

HSN Meeting 2.17.21

Co-Chairs: Mike Rood & Tree Clemonds

DOH (Kathy):

- expecting to get greater doses of vaccines each week
- the Dome vaccination location is run by the State of NY and gets the greatest number of doses
- working with the Shelter Task Force to prioritize shelter staff and clients - if anyone is looking for access for staff or clients they should contact Becky Miglioratti.

Project Homeless Connect (Leann, Edgar & Jed):

- feedback from surveys showed people are interested in this event happening
- looking to do them more than once a year
- next one will be in the fall
- looking for partners in the coat drive - if your agency is willing to have a coat drive donation box
- new or gently used men's, women's, and children. XL is always a need. Hats, gloves, scarves, and socks also welcome.

Code Blue/Civic Center (Becky Miglioratti):

- Place of Hope and Open Door Mission warming centers have had relatively high utilization but not completely full
- Civic Center:
 - 17 individuals in the garage during the PIT
 - 22 have been found by street outreach
 - the garage management may step up procedures to lock people out
 - many of the people are not willing to engage with street outreach workers
 - a few youth were found and Center for Youth outreach will be going out with PCHO
 - how can other providers support the outreach efforts?
 - Lisa Kuhmann: once she has secured some storage, she will distribute a list of supplies that would be useful for Outreach staff to give to persons living in the garage.
 - if you have a client staying in the garage it would be good to attend the Chronically Homeless workgroup - 2nd Friday of each month at 10am for case review (direct service providers only) and 11am for full meeting - via zoom
 - Becky Miglioratti will also reach out to the PSH program that someone from the CH workgroup will be moving in to for transition coordination

Coordinated Entry (Ryan):

- hiring a position to work with landlords and programs
- Coordinated Entry training next Tuesday (2/23) at 2pm that is important to attend to understand the coordinated entry process - email Ryan if you need more details rmcintosh@ccsi.org

ESG Funding:

- City and County putting out a combined RFP of annual and additional funding

Partners Ending Homelessness (Connie):

- creating training modules for PEH different programs
- NOFA process to being in May this year so PEH is working on the local application
- HMIS is starting to track vaccine recipients
- results are back from the PEH survey from the annual meeting
 - most successful actions responding to COVID: flexibility to meet with clients and accessing hotels for social distancing
 - top training topics: training, housing inspections, benefit advocacy
 - newsletter is appreciated
 - biggest barriers: lack of available units and affordable units, bad credit or history of evictions

PIT Count Update (Charles):

- working with HMIS data to deduplicate the information

Eviction Prevention (Alex Turner):

- applications from agencies for ERAP funding have been submitted and they should be hearing back next week - this funding's philosophy is about emergency rental assistance vs. eligibility requiring clients to be able to prove they can keep paying their rent.
- these programs should be opening up late March/early April
- referrals will go through 211
- CFC is hoping to send out an announcement soon about the availability of security deposits.

Special Populations Presentation - Veterans (Brion Eham) - see attached powerpoint

Announcements:

Brian Hooker is now on the DSS Red Team

Zoom Chat Log:

From Leanne Wood Charlesworth to Everyone: 08:38 AM

If you have not heard of Project Homeless Connect Rochester, you can learn more by visiting our website (which describes the event pre-COVID, but the mission, spirit, etc. remain the same): <https://www.homelessconnectrochester.org/>

From Edgar to Everyone: 08:40 AM

edgar.santacruz@cameronministries.org

From scottswanson to Everyone: 08:49 AM

Warming center is 146 Hobart

From hannabriggs to Everyone: 08:55 AM

If anyone finds themselves going to civic center and engaging with someone we can send you our referral and release to get us engaged

From Benjie Wayne to Everyone: 08:55 AM
I would say that getting phones to these individuals would be helpful

From Maggie Rosen to Everyone: 08:56 AM
the nights we go out, food would be helpful

From hannabriggs to Everyone: 08:56 AM
Or small gift cards

From Stephanie Good (She/hers) to Everyone: 08:56 AM
So it seems like what is working is providing basic needs (food, blankets, phones). How can we use what is working to take things a step further?

From hannabriggs to Everyone: 08:57 AM
We may need to increase night outreach due to this increased number

From Stephanie Good (She/hers) to Everyone: 08:57 AM
Is Food Not Bombs still running weekly during COVID on South Avenue?

From Peter W. Peters to Everyone: 08:58 AM
REACH would be willing to get the word out for supplies, we need to know what and how much etc.

From Lauren W to Everyone: 08:58 AM
yes to food not bombs

From Maggie Rosen to Everyone: 08:59 AM
if providers have clients staying in the garage, coming to the chronic Homeless case review is a place where we can openly discuss ways to collaborate

From Stephanie Good (She/hers) to Everyone: 09:02 AM
Im interested!

From Rebecca Miglioratti to Everyone: 09:03 AM
Rebecca.Miglioratti@dfa.state.ny.us

From lisakuhmann to Everyone: 09:06 AM
lkuhmann@pcho.org

From lisakuhmann to Everyone: 09:12 AM
Ryan, should we email you to get the invite to that meeting?

From rvander1 to Everyone: 09:23 AM
Ryan, what was the new title of the person working with landlords?

From sarah weigelt to Everyone: 09:33 AM
If a tenant submitted an application for back rent assistance through an agency (such as CFC) and will be eligible for the new ERAP/EPPI2.0 funding will they be required to re-apply or will their application be re-opened?
Okay, thanks for the clarity!

From Michael Rood to Everyone: 09:50 AM
Thank you Brion and Roderick....great job.

From Michael Rood to Everyone: 09:51 AM
For 24/7 care, call the VA Homeless Hotline:
1-877-424-3838