

**HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL (HSOC)
SERVICES COORDINATING COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Date

June 29, 2022

Time

3pm-4pm

Location

Zoom

Members Present

Brandy Graham

Devin Drake

Jack Lahey

Janna Nichols

Members Absent

John Klevins

Nicole Bennett

Staff and Guests

Abby Lassen

Anne Robin

Elaine Archer

George Solis

Jeff Al-Mashat

Jessica Lorance

Joe Dzvonic

Jorge Gonzales

Julien Powell

Laurel Weir

Lawren Ramos

Leon Shordon
Michael Azevedo
Russ Francis
Wendy Lewis
Yesenia Alonso

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Devin called the meeting to order at 3:02pm.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Action/Information/Discussion

3.1 Discussion Item: Strategic Plan – Services Line of Effort

The Services Coordinating Committee discussed the Draft Strategic Plan and provided the following feedback:

- It is very positive that tailoring services to specific cultural and linguistic groups is included in the plan. There was a suggestion that LGBTQ+ people be included in this, particularly LGBTQ+ youth, who are at higher risk of homelessness
- Transition Age Youth are mentioned which is very positive, but other subpopulations identified in the PIT (Point in Time) Count should also be included in the same way, such as veterans
- Emergency youth shelters for minors would be a good addition to the plan – addressing the population of people under 18 who are experiencing homelessness and do not have parents. Currently the only resources available are filing a Child Welfare Services report and family reunification – people under 18 experiencing homelessness cannot be placed in current emergency shelters or hotels
- A designated benefits advocate placed at the Navigation Center would be very helpful
- There were some concerns about a lack of implementation coordination in the plan
- The new oversight body which is being considered should be comprised of people who are informed on the issues, and not just residents with grievances

- Homeless service agencies experience a high level of turnover, and no standardization of training. Ensuring everyone has a comprehensive knowledge base would be very useful
- Access to hygiene services is a basic need for people experiencing homelessness, and the plan should reflect this
- Planning for how to respond when infectious diseases affect congregate and non-congregate facilities could be included in the plan
- Including a process for unifying criteria for admissions and exits for all programs would be helpful

3.2 Discussion Item: COVID-19 Contingency Planning

Tabled.

4. Next Regular Meeting: August 1 at 1pm

5. Adjournment

Devin adjourned the meeting at 4:10pm.