not reflective of all values/goals of the Seattle/King County Strategic Plan. The McKinney CoC Application Values document is for internal purposes only to be used as a framework for preparing the NOFA application locally.

**Action:** The Board approved the following additions/edits to the McKinney CoC Application Values

- Call out racial disproportionality specifically in value #2
- Add advancing racial equity goals, explicit commitment to AI/AN population in value #3
- Add a fourth value with the Consumer Advisory Council recommendation to listen, hear and implement needs from consumers

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#### **Next Meeting**

Wednesday, August 2, DESC (515 3rd Ave)