



All Home Coordinating Board Meeting Summary

May 8, 2019

Members Present:		Members Absent:
Meghan Deal	Steve Walker	Jason Johnson
Keith Scully	Daniel Malone	Leo Flor
Andrew Lofton	Sara Levin	Hamdi Abdulle
Gordon McHenry Jr.	Melinda Giovengo	Nancy Backus
Sheila Sebron		Joe McDermott
Colleen Echohawk		Okesha Brandon

Agenda Item

Action Steps and Follow Up

Public Comment

Bill Kirlin-Hackett: I would like to see the Board go back up to at least 24 people to better represent the regions of King County not currently well represented by membership. There should be at least two faith community representatives, law enforcement and other first responders, and two representatives from the American Indian/Alaska Native community. We are heading down the wrong path if we keep the board at the current size.

All Home and Board Updates

Point in Time (PIT) and Housing Inventory (HIC) Count Reporting:

The initial results of the 2019 Point in Time Count were released on May 2nd. For the first time in seven years, the count of individuals experiencing homelessness in King County declined. This year's release more closely aligned with the reporting deadline for HUD for PIT and HIC data. The full Count Us In 2019 report, estimated to be complete by the end of May, will include more detailed information on the results, including a sub-regional breakdown and a deeper analysis of the Count Us In survey responses.

New Homeless System Dashboards:

To provide a more detailed look at the homeless service system and the people served, All Home unveiled a new [interactive data dashboard](#) at the same time PIT data was released. The dashboard provides the most current information available on the needs of people enrolled in services. Data from the new homeless response system dashboards affirm that exits to permanent housing have increased over the past three years, with 17,992 successful exits between 2016 and 2018. Despite increased system capacity and efficiency, the rate at which people are becoming homeless outpaces the ability to house them within existing resources.

Coordinated Entry for All:

At the last Coordinating Board meeting, the Board confirmed the VI SPDAT is not meeting our community goals and that there is a need to find an alternative process/tool for prioritization. The Board also gave authority to the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) to implement and test new processes/tools as needed.

PAC action steps:

- Interim prioritization

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- PAC members confirmed that interim prioritization work groups should have the freedom to make adjustments by sub-population
 - Future prioritization
 - Given the themes from the 2018 prioritization workgroups* and the authorization of DESC to use the Vulnerability Assessment Tool framework in building a new tool, the PAC decided to circle back with all workgroup participants for a VAT overview (scheduled for May 13th). In doing so, the PAC agreed to exploring the framework of the VAT, not the adoption of the VAT at this time. Workgroups are not being relaunched from this exploration as the gaps identified in capacity/expertise are still not resolved.
 - If workgroup members agree to use the VAT framework for creating a new tool, PAC members require a user experience evaluation of the VAT before taking action. Through this process, resources and/or expertise will be identified and solicited by the PAC directly to potential partners**.

*Themes included, 1) need to center racial equity and high service need, 2) need for flexibility to define vulnerability by sub-populations through a process/tool that supports one system, 3) a trauma informed and strength based user experience, 4) a transparent phased assessment process, and 5) preference for open-ended questions.

**Potential partners may include public funders, philanthropy, universities, pro-bono evaluators, etc.

Unsheltered Homelessness Committee/Coordination:

Background: Following the request to stand up an ad hoc, time-limited unsheltered homelessness committee, All Home staff conducted informational interviews with stakeholders* who are responding to and coordinating regional or sub-regional unsheltered homelessness strategies. Stakeholders were asked if the objectives of 1) being a central point of contact for the regional unsheltered homelessness response and 2) being core informers for the unsheltered homeless response strategies for the Regional Action Plan, were the right goals for the committee.

High level themes:

- Agreement that there is a gap in regional coordination
- Despite agreement for regional coordination, there was uncertainty around authority of the committee and how it would benefit committee members to participate (more work than results)
- Uncertainty about how an ad hoc committee before the centralized authority would provide a committee with any power (funders and providers are not obligated to follow the recommendations of the committee)
- Uncertainty about how to create a committee that can address the regional differences (once you leave Seattle, resources are sparse and first responders and City staff are primary responders)
- Concern about scope and the difficulty to have advocates for sub-sets of the unsheltered homelessness population work together
- Concern that non-adult unsheltered populations will get overshadowed

Emerging information: An effort to identify and define regional best practices in outreach launched in April. In May, the group will use a racial equity toolkit to evaluate the make-up of workgroup participation and plan for community engagement. Simultaneously, HUD technical assistance became available and was proposed to be used to identify and define regional best practices in outreach to folks living in vehicles. The best practices around vehicle outreach and engagement will be a sub-set of the unsheltered homelessness work and should not be separated out from the broader unsheltered homelessness effort.

Tentative proposal: Rather than stand up an ad hoc committee that does not live into theory of change and hold the structure as outlined in the CoC draft charter, the community should leverage

existing efforts to meet the goals of the Regional Action Plan and function as the primary point of contact for King County's unsheltered homeless response efforts.**

* **Consulted:** REACH, HCHN, Kids Plus, Chief Seattle Club, Mary's Place, safe parking, Seattle Human Services Department, Familiar Faces, Vet and Human Services Levy, City of Auburn, Third Door Coalition, DESC, United Healthcare, Seattle Center. **Attempted contact:** VA, SKCCH, Catholic Community Services. **Yet to contact:** YHDP YET, ValleyCities.

**This proposal still needs to be confirmed with the organizers of the standing workgroups and get lived experience participation and approval.

Board Questions/Comments:

- Is Veteran status asked during the Point in Time Count
- What's the expected outcome of the unsheltered committee?
 - Being central point of contact for this work across the region
 - Being key informers of the unsheltered strategies for the Regional Action Plan
- Are youth providers involved in the existing unsheltered coordination work?

Continuum of Care Contributions to Homeless System Redesign

The Board reviewed the CoC values and priorities (available in the [meeting packet](#)) as proposed by the CoC Application/Ranking Committee for the FY2019 CoC NOFA process. Notable changes include:

- Broadening commitment to racial equity and emphasis on intersectional approach to equity
- Broadening language about culturally responsive agencies whose clients may not be connected to mainstream services
- Elevating the voices of people with lived experience across policy and program development

The Board recommended the following changes:

1. Separating #3, d into two different points
2. Change elevating to elevate in #3, j

Action: The Coordinating Board voted to approve the CoC Values and Priorities as proposed by the CoC Application/Ranking Committee with the two changes above reflected.

Continuum of Care Alignment with Homeless Systems Redesign

Marc Dones with the National Innovation Service walked through a PowerPoint (available in the [meeting packet](#)) that outlined a high-level timeline and deliverables of the regional homeless governance redesign work. Following their presentation, Marc lead Board members and audience members in a workshop to brainstorm the functions, characteristics, skills and knowledge needed for the governing board of the future regional authority.

Group share-outs following the exercise included:

- Set direction and policy towards plan
 - Makes decisions about resources and use of resources
 - Small, 9-13 people, 1/2 people with lived experience
 - Need a deep understanding of programs
 - Need to know how government and finance works
 - Listens to perspectives
 - Raise money, power brokers
 - Technical board
 - Action oriented
 - Equity experts
 - People who understand service delivery, advocacy and policy
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