

**Core Committee Meeting Minutes**

October 18, 2018 1pm-3pm, United Way, Board Room A

Present: Casey Becker(Dane County), Torrie Kopp Mueller(CoC Coordinator), Michael Basford(Housing Initiatives), Maggie Carden (ICA), Kim Sutter (Porchlight), Belinda Richardson (The Road Home), Carolann Nelson (DAIS), Bridgette Weber (CAC), Riley Hays (CAC), Matt Julian (Meriter Unity Point Health, CoC Board of Directors), Melissa Mennig (The Road Home), Tara Barica (The Salvation Army), Melissa Sorensen (The Salvation Army), Jael Currie (YWCA Madison)

1. Race and the Housing Priority List

Homeless Services Consortium Board of Directors are reviewing how housing resources are accessed by race in the CoC. Matt Julian presented the draft report ICA prepared for the Board on Dane County’s racial disparity and housing priority list. See attached.

Among the findings:

* Black Dane County residents are almost 23 times more likely to experience homelessness than white, non-Latinx Dane County resident;
* The majority of singles placed into PSH and RRH were white, while the majority of all families placed into all projects types had a Black head of household.

Hypotheses on racial disparity among people experiencing homelessness and people who are accessing CoC housing resources include VI-SPDAT question design (nationally discussed), VI-SPDAT administrators implicit bias, VI-SPDAT taker receptiveness based on the race of the administrator, who are being outreached, and how chronic homeless is defined.

It would be helpful to see other CoCs data as well. Torrie will contact the other Wisconsin CoCs to see if they are interested in exploring and sharing the racial disparity data for their CoCs. We might be able to obtain other communities’ analyses through the Zero Initiative as well.

Are there other standardized assessment tool other than VI-SPDAT? HSC Board asked the question and Torrie did research and presented. The Board decide to continue using VI-SPDAT.

We should also examine if there are other factors that may be at play such as how we outreach and who we identify as homeless, impact of incarceration on chronic homeless status, and how we prioritize for housing. More analysis and discussion may be warranted.

We will ask the Zero Initiatives coach what other research is happening and what other resources are available for research. University of Madison might be a resource. We will add it as emerging issue to specify what additional data analysis might be needed.

1. CoC NOFA To Do List

Torrie reviewed the NOFA to do list, updated progress, and received suggestions from the Committee. The Committee will continue reviewing the list at the next meeting.

1. Review and Discuss CoC Membership Application

The Committee did not get to this agenda.

1. Emerging issues Identified

* Review of how our CoC prioritizes for PSH and RRH, including review of other communities examples
* Following up on the racial disparity report Matt presented at today’s meeting, identify other research areas and questions we want to examine
* Identify what to ask for discharge planning meeting

1. Next meeting November 1, 2018: Location: The Road Home
   1. NOFA to-do list (continued from today’s meeting)
   2. Affirmative Marketing Plan
   3. Housing Navigation Services
   4. Performance Spreadsheet