

Family Resource Group Meeting Minutes
3/8/2016 – 2:30pm
Horizon House

In attendance: Colleen Gore (Wheeler), Joan Harvey (Central Library), Keshia Knight (CHIP), Lori Buzzetti (So Big), Angi Johnson (Childrens's Bureau), Pam Fleck (Salvation Army), Erin Brown (School on Wheels), Lori Casson (Dayspring Center), Rachel Joray (Holy Family), Alan Witchey (CHIP), Jenni White (Coburn), Brianna Gates (HIP), Simona Reising (Outreach, Inc).

Overview of Rapid Rehousing Pilot (Rachel)

- Looking at what type of assessment is appropriate
 - Family VI to get started
 - Modified to rapid rehousing model
 - Just in prelim stages – open to using other tools

Diversion from Homelessness Funds

- Assist COC agencies with coordinated assessment and intake with a focus on services.
- To be used when no other funding sources are available
- Plan: Pilot RRH using DHF with a small targeted group with the expectation that the work we do will roll into the Coordinated Entry process.
- Goal: to do this in advance of the funding that HIP will hopefully be receiving to do RRH for families.
- Next Steps
 - Continue to pilot the 2 assessments and evaluate with the tool that Kay created.
 - RFQ just released by CHIP for a consultant to work with Coordinated Entry. A piece of it is to evaluate the assessment tools. Should be in place by the end of March.
 - Begin to evaluate intentional referrals to one another once coordinated entry is in place.
 - Set a meeting at CWC for 1st week of April to replace regular FHRG meeting at CWC. Mary will go over the process for invoicing funds.
- Discussion
 - Administer to all families for shelter.
 - Question over when tools work better? At enrollment? After 30 days?
 - HF using at enrollment. SA and Dayspring said they would probably do the same.
 - Will send out excel sheet and tools as attachment with minutes.
 - **Email spreadsheets to Alan Witchey by 4/4/16.**
 - **Meeting set at CWC 4/7/16 at 1pm.**
 - Briana mentioned that at the Oakland training people were using triage tool prior to VI to help rank and prioritize. Mention that at NY conference they were all starting with VI.

So Big

- Lori Buzzetti in the process of opening new shelter (faith-based) for pregnant women 18+ (4-6 women at a time).
- Church on NW side to partner with and home is procured.
- Website: sobig.org

- Hoping to open in the fall.
- Will cover women during pregnancy up to 6 mos post-partum
- Targeting the homeless, contact with St. Vincent's Women's Clinic, hoping for referrals.

Briana Reported –

- HUD Money
 - Tier 1 projects covered
 - Tier 2 – not released yet (RRH) should know in “spring”.
- Winter contingency is over
- Hiring a Bachelor's level triage person.
- Voluntary case management program structure has changed a bit
 - Now 4 assistant directors. One now Spanish speaking.
 - Several liaison positions open at the Bachelors level.

Keshia Reported –

- She is new in the intern position at CHIP.
- Wee Ones Nurse Program at the Women's Prison is her other job.
 - Pre-natal and post-partum classes
 - Well-baby visits.
 - Placement plans, including adoptions
 - Resources upon release for children
 - Can host tour with 72 hour advance warning if anyone is interested in seeing the program.

Jenni – Coburn Place report

- Have some RRH dollar.
- Looking for referrals.
 - Requirements: single, with kids, must be DV case, and need to have a job. Children can be up to 24 as long as they are dependants.
- Grant for minimum of 5 placements.
- It's community based with case management.
- Send to Talia Penner (sp?) or Jenni White at Coburn Place if you have referrals

Rachel – Holy Family report

- Holy Family completely full right now. 22 families.

Angi – Children's Bureau report

- Have a few rooms open right now.
- Also have two job openings right now. One part-time and one full-time.

Lori – Dayspring report

- Dayspring also full right now.

Alan – CHIP report

- Discussion of Comprehensive Needs Assessment
 - Specifically looking at families
 - Populations we don't know a lot about

Simona – Outreach, Inc report

- Currently a case manager position opening. Bachelors' level.

Additional questions

- Lori to Alan:
 - Housing trust fund application?
 - Held for COC funding
 - Agreement still in place for next year
 - Priority for family transitional housing, transitioning their programs
 - ESG contracts?
 - Don't have anything firm to report.
- IHN Housing Choice vouchers
 - Boner Center got them and are stepping away from COC funding.
 - Looking for someone to take up their vouchers.
 - \$600k, 16 units scattered, 33 special needs units (seniors?)

Colleen report

- United Way doing research into issues with heroin epidemic. Might share information with Mary if you have anything.
- Winter contingency this year was different:
 - Neediest of the needy – no options for them
 - Women who are elderly, mentally disabled, physically disabled
 - APS not engaged
 - People who can't make it without services, almost requiring nursing home level assistance