

Planning & Research Committee Meeting

MINUTES

August 4, 2016

In Attendance

Anna Jacobsen, City of Pasadena; Anne Lansing, City of Pasadena; Jessica Petrass, Hillside Youth Moving On; Joe Colletti, Urban Initiatives; Karen Streeter, C.A.R.E. Mental Health Ministries; Michael Watkins, Board Member; Ryan Izell, Union Station Homeless Services; Sieglinde Von Deffner, Union Station Homeless Services, Sofia Herrera, Urban Initiatives

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were read from the July Planning & Research meeting and approved.

Street Outreach	Presenters: Joe Colletti / Ryan Izell / Anna Jacobsen
<p>A draft of the Street Outreach Written Standards was presented to the committee for review. Street Outreach funding is currently available through the Continuum of Care (CoC) and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) programs. While there aren't currently any funded programs, there will be in the near future. Developing the written standards as a framework in which to operate will be helpful as these programs start up.</p> <p>Joe Colletti explained that street outreach programs are linked to HUD's system-wide performance measures (most notable #7). Street outreach programs should work to engage people living on the streets and help move them into temporary or permanent housing. Once they are in permanent housing, it is important they retain housing.</p> <p>There are 6 eligible activities under the ESG program. The committee discussed including five of the six (engagement, case management, emergency health services, transportation, and services) and removing emergency mental health services as an eligible activity for Pasadena Street Outreach programs.</p>	
Action Items:	Approved
Motion to adopt with removal of Emergency Mental Health of Eligible	Motion approved unanimously

Unsheltered Homeless Count

Methods used for unsheltered count

- Complete census
- Service-based count (USHS, Friends in Deed, etc)

Methodology:

- City divided into 20 zones
- Count in facilities that serve homeless persons
- Ask people homeless status and demographic survey including de-duplication methods
- Add why: We have done it for X number of years and it was selected as a HUD best practice
- Consistent methodology over time - CoC has taken extra measures to identify unaccompanied youth in PIT count which included meetings to prepare, picked specific times and zones for youth, identified homeless youth who could be involved
- We did training, unique identifier, survey questions, and enumerator observation to ensure the quality of the data collection

Criminalization of Homelessness

We have implemented a plan in that we have an ongoing Homeless Taskforce (business, law enforcement, and service providers) to get the word out about what is being done to end homelessness. In as much, it involves a community-wide effort to involve people in those efforts.

Add other items:

- Engaged/educated businesses (particularly Old Town & Pasadena Playhouse business district, Raymond Avenue Advisory panel)
- Engaged/educated faith community

Youth Homelessness

3B-2.6: Strategies that CoC uses to address the unique needs of unaccompanied homeless youth:

- [Yes] Human trafficking and other forms of exploitation
 - Linkages and referrals
- [Yes] LGBTQ youth homelessness
- [Yes] Exits from foster care into homelessness
- [Yes] Family reunification and community engagement
- [Yes] Positive Youth Development, Trauma Informed Care, and the use of Risk and Protective Factors in assessing youth housing and service needs
- [Yes] Unaccompanied minors/youth below the age of 18

3B-2.6a: Select all strategies used to address youth trafficking:

In Pasadena, there are young females involved in Prostitution however the market base is largely outside of Pasadena.

- Diversion from institutions and decriminalization of youth actions that stem from being trafficked
- Increase housing and service options for youth fleeing or attempting to flee trafficking
- Cross system strategies to quickly identify and prevent occurrences of youth trafficking
- Community awareness training concerning youth trafficking

3B-2.7: What factors will the CoC use to prioritize unaccompanied youth for housing and services:

- Vulnerability to victimization
- Length of time homeless
- Unsheltered homeless
- Lack of access to family and community support networks
- ?: Former foster youth (refer to Y-VI-SPDAT)

Veteran Homelessness

- We are on-target to end veteran homelessness by the end of 2016 (i.e. functional zero)
- We currently have the resource available but they may not get into housing within 30 days

Action Items:

Person Responsible:

Recruit volunteers for Homeless Count and Snapshot count

FCC members

Announcements & Other Items

On August 25th a group of women will be getting together at Fuller to pilot the cause of unaccompanied homeless women

Next Meeting

TBD