Steering Committee Meeting Notes

8/25/2021

Joanne Iverson offered updates related to the city of Tacoma and Linda Stewart

Linda Stewart wants to work with the medical community. Suggests paying medical outreach workers rather than depending on only volunteers doing this dangerous job. Joanne will connect with Elevate health and Community Health Care team.

Maureen: The city has a commitment to reimbursing Food Not Bombs for medical supplies which Food Not Bombs. I don't believe is taken advantage of yet.

Some discussion about changes in leadership at FNB – may explain slow response times to requests for call backs.

**Action:** Maureen will report on financials for July when she gets report from associated ministries

**Action:** Jan and Maureen will keep managing the vaccine grants, until they're done until the money is spent. Planning to do this by the middle of September, so that we zero out in time for Associate Administrator to zero, their books.

Jan: Update on the isolation and quarantine centers. Ideally by Friday both plans will be operational

* The health department added adult family homes, with 24 beds available for folks being discharged from hospitals or who are known to be positive for COVID.
* The St. Vincent DePaul hotel voucher plan will be operational with at least four hotel rooms. They can expand up to 10
* Planning for Martin Luther King site at the prince Hall Masonic temple will be operational with Valleo in charge 12 beds.

Maureen: We all owe Jan runback an enormous Thank you, she single-handedly made this happen.

Discussion continued about problems:

* MultiCare screens the individual before they can go in and they don't work 24 Seven, and they don't work the hours shelters work.
* Not going to be easy for shelters going forward. The centers will be okay, but not if somebody show up in the evening saying, “oh and by the way I'm positive.” So we're working on that.

Comprehensive Plan

* was supposed to deal with getting a pathway out of homelessness
* bigger homelessness response system wont end homelessness – need housing for 0-30% AMI
* repeating the same mistakes that the city of Tacoma did with its emergency ordinance – no end in sight

Jeffrey: Summary of situation with Mr Bond, in Sumner (see email chain from Jefftery)

**Action:** Jeffrey will insure Mr. Bond has contact with legal and state resources to move forward on maintaining his rights

Rosemary: update on Race and Equity Committee

* Met three times now when we've had different people there each time with a few exceptions.
* going to take a while to build the momentum for the group but we have an agenda for next Thursday, which is September 2
* Want look at more than people's demographics but some things about their experience and desire to learn more about issues of race and equity.
* Need to provide a list and make available to the coalition: feature and spotlight various programs in the area that serve people living homeless or at risk of being homeless, so that we can have better understanding of all the groups and especially groups that represent culturally diverse communities

**Action:** next Thursday, if anyone's interested in joining let Rosemary know. Rosemary and Monique will talk with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Warren about the potential of kinds of data that we might gather whether it's anecdotal or real research data on people living homeless and where encampments and those sorts of temporary areas are and where people who are in permanent supportive housing are and where in our community is, is the focus for people living homeless or at risk of being homeless. Where is that geographically, this is something for us to have as general information about ourselves and about our community so that's, that's for

**Action:** Scheduling presentation with Warren, on the Tacoma equity index, which allows us to see with the 29 indicators, different parts of the city and what kinds of history may indicate what's happening where and why it's regard to race and equity.

**For September Steering Committee Meetings**

Agenda: Rosemary

Host: Jeffrey

Notes (action items only): Rob