

## February 2023 HSC Shelter Providers Meeting

**Next Meeting:** April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023

1. **Introductions:** Sarah Lim, Emily Akins, Melissa Menning, John Xiong, Torrie Kopp-Mueller, Rosa Rhoden, Nici Hawkins, Ava Grotting, Sarah Elswick-Hustad, Aurey, Meshawn Adams, Takisha, Tara Barrica, Elizabeth Grant, Holly Higgins, Tahkaney, Kristen Olgren, Aimee Baldocchi, Joanna Anderson, Fares Fares (facilitator), MacKenzie Byer (notetaker)
2. **City & County/Fares updates**
  - a. **Permanent Shelter**
    - i. Meetings discussing conceptual design, proportion of spacing in the shelter, budgets for trauma-informed design rooms & layout.
    - ii. 55 – 65 K sq. Ft.
    - iii. Outside courtyard, recreational spaces, computer lab
    - iv. Questioning if the permanent shelter can be a 24-hour facility.
3. **Shelter utilization & other updates**
  - a. **Porchlight Men's Shelter**
    - i. Spike in substance use and mental health crises during the winter.
    - ii. Support offered through MSM
    - iii. Kaba Recovery Substance Abuse Support to come to shelter for onsite support
    - iv. Stabilizing people while they are at shelter to lead them to success in permanent housing.
    - v. Restorative Justice and Trauma-Informed Care approach in practice now to be the basis of permanent shelter facility
    - vi. Holistic healing program idea
  - b. **Salvation Army Women's Shelter**
    - i. Last night had 76 women
    - ii. Trying to incorporate supportive services
    - iii. Having Peer Support virtually
    - iv. Increasing services of Nurse Triage for mental health support
    - v. Hiring shelter staff- bilingual preferred
  - c. **Salvation Army Family Shelter**
    - i. Waitlist at 62 families
    - ii. 9 families report they are sleeping outside
    - iii. Full at 35 families
    - iv. Community center from Darbo coming twice weekly to provide after-school activities for children
    - v. Workout classes to come for parents
    - vi. Increasing mental health and AODA support groups
    - vii. ~1 month away from having Tellurian virtual mental health in shelter.
  - d. **YWCA Family Shelter----**
  - e. **Healing House----**
  - f. **The Beacon**
    - i. 204 guests yesterday. Getting crowded. Large conference room opened for overflow.
    - ii. New staff requiring focus on training, onboarding, building rapport with guests.

- iii. Meeting with MPD 2/6 to get on the same page regarding use of services from The Beacon.
- iv. FSET comes in to help with employment, same day as Foodshare application assistance, starting Nurse Disrupted in the next few weeks.

**g. DAIS----**

**h. BriarPatch----**

#### **4. IQC Hotel Ending Protocol**

- a. Melissa Mennig
- b. Needing to quarantine/isolate at shelter after hotel ends/if CDC or other policies change
- c. Nearing end of IQC
- d. Plans for shelters: masks, covid-tests, encouraging personal health routine (getting fresh air, nutrients, drinking water, etc).
- e. Shelters struggle with making people wear masks as they don't have to wear them elsewhere
- f. Best practice to keep masks in shelter according to Public Health, as shelters don't have the space to isolate/quarantine effectively.
- g. Shelters don't really have capacity to quarantine, but will try to keep infected/contagious guests separated from general population in restricted bed areas.
- h. Beacon has too many people, not enough space, and is unable to contact trace.
- i. Transportation as biggest issue for positive-testing folks
- j. TSA does not have isolation room
- k. Transportation is the largest issue, and infected folks having nowhere to go during the day other than congregate settings with no isolation space like Safe Haven or Beacon
- l. UW or Meriter possible connections for sending infected guests to clinical settings during the day.
- m. Rhosa can connect folks with medical community. [rosa.rhoden@quartzbenefits.com](mailto:rosa.rhoden@quartzbenefits.com) at Quartz
- n. Meeting to be had with Matt Julian, Nurse Disrupted, Latino Health Counsel, healthcare providers, etc. regarding planning for end of IQC.

#### **5. Next meeting**

**Wednesday, 4/5/23 @ 9:00am**