



Funders Committee Minutes

July 11, 2023, from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m.

Virtual Meeting through Microsoft Office Teams

Attendees: Angela Jones, Torrie Kopp Mueller, Sarah Lim, Patrick Duffie, Jenna Wuthrich, Takisha Jordan, Aurey Leslie, Alicia Spry

1. Welcome
2. Select note taker: Torrie Kopp Mueller
3. Additions to the agenda?
 - a. Survey on training needs
4. Changing to the funding matrix/Funding Updates
 - a. HUD released the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Continuum of Care funding competition. They have not released the amounts communities can apply for or the application materials. Torrie will try to provide as much information as possible as early as possible for agencies to start on the process.
5. Survey for Training Needs
 - a. Started at question 3 and reviewed remaining questions
 - b. Sarah will put the questions into a google form to send out. Will also add a QR code.
 - c. Angie will send the survey out.
6. Report back from the Shelter Provider discussions
 - a. Takisha reviewed notes from the [June Shelter Providers Committee](#)
7. Landlord/Property Managers Engagement Best Practices
 - a. Landlord Engagement Committee has been working on pulling together best practices, working to get landlords on board with best practices in order to connect people to housing opportunities.
 - b. The group is seeking feedback from the Funders Committee about which best practices to focus on.
 - c. Used Menti to seek feedback from the group.
 - d. See attached for results of voting.
 - e. Additional ideas: 24/7 landlord hotline to report issues, Centering client support with folks of lived experience to aid in helping to maintain housing and other barriers to self-fulfillment, Respect for each other (tenant and landlord)
 - f. Thoughts on landlord engagement:
 - i. Build rapport: Take the time to connect with landlords on a personal level. Show genuine interest in their concerns and goals. Building a positive relationship based on trust and mutual respect is key.
 - ii. Communicate clearly: Clearly communicate the benefits of working with your homeless services program. Explain how it can provide reliable tenants, ensure regular rental payments, and offer support services to tenants, if applicable.
 - iii. Highlight incentives: Offer incentives to landlords to make them more willing to work with your program. For example, you could offer timely rent payments, guaranteed rental income through subsidies or vouchers, or assistance with property maintenance or repairs.
 - iv. Provide support: Assure landlords that you will provide support to both them and the tenants. Offer assistance with the move-in process, tent support, and mediation of issues. Demonstrate that you are invested in the success of the tenancy.

8. Continue conversation on ending of programs, what are the top needs coming from as these programs are ending – is a broader discussion needed to understand what the homeless/at risk landscape looks like (will this come from the Community Plan, or should the Funder’s Committee look at doing some engagements around this?)
 - a. What are folks hearing? – landlords doing non-renewals instead of evictions, saw a lot of belongings outside on the curb and people going through them, people got used to CORE funds as part of their budget and now need to meet needs without that source, people are not used to budgeting for the full rent, could have been helpful to have case management paired with the funds to prepare people for when the funding ends, housing navigation is seeing more people coming in looking for financial assistance now that CORE isn’t taking new applications,
9. Aurey shared about the increase use of Tranq. People are starting to use this more and Narcan is not able to revive people who are experiencing an overdose. Many heroin uses are cutting heroin with Tranq. Working to provide more harm reduction information to users.

Next Meeting: August 1, 2023

This meeting will take place through Zoom. If you are not a part of this group, please contact Angela Jones to be included in this meeting.

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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.