



Funders Committee Minutes

May 3, 2022 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Virtual Meeting through Microsoft Office Teams

1. Attendees: Angela Jones, Brenda Konkel, Johnisha Prescott, Patrick Duffy, Jani Koester, Aurey Leslie, Irene Schaible, RaShanna W., Torrie Kopp Mueller, Margaret Rynkiewicz, Jenna Wuthrich, Sarah Lim
2. Select note taker – Torrie
3. Additions to the agenda? – No additions
4. Funding updates –
 - a. YHDP RFP will be coming out soon;
 - b. United Way is currently going through a process to figure out a way to ensure we are being more equitable in funding, wants everyone who is interested in applying for funding is able to
 - c. State EHH process has been delayed due to state giving additional funds, will be finalized at May 20th Board meeting
5. Community Health Needs Data
 - a. Irene & Margaret have worked on this for 2 years, not finished, but have data back and have preliminary recommendations, this is not ready for prime time
 - b. 2019 – received a grant for the Community Health Needs Assessment, hired people with lived experience to administer surveys, originally going to collect data in 2020, but postponed due to pandemic, collected data from May-August 2021, collected 251 surveys
 - c. Goals
 - i. Understand community needs based on their perception
 - ii. Develop strategies for the next few years
 - iii. Build rapport with our community, hired 5 people with lived experience to help with this
 - d. Last survey done in 2016, but expanded on it this time
 - e. Had 72 questions, 4 pages, variety of question types, not much longer than 2016 survey
 - f. Went to a variety of locations to collect surveys (shelters, encampments, Beacon), participants received \$20 voucher to submit for cash
 - g. 61% male, 38% female, mostly between ages of 26-64
 - h. 30% White, 53% Black
 - i. Factors that impact health:
 - i. Top 5: lack of money, mental illness, tobacco use, dental issues, traumatic events

- j. About 97% had some form of insurance, many visited primary care, but about 47% indicated they don't seek care when they are sick, about 1.5 trips to ER per person in the 6 months, much more than the general population
 - k. Factors affecting access to health care: lack of transportation, cost, no secure storage for belongings
 - l. How would you rate your mental health – many rated poor or okay
 - m. There was other information collected, but these things initially stood out to us
 - n. Recommendations
 - i. MACH: increase mental health capacity, dental care, transportation assistance, care coordination
 - ii. Healthcare Community: Trauma informed care trainings, Electronic Health Records, dissemination of services, provide transportation
 - iii. Homeless Service: Housing first initiatives, increased collaboration and outreach, trauma informed care, increase access to mental health and addiction recover services
 - o. Next steps:
 - i. 2 smaller surveys- healthcare systems, homeless services consortium
 - ii. Follow current recommendations
 - iii. Present data to the community
 - iv. Repeat assessment in 3 years
6. Food: What are you hearing are the needs in the community? How can we help support these needs in our community?
- a. Differences in how pantries are working
 - b. United Way allocated funds differently this year
 - c. Info from the CHNA: mostly get food from shelter, grocery stores, food pantry, How do you choose what to eat – what's available
Obstacles to access – cost, transportation, storage for food
 - d. Can be hard for doubled-up families to access food, when only one family can access from each address, may need to feed several households at the one address
 - e. Pantries are not collecting any demographic information anymore – no income questions or address or anything
 - f. Second harvest has just released a survey about food access so may want to check in with them
 - g. MMSD talking about food access for over the summer and figure out if there are community pop-ups over the summer --- need to share info of where food is available
 - h. Unaccompanied youth in high schools are challenged to find access to food – not eating school meals or accessing pantries, need to figure out food cards or gift cards to help them access food, TEP can provide one gift card a semester
 - i. Looking for a strategic plan that the people who need food are able to access it
 - j. CAC will change their food process – new plan is going to Board

Next Meeting: June 7th

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Duties: Provide a forum for public and private funders of housing and services targeted to homeless and at-risk persons to share information and coordinate activities as possible; use the Community Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness when setting funding priorities; membership will include HSC Board President. Make recommendations to designate the Collaborative Applicant as a Unified Funding Agency. This gives the Collaborative Applicant additional autonomy and responsibilities.