

Rapid Rehousing and Emergency Shelter Learning Circle Summary

May 20, 2016

Agenda Item	Responses and Themes
Break out session: Diving towards confirmation (RRH only)	<p>Providers and funders broke into small groups to review work group findings and outlined what decisions or work remained in order to confirm a decision on best practice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One model for financial assistance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What's needed: Determine one standard method of subsidy; outline messaging to landlords; increase coordination with shelters on paying debts ○ Responsibility: Funders, staff, managers and clients • Defining "program participation" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What's needed: Clear expectations; clear on housing stability plan; clear on boundaries; maintain regular contact with clients; outline exit plan early ○ Responsibility: Providers need to define expectations; client needs to maintain contact • Identifying role in housing location <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What's needed: Outline what each program does; determine how role is different from LLP; determine the role of the case manager ○ Responsibility: Program staff; funders to help with long term visioning (housing locators and bringing housing search to scale)
Updates and Reminders (RRH and ES)	<p>RRH Focus Group: May 24, from 4:00 – 6:00 at Hopelink - Avondale Park Front Door Employment Specialist Update RRH and Shelter contact information</p> <p><i>Action Steps</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providers will recruit for focus group • All Home will update contacts and send out to larger group
Group discussion (RRH and ES)	<p>Conversation included coordination of financial assistance, specifically around arrear debt Recommendation to scale down joint learning circle agendas to focus on one or two topics for in depth conversation</p> <p><i>Action Steps</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Home will coordinate with providers to see about a legal presentation focused on rental arrears • Topics for future joint meetings include role of housing search and better understanding shelter exit procedures
Emergency Shelter Convening (ES only)	<p>Reflections on joint session Targeting Shelter to Housing dollars with CEA changes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed it's helpful to know the score to anticipate what kind of support families need and whether preparing them for RRH is necessary • Providers continue to struggle with finding landlords and feel guilty for not sharing "their landlords" <p>Discussion what it means to be a Housing 1st shelter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Going to review at the next Shelter to Housing meeting