

Families (CES) Leadership Committee

March 1, 2022

Hello and Welcome - Welcome Cassie - DV rep

Last month action items (see membership Updates)

1. Orientation for Cassie K. – DV – Her orientation was completed and she met with Leadership Committee members
2. Connect with Tamekia Roberts - Tenzin provided update about her conversation with Tamekia. She stated she could represent both youth/young families and people with lived experience. A motion was made to accept her as a member by Charlotte Kinzley and seconded by Tenzin. The motion to add Tamekia as a committee member was approved.

Membership Updates

LEAG (lived experience advisory group) - Request submitted by the co-chairs.

- Eric – The request was shared with LEAG but no volunteers have come forward. He thinks they could be engaged in different one-time projects
- Casey – Development of coordinated community planning/family action board being planned and it might intersect with this committee's work
- Charlotte M – It's important to always incorporate the voice of people with lived experience however we can
- Charlotte K – Previously we had asked committee to identify a youth they have been working with who could become a member of this team

Update - Casey

Families Service Network has begun the development of a coordinated community plan to end family homelessness. The group has a huge email distribution list, Casey is updating that to create 2 separate groups, one who will receive monthly email updates, one for people who are actively engaged. This is also being done with the singles workgroup. There are many ways to engage people with lived experience – surveys, focus groups, group memberships. YHDP website: [9:36 AM] Casey Schleisman
Here is the website link to the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project work

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2021 workgroups - Closing/Finalizing - Did the committee accomplish 2021 goals?

1. Communications (Eric/Jess)
Eric – The big thing was the CES 101 video, has been developed and shared. Will be uploaded to the website next <https://vimeo.com/682997317>
2. Intersystem (Sue/Tracy)
Goal was to shorten time clients are entered into CES and receive a referral and make sure they are ready with vital documents. Have identified these documents and will identify training as needed.
3. Evaluation (Charlotte M)
Had highly ambitious goals, some were achieved. Now working on public facing data. Established CES Chat with interactive provider performance information.

Future meetings - Sue

- Overlap of Workgroup updates and CES Planner updates
9am-10am families, 10am-11am combined and 11am-12 noon singles
- Work group updates with both Single's and Families participants present
- CES Planners' updates
- New meeting invitations will be sent
- This has been discussed with the Singles team, they have agreed to this change with an April launch
- Barb volunteered to send out the joint meeting invite

2022 Workgroup - Go over the Workplans - review the different workgroups – Tenzin (see attached)

1. Evaluation group – Charlotte M – We are continuing with creation of the dashboard/health of the system to provide public facing access. Other project is around provider performance access, establishing performance benchmarks, analyze data around racial outcomes. Current members: Theresa, Amy Charlotte M, Lisa, Lindsey, Ashra, Susannah. Lead by Charlotte M, meet at noon on the 4th Monday of the month.
2. Intersystems – needs new Chair, Tracey will ask Stacey if she could do it. Meeting time TBD. Renea will join the Intersystems group, as will Cassie J

3. Communications – Led by Jess, met the third Friday of the month @10am. Work this year about engagement/gathering stakeholder input via forums and surveys.

Consider for April meeting which workgroup you'd like to join

New members should sign up for a workgroup

Sue and Tenzin will follow up with members who could not attend this meeting.

Update on performance and trends

1. Assessor Data (Laura) – (see charts) Increase in referrals, 0 duplicate referrals, no show rate has decreased, 4 referrals in to shelters, shelter numbers continue to rise, increased referrals to Mary's Place.
The ending of the eviction moratorium and rental assistance might be a cause, will most likely see even higher rates coming up.
Diversion staff have indicated they have increased capacity for families.
2. DAP data (Tracy) – 25 assessments completed in February (see attachment)
3. HC & Priority List Data (Amy & Tracy) – 79 families added to list, numbers trending up. EHV's for families need to be tied to case management which is not funded.

Should we reach out to nontraditional family service providers. Is HSS an option? Are ARM's workers or ILS a resource? Tracy and Amy will gather a workgroup to address this issue.

Updates from CES Planners (Tracy)

Committee Task Calendar - (Plug it in the manual and then Google drive) Could potentially be used at monthly meetings to track progress

Transfer Policy - added interagency transfer portion (within an agency) - CES Chat feedback.

Professor Nick Arnosti from the U of MN to attend our ongoing meeting – Tracy
He studies wait lists within public housing and mechanisms to provide housing referrals.

Comments:

What is the hoped outcome? He could provide recommendations for system efficiencies

Tracy will share an email she received about this request

Committee should establish boundaries about guests in the meetings

Tracy will speak with Singles leadership about his attendance

New Youth Housing Voucher - Casey - Available to some youth, including youth headed families

HUD appropriation of new housing vouchers targeted at foster youth to independence (FYI) vouchers, 5 year program without any case management funding, some youth providers have stepped up, each of the 4 providers gets up to 25 vouchers per year. They can serve singles and young families.

Tenzin could you potentially work with the eligibility work support youth team?

What is their definition of experiencing homelessness? HUD definition of 4 categories but includes category of at risk youth which is super broad.

Action Items

Follow up with Tameka about finding a youth to be part of this committee

Sue and Tenzin will follow up with members about joining a workgroup

Tracy and Amy will convene a group to discuss EHV and case management needs