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CJCC Jail & Jail Alternatives Committee
Supportive Housing Workgroup
June 3, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

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Present: In person: Crystal Hegge, Kalene Engel, Chris Meyer, Marie Kovecsi, Audrey Rivenberg. Via Zoom: Rosemary Fagrelius, Judy Gilow, Rachel Stoll, Linda Soderstrom

1. **Discussion about future meetings**: The goal of today's meeting is to discuss the 10 minute presentation that the travel team will present at the July Housing Institute. Crystal reviewed the upcoming meetings, as follows:
    a. June 10th, 10:00 - 10:30 a.m.: Workgroup meeting to update workgroup
    b. July 8th, 10-11 a.m.: Small group meeting to work on presentation, if needed.
    c. July 27th-28th: MHP Housing Institute in Rochester.
    d. August 12th, 10-11:30 a.m.: Workgroup meeting

2. **Team Contract & Registration Packet**: Kalene uploaded the e-signed Team Contract to the team's Google Drive. Crystal is finishing up the Registration Packet and will get it uploaded soon.

3. **Presentation**: As a homework assignment, the Institute Team is expected to identify a stakeholder for its top project from each of the following categories: Funder, Partner, Recipient. In addition, the group is expected to prepare a 10-minute presentation for the July workshop, identifying the stakeholders, why the stakeholders are important to the success of the project, how to get everyone on board and the timeframe for the project. Per Rosemary, most teams create a Powerpoint for their presentations. The presentation can be used to explain the project to other groups/organizations to gain support for the project.

    a. Top Project: Scattered Sites Supportive Housing: This was the main project outlined in the grant application to MN Housing Partnership. It involves placing individuals into scattered site rentals owned by private landlords (as opposed to a congregate living site). Kalene offered to create the content for the Powerpoint to describe the project that was and the reasons why it was chosen. An extended discussion about the name of the project took place, in the end, the group agreed to call the project the Scattered Sites Supportive Housing Program.

    b. Who Needs to Be Involved to Make the Project Successful: Originally, the project was intended to replicate a similar program in Rochester, which serves long-term homeless individuals with a qualifying disability. Audrey met with Jill Schmidt, the contract manager for Olmsted County and Karen Bunkowski, Supervisor at Winona DHS. The meeting went very well. Jill is a big proponent of the program and offered the assistance of an Olmsted County Financial Worker to help with Housing Support eligibility applications. Audrey is concerned that limiting the recipients to long-term homeless will not generate the numbers needed to justify the effort to create the program. Kalene

reviewed the eligibility criteria for Minnesota Housing Support, as it is that funding that will be used to pay for the rent and housing expenses. For homeless individuals, the Rate 2 Homeless funding can be used to pay for the supportive services, but other sources of income will need to be located for individuals who do not qualify for Rate 2 Homeless. The following ideas were discussed for funders, partners and recipients:

    i. Funder (Audrey will create the slide):
1. Winona County ARPA Funding;
2. State of Minnesota (MN Housing Support + Rate 2 Homeless for Supplemental Services) + possible funding through Community Living Infrastructure Grant that could pay personnel and admin costs for the housing specialist;
3. Medical Assistance (for possible ARMHS reimbursement for supportive services);
4. ??-Winona County Economic Development Authority (which must get permission from DEED);
5. ??-Winona Community Foundation, possibly through a "transformational" grant which the Board of Directors is discussing;
6. Private Foundation/Funding

    ii. Recipient (Judy and Linda will create the slide): Persons eligible for Minnesota Housing Support and in need of supportive services, namely, long-term homeless and disabled or 18+ and disabled

    iii. Partner (Crystal will create the slide):
1. Private landlords (for scattered sites);
2. Catholic Charities (program administration and employment of housing specialist);
3. County of Winona (eligibility determination, licensing);
4. Contractor such as Habitat for Humanity or Southeast Tech to do repairs to apartments to make them habitable
5. Hiawatha Valley Mental Health Center (providing supportive services and diagnosis)
6. State of Minnesota (licensing/oversight)

c. How do we get everyone on board? (Marie will create slide)
    i. Presentations
    ii. Data/showing need

d. Timeframe (Assigned to Nick)

Next Steps:
- Crystal send out template for slideshow.
- Crystal will follow-up with Nick on his assignment.
- Persons listed above create content for slides
- Next meeting as listed above.

Meeting adjourned: 11:30 a.m.

Minutes by Kalene Engel