

Attending: Andrea Carey, Corey Root, Isabel Shapiro, Jill Valente, Nicole Purdy, Stephani Kilpatrick, Susan Friedman

Welcome & Introductions

- Agency updates
 - IFC:
 - Stephani's replacement, Jessica Aldave, started last week, will be attending the next Data and Grants Workgroup Meeting, as well as various coordination meetings in the meantime.
 - Non-congregate shelter hotel program has been extended into August.
 - IFC is working with OC Housing Department on a PSH Move On program
 - Compass Center:
 - Emergency Housing program has been launched and will start housing people fleeing domestic violence in mid-October. Starting with one apartment, but looking for more apartments to expand into. If anyone is aware of available reasonably priced apartments, let Susan know
 - Several positions open: African-American and Black Communities Coordinator; half-time Spanish Language Support Group Coordinator; half-time Financial Assistant; part-time Enhanced Services Coordinator
 - DSS:
 - A lot of food distribution events. Upcoming: August 13th at Cedar Ridge High School, 9:30-11 and Aug 27th in Carrboro (tentatively CHS), time TBD. These are for anyone in the community, low-barrier (no income limits).
 - Community Link
 - 4 new staff, now fully staffed. PSH grant is overspent, there is a list of 10 clients ready to move outside of Orange County.
- OCPEH updates
 - Added direct service programs
 - Housing Help Rapid Re-housing
 - Position funded by the county through DSS, uses Tenant Based Rental Assistance
 - Will be adding another case manager in coming weeks funded by ESG-CV Round 1
 - Housing Helpline (coordinated entry)
 - Started in April, currently have 2 full time staff and 1 part time staff
 - Street Outreach, coming in September
 - 12 months of program funded by ESG-CV Round 1, will seek other sources of funding to continue the program beyond August 2021

- Standing Project Review Committee
 - Started in July, did first round of ESG-CV Round 1 funding and will be doing the following rounds of ESG-CV, as well as the imminent regular ESG and CoC funding rounds.
 - Members: Donna Carrington, Alison DeMarco, Kathleen Ferguson, Anne-Marie Vandeman. Two more members joining in coming rounds: Christy Croft, Nate Bremman-Fulks.

- NCEH Data Center Staff Update
 - Currently preparing for Back@Home prevention and rapid response programming (new statewide RRH program that Orange County has opted into).
 - Reporting on ESG-CV funds will be quarterly through the data center with input from the Partnership. May begin in October but this has not been finalized.

Emergency Solutions Grant CARES Act (ESG-CV) Round 1 Funding

- State ESG Office announced funding awards on 7/29
 - \$256,225 for Street Outreach
 - Relationship-based program connecting people living unsheltered with housing and services
 - 1 licensed professional, 2 peer support positions
 - Schedule will cover nights and weekends, be responsive to community members
 - Will hopefully be ready to launch in September
 - Expansion of pre-arrest diversion program through the Criminal Justice Resource Center
 - \$85,408 to expand Housing Help Rapid Re-housing by Orange County
 - Adding 1 case manager (making total 2 case managers. Ideally would have 3)
 - Supplement with CARES Act funding, HOME Tenant Base Rental Assistance
- Round 2 funds have been released to the state, just waiting for the RFA. Rounds 3 & 4 will be later in the year.

Review of current CoC & ESG grants and reporting dates

- Normally by this time, HUD would have released much more information for CoC and ESG grants. HUD has hinted at canceling competition for CoC funding and simply renewing all contracts for one year.
- Will have a more thorough discussion of this in September meeting.

2020 Point-in-Time Count Review

- [2020 PIT Count Info](#)
 - Transition housing is too low. This would mean that there would be four beds open on the night of PIC, which is not good.

- Some surprise about the decrease in homeless persons overall and unsheltered in particular. This is possibly in part related to increase in capacity of IFC supportive housing. About 10 people who were at the top of the HOME list were housed in expanded IFC supportive housing (not all were unsheltered though).
- Consistent investment in the county to PSH and adoption of the case conferencing model have been helpful and likely affected this downtick.
- Data show relative decrease, but not a dramatic drop in homelessness. Would need more street outreach and RRH funding before we can expect that—two major gaps in the Orange County system in 2019.
- Unaccompanied youth: the zero number has been interrogated and found to be accurate.

Quarterly data review

- Spending data – please send spend data to Corey
- [January 2019 – December 2019](#)
 - Need to work on HUD DQ Framework Report, Data Center. Affected by missing information, need to come up with more data in the system.
 - ART report is a little more inclusive. Will get closer to the APR report as time goes on. APR looks at average Length of Time with a move-in date during 2019, whereas ART 19 will bring down the average because their length of time between securing position and moving in may be longer than we want it to be.
 - Should money from stimulus check/unemployment benefits be included in client incomes?
 - HUD is looking for feedback on standards

Next meeting: Monday, August 31, 1:45-3:15pm