

4/14/2021

## **Welcome, Introductions, Attendance**

### **Statement of Inclusion**

Information: Have been talking with SPARC along the way and are asking the community if it would be useful? Who would work on it and bring it back to HHAHC for May?

Discussion:

Comment: Yes, it is crucial to have at this point

Comment: People with lived experience need to be involved

Comment: Clients are welcome to attend and we can pay people for their time

Follow-up: Please send your orgs Statement of Inclusion or those of other orgs that you think are excellent to Michele and they can be compiled and brought back to something for this group to discuss

### **Housing Developer Process-Feedback Requested**

Information on Tenant Selection Plan (See attachment included in midweek updates 4.14.21)

1. Can't be rejected based on only credit history unless withheld on purpose
2. Felonies more than 2 years can't be considered when applying for housing
3. Service providers need to be included when developing is taking place

Follow-Up: Get ahold of Developers now!

Information on Housing Developer Process-SMAC:

1. At the SMAC level there have been no changes
2. Anoka-
  - a. Local Kick-off
  - b. Outline process for County, parallels the COC
    - i. 60 days in advance
  - c. Guide through process
  - d. 2 opportunities for developers to present at HHAHC
    - i. May 12<sup>th</sup> or June 9<sup>th</sup>

**Discussion:**

1. What questions shall we pose to developers?
  - a. Screening criteria
  - b. populations they want to serve and why
  - c. How are you planning to keep this sustainable

- d. Current partnerships with social services, non profits, etc.
- e. Do they have a statement of inclusion and commitment to it
- f. Their definition of "affordable housing" (maybe that's an industry term that's a standard answer ??)
- g. I'd like to ask them about their statement of inclusion-specifically related to people most likely to be homeless
- h. Willingness to have more than the baseline amount of affordable housing units
- i. What is their process of working with various vouchers/housing programs? Will they only allow certain ones and why?

**Prevention and Outreach:**

**FHPAP-Anoka's Response:**

- a. Due May 12<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30
- b. Chosen sub-grantees
  - a. Hope 4 Youth
  - b. Salvation Army
  - c. YMCA of the North
- c. Request for Recommendation Approval to HHAHC
  - a. Request: Authority be given to selection committee members and sub grantees as a cross-section of HHAHC to approve AC application to MN Housing allowing submission to occur before May 12<sup>th</sup>
  - b. Matt moves to grant request
  - c. Barb seconds the motion to grant request
  - d. Vote:
    - i. from bsopp to everyone: 2:34 PM
    - ii. Yes
    - iii. from Elizabeth Pelletier to everyone: 2:34 PM
    - iv. Yes
    - v. from Jessica Jasurda to everyone: 2:34 PM
    - vi. Anoka-Hennepin - Yes
    - vii. from Johnna to everyone: 2:34 PM
    - viii. yes
    - ix. Matt Lewis to everyone: 2:34 PM
    - x. yes
    - xi. from Jennifer to everyone: 2:35 PM
    - xii. yes

## **FHPAP Disparities:**

Information: For details please see PP Charts for outcomes

- a. Exits to permanent destinations
  - a. White: 46.6% (45% entered)
  - b. Black/AA: 45.6% (45% entered)
  - c. Multiple races: 7.7 (10% entered)

Discussion on Targets for FPG?

1. Keep Priority 150% FPG for next year
2. An interesting data point was that when we were serving households with the UCARE grant (200-400% FPG) the majority of households served were people of color, particularly African American  
So it is possible that going up to 200% may be helpful in creating more equity, but not sure that UCARE grant was a big enough sample to make that assumption
3. If we feel changing it to 150% has been effective, I don't think we would want to change it back to 200%
4. I would request that the range be for 150% to 200% so that we can reach further populations
5. I also wonder about using other targets - like crim history, evictions, etc. possibly in addition
6. I am interested in what the Y and TSA think about the income percentages and reaching the BIPOC community
  - a. YMCA-We see barriers around the income- if there is someone who is slightly above income, however, we are fortunate to still help them with some flexible funding sources we have. Being slightly over income is a HUGE barrier, especially if the individual is hourly, and hours aren't consistent.

## **Breakout Sessions on Equity in our System:**

Discussion:

As an agency are you using these? Are you using something different? Which could you align with to support the sub-grantees? Do providers need more information to identify these?

How will households receive support with patience and empathy when they are in crisis, experiencing trauma, or facing discrimination and marginalization?

How do we serve people regardless of their spoken or written language?

