**SLC Heading Home Advisory Council Meeting**

**Via Microsoft Teams**

**Thursday, March 21, 2024 1-3pm**

**Members attending by Microsoft Teams and/or phone will be included in a quorum.**

1. Members Present: Kimberly, Carah, Val, Steve, Seth, Pablo, Paul, Theresa Drift, Angie
2. Members absent: Lexy, Salaam, John, Pa
3. Staff – Kevin, Stacy, Sophia, Laura B, Laura C, Tawney, Courtney, Kate, Suzanne
4. Review and Approval of Agenda & Meeting Summary (5 minutes)
	1. Val motions, Stephen seconds. All in favor. None opposed or abstained. Motion passes.
5. Land Acknowledgment (5 min)- All
	1. Thank you for those who read!
6. Board Business (5 min)
	* 1. Open Board Seats
			1. Biz Owner & Youth Rep
				1. If we are in this position in another month or two, we may consider changing these seats to at-large or for another priority population.
		2. Pat & Steve still coordinating presenters
			1. This is still being coordinated.
		3. Upcoming New Member training opportunity
			1. Thursday, Feb 29th 1-2:30pm on Teams, Recording on website for anyone who missed it!
				1. This is on the CoC website. Here is the link: <https://www.stlouiscountymn.gov/departments-a-z/public-health-human-services/housing-and-homelessness-programs/trainings>
7. Hearth Connection Legislative Updates (30 min) (Laura & Sophia)
	1. Legislative priorities:
		1. Eliminate DHS background studies requirement in housing support program for supportive housing and emergency shelter.
		2. Simplify State Supportive Housing Resources
		3. Protect Full Housing Support Service Rate
	2. Othe things being worked on:
		1. Improve housing stabilization services
		2. Simplify access to housing
		3. Simplify eligibility verification for supportive housing
	3. There are future initiatives as well. As next steps, there are several opportunities to engage:
		1. To sign on to support keeping the full Housing Support Service Rate: <https://forms.office.com/r/t1ZQQeTuJ6>.
		2. To sign on to our DHS Background Study bill: <https://forms.office.com/r/dWPbP0Zc3E>
		3. Contact for Hearth’s Connection: Sofia@hearthconnection.org
8. Housing Support Scattered Site Information (15 min) (Kevin & Lindsey)
	1. 50% of referrals can be sourced outside of coordinated entry for these programs. This past December, there was a new program that opened and they help individuals they are serving find housing and they use housing support funds to move into said housing. Getting 50% of clients from coordinated entry isn’t possible because they are offering services, not housing; They never have housing openings. This could be a new kind of diversion program. Clients can call these programs directly. The funding from the state does not require coordinated entry.
	2. Motion to allow Housing Stabilization Service providers who are not providing congregate Long Term Homeless Supportive housing, to be exempt from the requirement to use Coordinated Entry for LTH HS referrals. Seth motions. Val seconds. All in favor. None opposed or abstained.
	3. More information on Housing Stabilization Services can be found here: <https://www.stlouiscountymn.gov/HHP>
9. FHPAP Update (Stacy) (15 min)
	1. Request #1: The Salvation Army currently has no deposit funding is low on utility funding. They are requesting money be moved to different line items/recategorized to more align with their needs.
	2. Request #2: One Roof wants to move funds around also. An outline with more info/details on this has been sent out.
	3. Motion to move Fast Track Rapid Rehousing into prevention category as outlined. Seth motions, Val seconds, all approved, none opposed or abstained.
10. CoC Updates (20 min)
	1. Year End Data Overview & NOFO score breakdown
		1. Refer to the End of the Year Data overview PowerPoint that was sent out.
	2. Annual meeting: Delay until Fall
		1. This will be delayed until September/October most likely, dependent upon when pilots wrap up. It is usually in May and we want to delay until the fall so we have more information on program updates/pilot outcomes.

10. Committees Updates (10 min)

* + Housing Response Committee (Coordinated Entry Advisory)
		- This is the county-wide oversight of coordinated entry. They are currently in the pilot phase of the new coordinated entry assessment tool. The pilot is up and running, no new information yet. There is a shift in what we want the tool to do. SPDATs put people on the list who will never be removed from the list due to their needs not aligning with the resources who get referrals from the priority list. The new assessment will assess if the priority list will be a good path/avenue for the person being put on it.
	+ Planning & Evaluation:
		- Planning and eval will look at end of year data and are working on annual report. This team will also be looking at rate of denials for CES referrals and why folks are getting denied from programs.
	+ REAP:
		- Coc-funded providers will be sending in their filled out tools soon and feedback loop phase of the pilot will begin in April.
	+ Rural Housing Coalition:
		- The HRC retreat is in April. RSVP with Heather Lindula if you want to attend.
	+ Affordable Housing Coalition:
		- The group is in the process of re-grounding and planning for 2024, the plan for the summit etc.

Updates (10 minutes)

* 1. State Updates (Pat Leary) –
		1. No discussion occurred.
	2. City of Duluth Updates (Suzanne Kelley) –
		1. The City is waiting on their HUD allocation.
	3. HMIS Updates (Thom) –
		1. No discussion occurred.
	4. St. Louis County Updates –
		1. No discussion occurred.
	5. Other updates:
		1. No discussion occurred.

Motion to adjourn: Val motions to end the meeting, Theresa seconds. All in favor. None opposed. Meeting adjourned.

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