CORE Committee Agenda
Thursday, April 7, 2022 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Zoom

1. Introductions (make sure attendance is taken)
   - Kim Sutter took attendance.

2. Announcements/Walk on items
   - Chelsey Myhre Foster with Department of Health & Human Services
     - Currently working on federal SAMSHA PATH grant renewal. Who does she need to connect with to get the projected annual numbers of HMIS in Wisconsin and the number of people that have mental health diagnoses or disabilities?
       - Email: chelsey.myhre fost@dhswisconsin.gov
       - Maggie Carden will contact her supervisor regarding getting in contact with Chelsey.
   - EHV applications are due on April 15, 2022!

   - Institute for Community Alliances
     - Maggie Carden and Patrick Duffie from ICA announced both will be attending a conference next week and will be out of the office April 11 – April 15. If any administrative assistance is needed during this week, reach out to the help desk email.
     - Maggie Carden is transitioning into a new position. Patrick Duffie will be continuing to be the Dane County system administrator for ICA.

   - Tenant Resource Center
     - Kora shared that the eviction prevention coordinated entry is running, hasn’t had too many calls at this time. If any individuals do not qualify for Core they can be referred to Tenant Resource Center for assistance.

   - Community Action Coalition
     - Relocated to 4101 E Town Boulevard.
     - Now open to the public and are accepting walk-in appointments.

3. Update on action items
   a. Coordinated Entry FAQ document
o Torrie is updating a FAQ document that can be used as a clear response to individuals who are newly experiencing homelessness.

o Can be accessed in the Core Committee google docs for view or use.

b. Email language to send to folks inquiring about CE

c. Navigation Map as Word doc

d. Dane County Resources Brochure

  o No updates currently.

e. Outreach Dispatch Center-

  o Need for a more centralized way to connect outreach workers with individuals searching for assistance and case management.

  o Hope to eliminate duplication of services and provide more direct care to individuals in need of outreach services.

  o CFC and Matt Julian from Unity Point are working on connecting with 211 to be able to provide updated outreach program information.

  - Suggestions:

    o Request for outreach brochure to be resent out through consortium.

    o Resource trainings for employees at homeless services agencies?

4. Coordinated Entry Process – Initial Requirements & Assessment Tool

  a. Are any documents required?

    i. No documents are needed to access coordinated entry.

  b. Must someone come into the office?

    i. No

  c. Who is administering the tool?

    i. Coordinated entry staff at The Beacon, The Salvation Army shelters, Porchlight shelter, Sankofa ELU,

    ii. Street Outreach Providers—Tellurian, MachOne, Urban Triage, Sankofa ELU, Catalyst for Change

  d. What is being measured with the tool?

    i. Level of risk and prioritization

    ii. The assessment measures:

      1. Different barriers of accessing housing

      2. Currently living situation (shelter, streets, doubled up, hotel, etc.), length of homelessness & how many periods of homelessness,
3. Personal questions consisting of wellness questions, socialization, criminal background, risks, physical health, mental health, substance use,
4. Income

iii. Suggestions on questions/criteria to include in the assessment that are not included now?

1. People with cognitive disabilities often are scoring lower in the assessment and are not successful in rapid rehousing programs.
2. Re-analyzing our practices to ensure we’re not discriminating, ensuring we’re assessing both sheltered and un-sheltered populations.
3. The assessment is not accurately or fully described when assessed.
4.

e. **Who is getting assessed?**
   i. People experiencing literal homelessness for 7 nights or more.

f. **When is the tool administered?**
   i. Can be administered as early as 7 nights of experiencing homelessness.
   ii. The 7 nights is meant as a tool because there are sometimes instances where individuals may self-resolve.
   iii. Changing the 7 days to less days- Data show that decreasing the days may not be the best option due to various factors (transiency, inconsistency, limited resources against high population).
   iv. Funding requires individuals that receive services from homeless services programs to be literally homeless.
   v. Another way to flag/re-examine assessment results.

g. **How long is the tool?**

h.

i. **Review of findings from 2019-2020 CE Evaluation related to Process**
   i. Need for increase in “outreach case managers”

5. Identify action steps, responsible party and timeline – be sure to keep this realistic!

6. Next Meeting: Thursday, May 5, 2022 1:00 pm- 3:00 pm

- **Topic:** Coordinated Entry - Prioritization Phase
  - Who is getting assessed?
  - Which populations has the community decided to prioritize?
  - What role does the tool score play in prioritization?