



**FAMILY FUNCTIONAL ZERO
MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT**

September 21, 2021
10:00-11:30

Facilitator:	Anna Diaz, Lisa Cruden		
Meeting Attendees:	Brian Bruce, Zenaida Jimenez, Casey Gordon, Lisa Cruden, Sam Elliott-Mosley, Vicki Squires, Anna Diaz, Hilary Ortiz, Eileen McKeever, Tammy Britton, Christina Slofstra, Gaby Guzman, Holly Wilson, Veronica Arvizu, Molly Perez, Victoria Arnold, Chelsea Knott, Maranda VanZegeren, Angela Gillisse, Molly Wiersma, Molly Perez, Emily Schichtel, Jennie Compagner, Marisol Garcia, Catherine Gage <u>Staff:</u> Brianne Czyzio Robach		
Time Convened:	10:05	Time Adjourned:	11:00

Welcome		
Discussion		
Workgroups		
Discussion		
<p>Anna shared that USICH and HUD released House America guidance yesterday. Webinars are available on the USICH site. The guidance focuses on how communities can infuse American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding into key strategies to reduce homelessness. USICH criteria and benchmarks for functional zero remain the same. Anna acknowledged that this effort is broader than the City of Grand Rapids. She feels this could be an opportunity for the committee to discuss bringing political and business leaders to the work.</p> <p>Attendees broke into groups, reviewed the guidance, and brainstormed how different goals could be divided amongst workgroups.</p>		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Partnership Agreement Form		
Discussion		
<p>If you have not completed the Partnership Agreement form yet, please do so that the planning group can identify where folks can be involved know where want to plug into the work.</p> <p>Lisa and Anna will be meeting with workgroup chairs to identify next steps. They anticipate that workgroups will begin to identify tasks and timelines for each group focused on ensuring households are connected to resources (housing, employment, short-term support, etc.) and expanding available affordable housing resources (e.g.: connecting with providers who received LIHTC grants)</p>		
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CHC Update		
Discussion		
At next meeting, Anna will overview the changes made in the Community Housing Connect tool being used as the Coordinated Entry access point for families.		
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System Case Conferencing		
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<p>Angela overviewed the FFO dashboard. The dashboard shows only families who have contacted the homeless response system. At the of end of August, 343 families were actively homeless. 228 were connected to Supported Solutions and 108 to a permanent housing resource. In August, 24 families exited to permanent housing, 14 due to inactivity, and 6 to other. Length of stay has been increasing over the past few months and is now at 97 days for both leavers and stayers.</p> <p>Data should be integrated into workgroups discussions. With system case conferencing, the goal is to ensure resources are prioritized to move folks out of the system. Emergency Housing Vouchers may be one way to do this. Anna indicated that it is normal to have high numbers and long lengths of stay as we have been building to a quality, comprehensive by-name list. Now, the group needs to leverage resources to get supports to families who have been on the list for long time. This includes discussing systems-level solutions based on the data as well as ensuring new resources are added to process as they come into the system.</p>		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Upcoming Dates		
Discussion		
Next meeting: Tuesday, October 19 th at 10:00am.		