



DATA ANALYSIS MEETING MEETING MINUTES

July 16, 2020

1:00-2:30

Facilitator:	Lee Nelson Weber		
Meeting Attendees:	Lee Nelson Weber, John Wynbeek, Alyssa Anten, Heather Nyenhuis, Cheryl Schuch, Alonda Trammell, Kathy Besaw, Johanna Schulte, Becky Rynbrandt (late) Staff: Courtney Myers-Keaton, Daniel Gore, Brianne Czyzio Robach, Sierra Salaam (late)		
Time Convened:	1:04	Time Adjourned:	2:25

Review of Agenda			
Discussion	The County has finalized housing funds, include this during follow-up conversation		
Amendments			
Approval of Minutes		May 21, 2020	
Motion by:	Cheryl Schuch	Second:	John Wynbeek
Discussion	None		
Amendments			
Conclusion	All in favor, motion passes.		
Approval of Minutes		June 25, 2020	
Motion by:	John Wynbeek	Second:	Cheryl Schuch
Discussion	None		
Amendments			
Conclusion	All in favor, motion passes.		
Last month's follow-up			
Discussion	<p><u>Kent County Housing funds</u> Conversation around incorporating these funds into the United Way are ongoing. Other funding updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MSHDA ESG-CV allocation to the CoC was prioritized for shelter and street outreach. - The City of Grand Rapids has not yet issued an RFQ for ESG-CV funds. - Kent County ESG-CV funds were allocated to KCCA, still working on contract. - Eviction Diversion funding from MSHDA has been allocated to the HARA. Process is still being developed. - MSHDA ESG-CV2 allocation is still being determined CoCs. CoC working with City and County to ensure there are no gaps in funding. <p><u>Annual Count vs LSA</u> Last month, the group discussed the fact that the annual count shows a higher disparity rate than the LSA data, potentially due to the data pulling from different universes. Diversion represented in annual count data, but not in the LSA as it is primarily residential services. To show the gap in need, it would be important to identify the number of those who called to access services and who were turned away because there was no service available. Daniel can categorize diversion projects as supportive services to be pulled into the LSA and capture this number. Courtney and Daniel will connect offline around a way to survey those who do not receive a service.</p>		



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Conversation around which data sets to evaluate disparities in race. Daniel noted that other communities look at differences in VI-SPDAT scores and entries into programs by race. Agreement that the committee does not have the capacity to do this. Cheryl recommends that committee thinks about how to elevate the analysis conversation to Steering. In the past, the group discussed a work session during meetings to analyze data and dig into analysis. Lee to work up email describing the process and send to the group for feedback.

Johanna shared a [SPARC report](#) that has data on VI scores suggesting that the VI was exacerbating racial disparities.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Identify the number of those who access CE but do not receive a service	Daniel Gore	
Discuss potential methods for surveying folks who do not receive services	Courtney and Daniel	
Develop process for work session and send to the group for feedback	Lee Nelson Weber	

Elections

Discussion

The current officers are Lee Nelson Weber as chair, Johanna Schulte as vice chair, Jennifer Headrick as secretary. Lee and Johanna are willing to continue in their roles. Jennifer is not present. **Cheryl moves to accept Lee Nelson Weber as chair, Johanna Schulte as vice chair, and Jennifer Headrick as secretary if she is willing. If she is not willing, Kathy Besaw will step in as secretary.** John seconded. All in favor, motion passes. CoC staff will email Jenn to see if she is willing to continue as secretary.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Reach out to Jenn Headrick about secretary role	CoC staff	

Pay for Performance

Discussion

This report is run for MSHDA each year. This document does not show benchmarks to meet as MSHDA has not released this year's benchmarks. Last year, all metrics were supposed to be over 90%, with the last metric over 5. Metric 2 was not counted last year as some errors impacted percentage. This year, the Pay for Performance measures will not impact the CoC's MSHDA allocation. The group reviewed each of the metrics.

Metric 1 – shows a high number coming in are literally homeless

Metric 2 – seems low to the group, Daniel can review veteran numbers

Metric 4 – Daniel will check with MCAH whether this logic is correct as moving to an RRH program may not be seen as a positive destination.

Metric 5 – this seems low to the committee since agencies connecting to resources are supposed to use the VI-SPDAT as is the community's agreed upon tool. Important to note that use of the VI-SPDAT impacts funds coming into the community.

Metric 6 – noted that last year was also low



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Metric 7 – the CoC did not meet the measure last year either, it may be difficult to expect communities to decrease LOT by 5% each year, especially given Kent County’s housing market. Daniel can look into LOT logic to see if it should be interpreted differently as well as where LOT is pulling from to see if there are any projects or project types that are low. Group noted that it would be interesting to know whether this metric pulls across data in other ways (e.g.: are periods of assistance for RRH too short?)

Sierra will develop a comparison document from last year to share with the group.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Review veterans numbers pulling into metric 2	Daniel Gore	
Connect with MCAH around report logic for exits	Daniel Gore	
Look into report logic for LOT and where data is pulled from to see if projects or types are low	Daniel Gore	
Develop comparison document for 2019 and 2020	Sierra Salaam	

COVID-19 Daily Shelter Count

Discussion

Spreadsheet shows daily counts of those in shelter since mid-March. There is a jump in numbers around the time that the report switched from the 0630 to the APR. This may be when one of the isolation sites went offline and folks came back to MTM. Staff can look into the universes with report.

As we are moving towards end of July, numbers seem to be fairly stable within a range. The group wondered if this is because capacity is not currently a concern. Courtney noted that Mel Trotter and Degage seem to have capacity for singles and social distancing right now as many folks are staying outside. Shelters are anticipating a large influx once weather cools in the fall. Cheryl noted that Family Promise has been using a lot of diversion but has found it harder to place families due to COVID. They are seeing steady increase of families in shelter. From people on the ground, hearing that encampments have gotten larger and more folks experiencing unsheltered homelessness. Looking into ways to connect to housing as quickly as possible. With the eviction moratorium ending, courts predicting 80,000 households will be in need of eviction diversion funds in the next few weeks.

CoC staff will be moving to twice weekly counts and will update race and ethnicity to view disparity rate over time to review next month.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Update race and ethnicity charts to show potential disparities	Brianne Robach	

CSH Report

Discussion

The report includes a formula as predictor for capacity in homelessness system to meet demand for housing. Lee suggested that the committee update this formula which could give the community targets for units, funds, and more.



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Conversation around the validity of the report's assumptions. The community's situation has changed since the report was written 4 years ago. In addition, the report lumps together PSH with LIHTC projects.

Committee members will review the report prior to next month's meeting and bring thoughts and comments on potential areas to update.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Review CSH report for areas that potentially could be updated	All	
Next Steps		
Discussion		
HMIS staff will look into data related action items listed above. CoC staff will update shelter count report. Committee members will review the CSH report and come to August meeting with potential areas that can be updated.		
Adjournment		