



Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH) ❖ Strategic Plan Implementation Coordination of Primary and Behavioral Health, and Wraparound Services

WORKGROUP #3 MINUTES April 11, 2016

Via Teleconference with Public Access Located At:
4126 Technology Way,
Second Floor Conference Room
Carson City, NV 89706

1. **Introductions, Roll Call, and Announcements**

Michael McMahon called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. A quorum was determined by roll call.

Members Present

Ellen Richardson-Adams
Kelly Marschall
Michael McMahon
Tony Ramirez

Members Absent

Betsy Aiello
Kathleen Sandoval

Staff Present

Meg Matta
RJ Ramirez

Others Present

Gina Byrge
Sarah Yeats Patrick
Sheila Leslie
Jessica Flood
Ambrosia Crump

There were no announcements.

2. **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

3. **Review and Approval of the March 14, 2016 Minutes**

Mr. Ramirez moved to approve the minutes, Ms. Marschall seconded, and the motion carried.

4. **Updates on Action Items from Previous Meeting**

- Report from Betsy Aiello on Draft Budget Concept Paper:
Ms. Byrge, standing in for Ms. Aiello, announced that data from the Vulnerability Index and Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT) has been received and the Budget Concept Paper would be completed the following day. Mr. McMahon said the next step will be to have the Concept Paper reviewed by the Administrator of the Department of Health and Human Services, followed by review by the Director, before presenting it to the Governor for consideration.
- Report from Michael McMahon on the Governor's Behavioral Health Commission; Super User Project:

Mr. McMahon said he has an appointment later in the week to discuss the Super User Project with Ms. Kinnikin, who was a member of the recently disbanded Governor's Council. She will be able to fully explain the Super User Project and what role the ICH can play in furthering the

project. Ms. Leslie asked if there was a document describing the Super User Project that could be available to the members. Mr. McMahon replied he has not identified a document from the Governor's Council; but he is aware of the Vivo Project which is an evidence-based model being used in the Las Vegas area. It identifies frequent users of service types – such as criminal justice, emergency rooms, etc. – and gets them into the service delivery system to address their needs and reduce the long-term costs to the taxpayer. The reason for looking at the Super User Project from the Governor's Council is to know what the status is, and be sure we do not duplicate effort.

5. Review and Discuss Case Management Services Needed

Tabled

6. Review Workgroup Critical Issues and Goals

Mr. McMahon said the Workgroup is on track with all the strategies and timelines outlined in the Strategic Plan. Ms. Leslie asked if there was a formal process for reporting progress back to the ICH, and if there was a timeframe. Mr. McMahon answered there was no formal process; but the current timeframe is appropriate for generating a progress report. He added that a progress report should come from each of the five workgroups, together with priority updates.

7. Review Meeting Schedule

Regular meeting schedule is the second Monday of every month. The next meeting will be on May 9, 2016, at 10:00 a.m.

8. Action Items/ Assignments/ Participants in Workgroup

Mr. McMahon will report the status of new members, Ms. Leslie and Ms. Flood. As they are both Regional Behavioral Health Coordinators, it was suggested to invite the Regional Health Coordinator from Las Vegas to the Workgroup.

- Workgroup #3 Progress Report to ICH and Priority Update
- Revisit Goals and Strategies and Timelines for Workgroup #3
- Ms. Aiello's Report to US-ICH
- Update on 1915i Match Funds

9. Public Comment

Mr. Ramirez recapped the recent Affordable Housing Development Forum in Reno on April 7, 2016, which was a follow up to a similar event held in Las Vegas the previous October. The focus was on ways to create partnerships between housing developers and social service providers. The providers have many clients in need of housing, especially permanent supportive housing, and there is a shortage of inventory. There were panels on financing highlighting older, unused financing mechanisms as well as new financing mechanisms. The developers were looking to do mixed income projects, where the income from market units would help to subsidize the low-income units, and lessen the reliance on limited public funding. A new ordinance is going to be adopted at the local and county level, which will require developers to set aside a percentage of any new development for inclusionary housing.

Mr. Ramirez added that a video of the forum would be made available in the near future. He promised to provide a link to the video as soon as it is available. The next forum will be in Las Vegas in September or October 2016.

The Reno Area Alliance for Homelessness (RAAH) will be doing a concurrent presentation on homelessness to the City of Reno and the City of Sparks at the Washoe County Chambers on May 2, 2016, at 8:00 a.m.

Ms. Crump, Nevada SOAR Coordinator, reminded members of strategic goal number two: 3.2.1 to provide eight training opportunities annually for personnel who are not properly credentialed. SAMHSA's SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access and Recovery (SOAR) conducts training every month. Online training is available to CoC providers and anyone working with the homeless population. She conducts training twice a year for part two follow up. She plans to be in northern Nevada in the fall and will be available for follow-up training. Any organizations with staff needing training should ensure the online portion has been completed prior to the in-person follow up. She will provide updates and reports to track progress on this goal.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the members, Mr. McMahon adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.