Session #1: Diane (Diane shared first and then other groups added)

- Youth Surveys-suggesting help needed up to 26 so age was changed to 25
- Trauma Informed Care-Homelessness as a trauma but unpacking it further to intersections of trauma (DV, police involvement, etc...)
  - Cornerstone's Conference
  - Bridges out of Poverty (intersectionality of class particularly in America)
- Process of Intake, getting on the list, etc... onus falls on the staff to follow-up, etc...

- Language: growth area for some; county contracts with language line and having workers who also interpret but the challenge is getting their foot in the door and building trust; language as part of culture (connection to culturally specific services)
- Implicit Bias Training has been helpful
- Child Protection there is such a varied way of interacting so what is needed in different areas is needed
  - Addiction is an area where training is needed

Stephanie G-Anoka Peer and Support, Brenda (H4Y Host Homes), Karla (Shelter CM Family Promise), Jennifer (Reg. Volunteers America of MN)

Session #2: Hope

- Have an ability to go anywhere to meet with clients
- Diversity of staff to access for language and culture

Session #3: Sue

- Extensive Trauma Informed trainings are happening internally
  - Annually could there be a training at Heading Home to keep all updated?
- Get information out to large groups of people (Food shelves, schools, etc...)

Session#4: Mark

- Low-cost/no-cost

Session #5 Barb

- Variance by departments in large agencies but professional development opportunities
- Access-if you aren't eligible or not understanding the process then you can't access what you need.
- Language: School IDs top 5 languages spoken and have written materials for those

**Current FHPAP Grant:**

- YMCA is reallocating funding-there was an oversight on an amendment so we under billed \$10,351. This will be billed for April
- Reallocate \$5,000 from RRH Deposit to move to Prevention Rental Assistance

Motion to approve reallocation: Mark

2<sup>nd</sup>: Matt

Vote:

from Elizabeth Pelletier to everyone: 3:28 PM

Yes

from bsopp to everyone: 3:28 PM

Yes

from Jessica Jasurda to everyone: 3:28 PM

Yes

from sue.rosendahl to everyone: 3:28 PM

Yes!!

from Jennifer to everyone: 3:28 PM

yes

from Elizabeth Pelletier to everyone: 3:28 PM

Yes

from MarkM to everyone: 3:28 PM

yes

### **SMAC CES Update:**

Information: Not enough housing for single adults-in May CES will be talking about how to make sure the priority pool doesn't keep growing and growing. It's going to be a challenging discussion in tandem with the director's council

### **Governing Board:**

Information: New board took over in March

### **Adjournment**

### **Attendance:**

from Mandy Meisner to everyone: 2:01 PM

Good to see everyone! Mandy Meisner, Anoka County Commissioner

from Hope Inman to everyone: 2:01 PM

Hope Inman, Salvation Army

from Jennifer Crotteau to everyone: 2:01 PM

Jennifer Crotteau, Anoka County

from Matt Lewis to everyone: 2:01 PM

Matt Lewis, RADIUS Health

from bsopp to everyone: 2:01 PM

Barb Sopp, ACCAP

from Jennifer to everyone: 2:01 PM

Jennifer Melton VOAMN

from Lisa Robinson to everyone: 2:01 PM

Lisa Robinson Gustner YMCA

from Diane Pottratz to everyone: 2:01 PM

Diane Pottratz, YMCA

from mthoennes to everyone: 2:01 PM

Meghan Thoennes- LCC

from SJGustaf to everyone: 2:01 PM

Stefenie Gustafson-Anoka County PSOP

from sue.rosendahl to everyone: 2:01 PM

Sue Rosendahl TSA

from BrendaP to everyone: 2:01 PM

Brenda Pritchard, Hope 4 Youth

from Gina Hatanpa to everyone: 2:01 PM

Gina Hatanpa, Anoka County Public Health

from Jeanine Christenson to everyone: 2:01 PM

Jeanine Christenson-Anoka County Job Training Center

from MarkM to everyone: 2:01 PM

Mark McNamer, HOPE 4 Youth

from Dana Amundson MARS to everyone: 2:02 PM

Dana Amundson, MARS

from Elizabeth Pelletier to everyone: 2:02 PM

Libbie Pelletier, Anoka County Child Protection

from Natalie Engelmann to everyone: 2:03 PM

Natalie Engelmann, Anoka County Grants and Contracts Coordinator

Stacey O'Donoghue, Anoka County

Lisa Robinson, YMCA

Michele Reid, Anoka County

Johnna Krantz, Stepping Stone Emergency Housing