



CEA Policy Subcommittee

11-10-16 Meeting Summary

Members Present:	Members Absent:
Kira Zylstra Kristine Huson Derek Wentorf Amanda Thompkins Dusty Olson Sara Hoffman Martha Sassorossi Hedda McLendon Kate Speltz Bill Hallerman Rebecca Stapleton Wayne Wilson Jeanice Hardy	Colleen Echohawk Jean Paul Sean Walsh

CEA Updates

- CEA and Bitfocus have hosted two trainings for housing providers to offer technical support on how to use Clarity for purposes of receiving/processing referrals, posting open units, and enrolling into a program.
- CEA has created a diversion and assessor manual. These are in a draft phase and being edited now. They will be released to providers soon.
- CEA has sent our data to single adult providers that shows how many community based assessors each agency has, how many assessments each assessor has completed, and the score distribution of assessments by agency. We will use this data to determine where we have gaps and if we need additional assessors.

Summary of the Executive Committee Meeting on 11/2/16

Prioritization of Family Shelter

The Executive Committee has approved for CEA to offer shelter to all families in band two and three. Unsheltered families with pregnant women and children under the age of one will be prioritized.

Change CEA prioritization to be based on length of time homeless and vulnerability

- The Executive Committee has approved for CEA to continue with prioritization based on vulnerability and to use length of time homeless as a tie breaker. Recommendations need to be implemented in order to gain efficiencies, align with Clarity CE functionality, and to simplify current processes.
- The Executive Committee would like for CEA to develop a plan to operationalize the prioritization of LTSS.
- CEA will create a proposal to discuss with the CEA Subcommittee at the next meeting.

Banding: Coordinated Entry bands have some permeability

Hedda and Sara informed the subcommittee that permeability of banding was only discussed at high level at the Executive Committee and no decision were made. They informed the subcommittee that they would like to open up a discussion again about changing banding and come up with a solid recommendation to present at the next Executive Committee meeting.

- Bill stated that he supports moving band two up to include scores of nine and ten and piloting opening up RRH to families with income.
- A discussion was had about raising the issue with funders that programs are funded to serve highly vulnerable families (band three) but resources are not funded to serve the right population. We need less funded dedicated to PSH for chronically homeless families and more funding for regular permanent housing.



- The subcommittee had an in-depth conversation about the impacts of opening up RRH to families without income or those who need increased supports.
 - What tools can we implement for high needs families
 - What does it look like for us to support families as a system so they aren't worse off after RRH than they were prior to entering the program (i.e. a new eviction of their record).
 - Other communities aren't focused on the success of a RRH referral but rather the family being housed for six months to a year rather than living on the street. Providers use this as a learning so the next time the family is placed in housing they are more informed on what intervention might be successful for the family.
 - Concerns about limiting RRH referrals to families with income. This would be creating barriers to housing in a program that is designed to be low barrier.
 - The subcommittee needs to make a decision knowing a "safety net" if RRH does not work is not in place yet but the system can work to start developing one.
 - Our community needs to work to create a move-on strategy and a progressive engagement model for RRH.
 - All Home is working to develop a CTI training for RRH providers.

Recommendation:

- Raise band two to include scores of nine and ten
- RRH can be offered to families in band three
 - A service enriched band three resource should always be offered first if one is available that the family is eligible for
 - Need to bring the Funder Alignment Group into discussions about the capacity of band three resources
 - Rigorous data review of how people are doing in RRH- what is the success rate?

By Name Lists (BNL)

One of the recommendations from the Barb Poppe report is to use BNL in coordination with CEA. Our community has proposed the use of a BNL for veterans (already exists), LTSS, Youth and Young Adults, Chronically Homeless Single Adults, and Families.

Dusty Olson from the City of Seattle has been talking to and visiting other communities to learn about their BNL processes including challenges and successes of implementation. Dusty provided the subcommittee with a brief overview of her learnings so far.

- Visited Hennepin County and talked with Jacksonville and Connecticut
- The use of the BNL needs to be flexible to work.
- Need to provide training on the HMIS ROI and have a standard messaging that explains the benefit of consenting to the household. This increases the rate of those who consent.
- Three potential ways the BNL are used are navigation, housing placements, and wraparound services
 - In most communities the goal of the BNL meeting is to place people into housing

Next Meeting:

Thursday December 1st, 2016, 11:30-1:00, location Chinook