

FAMILY HOMELESSNESS TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT

April 20, 2022 1:00-2:00

Facilitator:	Anna Diaz, Lisa Cruden		
Meeting Attendees:	Anna Diaz, Lisa Cruden, Sam Elliott-Mosley, Angela Gillisse, Brian Bruce, April		
	LaGrone, Maranda VanZegeren, Marisol Garcia, Clarkston Morgan, Jennie		
	Compagner, Jen Kozlowski, Berniz Terpstra, Lindy Perez, Chelsea Knott, Eileen		
	McKeever, Veronica Arvizu, Holly Wilson, Tammy Britton, Molly Perez,		
	Courtney Myers-Keaton, Brianne Robach		
Time Convened:	1:03	Time Adjourned:	2:00

Welcome	
Discussion	
FF0 Project Tracker-Review	
Discussion	

<u>Temporary Housing Accommodations:</u> No new updates

Supported Solutions

- The group recently discussed flexible financial dollars which are accessible to all Solution Specialists. This helps organizations who may not have funding bring specialist online
- The goal to grow the amount of funds and the number of Solution Specialists in Kent County
- Organizations interested in have Solution Specialists should reach out to Maranda at <u>mvanzegeren@communityrebuilders.org</u>
- There is a Solution Specialists workgroup meeting on May 4th from 3-4

Housing Stability & Support Services: No new updates

<u>Domestic Violence (DV)</u>: No new updates

Affordable Housing

- The group is working on an <u>affordable housing inventory</u>. The inventory contains all resources available in the community (units, vouchers, and affordable housing programs) that serve or are willing to serve folks experiencing homelessness.
- Entering a resource into the inventory does not commit them to using coordinated entry (CE)
- Each organization should use the link to complete their information to the best of their ability. All agencies should complete by May 9th.
- Members divided up responsibility to connect with agencies who are not present.
- A glossary tab with definition was suggested for clarity
- Once finalized, they will begin asking organizations to commit resources to the FFO initiative.

Project Manager Update: no new updates

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline



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FF0 Dashboard

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Angela overviewed the <u>FFO dashboard</u> with data as of the end of March. Metrics include the number of families entering system (newly homeless or returned), exits to a permanent destination, exits due to inactivity, number of actively homeless families and length of time homeless.

The demographic portion of the dashboard looks at data since June 2020 and can be filtered by relationship to the head of the household. Data is displayed on race, ethnicity, gender, dv status, and last permanent zip. Lisa noted that the number of people who indicated they are a survivor or victim of domestic violence (DV). Angela noted that this metric is based on a history of DV, not those who are actively fleeing a situation.

Brian reflected on the last known zip codes shown. Work to find affordable housing and receptive landlords in those areas is ongoing. Agreement that it is difficult to find affordable housing right now. Anna shared that she has heard of affordable housing units opening which may lead to additional movement off the by-name list. In previous years, there have been higher numbers in summer months. Tracking these trends will help to anticipate trends and need in future years.

If have questions or would like to see additional data on the dashboards, reach out to Angela.

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System Case Conferencing

Discussion

No discussion needed. The unconnected families reflected on the dashboard are connected but had delays in data entry. This signifies that families are entering the system and continuing to stay connected.

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Family Provider Updates

Discussion

Lisa shared that Family Promise is working to get referrals and to support families with development of safety and housing plans when they cannot get into shelter right away. They are seeing that this support has made a large different for families.

Anna shared that Community Rebuilders is working with the City of Grand Rapids to bring some 3-bed units online this summer. This is the first time that an affordable housing project is working to accept referrals through CE. They hope this can be used as a model for future affordable housing developments.

Angela feels it is important that the community has the ability to project the number of program openings on monthly or quarterly basis so the system can adjust to meet anticipated seasonal/ quarterly need. Data being collected now will help inform projections.



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Upcoming trainings:

- FF0 Orientation for new members: 6/20/22 at 3pm
- Supported Solutions: April 28 from 1-4:00
- Dynamic Prioritization Training:
- FF0 meeting: May 18th at 1:00

Important links:

- Voucher Inventory: https://communityrebuilders-my.sharepoint.com/:x:/g/personal/smosley_communityrebuilders_org/EZw2iq1EN8JIIAA9a76Q
 7VEB9K4BEZDx1QeoLZETjEy_SQ?e=v2Kul5
- FFO Dashboard:
 https://public.tableau.com/views/OurDayOneEndingFamilyHomelessness/FF0?:language=en-US&:display count=n&:origin=viz share link
- FF0 Project Tracker: https://communityrebuilders_org/EVO87HQdwTVHjdY82W-rN3UB965OKGX_MaZqzT0UVhxkSA?e=KDOkgF