HSN Steering 1.10.24

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

11:11 AM

Attendance:  Michael Rood, Charles Bollinger, Natalia Lopuchowycz, Tree Clemonds, Lisa Schulz, Jake Lustik, Lauren Wiener, Becky Miglioratti, Craig Johnson, Amy D'Amico, Gabriel Person, Charles Albanese, Sara Volz-Rogers, Matt Smeltzer, Kim Martin, Valerie Douglas

Discussion:

* Training around shelter approach and attitudes towards residents/guests
* The training should be for shelter leadership as well as front-line staff
* Suggested to include people with lived experience to be part of the training

Next Meeting:

* Feb DSS Commissioner Thalia Wright
* Steering committee will create questions at the next steering committee meeting
  + Housing budget is not enough to cover current rent right now so people are staying in shelters longer

Updates:

* Outreach efforts (Officer Person)
  + Changing meeting locations
  + Collaboration is working out and people are getting housed, especially chronically homeless folks
  + Meeting regularly
  + Outreach happening this week
  + Retooling a bit - diving into the data
* Becky will reach out to the Housing Council to do a presentation about the Keys to Housing.
* RTS is providing free rides to shelters.  People just need to let the driver know they are trying to get to a shelter.

* Weather and outreach response (Amy D'Amico)
  + All the warming centers said they were full
  + Open Door took people in.  House of Mercy did as well with advocacy.  Other sites said no.
  + RV for Vineyard was out and took people in.
  + 211 was also called and there were no other options.
  + Discussion:
    - Rec Centers are to be opened, but it hasn't happened yet.
    - There seems to be no coordinated effort when weather is bad.
    - Becky Miglioratti should be contacted when a Code Blue center is saying they are full and won't take anybody else.  #250-3447
    - How do we advocate for more support/oversight for Code Blue