



CoC General Assembly Meeting

June 2022

Agenda

Welcome and Introductions

Mission Moment

Approval of March Minutes

Homeless Collaborative Updates

System Spotlight – Youth Homeless Response System

Mission Moment

Jason Vallejo
Founder & Executive
Director
Elevate North Texas



Homeless Collaborative Updates

MDHA Team

Homeless Collaborative Goals

Achieving Measurable Results in Five Years

What are we trying to achieve?

Effectively End Veteran
Homelessness

Significantly Reduce
Chronic Unsheltered
Homelessness

Significantly Reduce Family
& Youth Homelessness

How will we get there?

System Planning

System
Enhancements

Data and
Performance
Management

Strategic Housing
Initiatives

Priority-Setting Guideposts



ALIGNMENT – Is the priority aligned with goals, vision, and objective?



CAPACITY – Do we have system/lead agency bandwidth to focus on this in 2022-2023?



RESOURCES – Are there resources available in 2022-2023?



EVIDENCE – Do we information that tells us this is the right focus for our system? Do we need to learn more from existing programs or pilots?

2022 CoC Annual Priorities



System Planning

- Annual gaps, needs, financial assessment
- Coordinated investment planning
- Joint planning and funding alignment w/ jurisdictions
- Strengthen partnerships w/ mainstream agencies to promote prevention strategies



System Enhancement

- Landlord Engagement and Unit Acquisition
- Expand Permanent Supportive Housing
- Pilot system-wide Diversion to curb inflow into homelessness
- Secure Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program funding
- Coordinated Access System refinements and policies



Data and Performance Management

- Performance Management Plan - improvement planning, technical assistance, and training
- Data Quality Improvement Plan
- CoC systemwide performance dashboard
- Enhance data warehouse participation



Strategic Housing Initiatives

- Dallas REAL Time Rapid Rehousing
- Encampment Decommissioning
- Ending Veterans Homelessness Initiatives and VAMC National Permanent Housing Challenge

Promoting Racial Equity
Co-Creation w/ People with Lived Experience of Homelessness

Collective Impact In 2022

We want to hear from you about the 2022 Annual Priorities in the chat!

- Which priorities should we spend more time discussing during General Assembly?
- What priorities will help you and your organization make the biggest impact this year?

CoC Data Systems

Freda Nelms, MDHA

HMIS – Mythbusters

Myth	Fact
HMIS fees cost too much.	MHDA has covered all user fees since 2019. HMIS is FREE to any organization that serves homeless individuals and chooses to enter data directly into the system.
Data collection is not useful.	The CoC uses data to identify gaps in services and for strategic planning.
My organization has a data collection system and HMIS would require double data entry.	The data warehouse allows organizations to contribute homeless data to the CoC via a data export from their current database. This service is also FREE of charge.

Youth Homeless Response System

Leah Williams, MDHA

Alexandria, Youth Action Board

Pranav, Youth Action Board

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2022 PRIORITIES

- Dallas R.E.A.L Time Rapid Rehousing
- Encampment Decommissioning
- Piloting systemwide Diversion
- Pursuing Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Resources

The Work

- Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP) application submission today!
- Youth Action Board (YAB) reengaged to center the voices of youth with lived experience
- Live Youth Resource Guide thanks to Our Friends Place
 - The link to the guide is: <https://linktr.ee/dfwresourcesforyoungadults>
 - To request changes and additions, email YouthResources@OurFriendsPlace.org

Youth Action Board Members

Alexandria, Jeremiah, Kota, Pranav, Zaikeria

Current work includes:

- Giving input for the YHDP grant application
- Setting up a regular meeting structure

Future work includes:

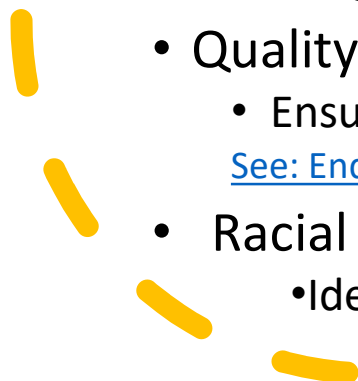
- Define processes for YAB
- Plan and execute a youth specific PIT count
- Add youth voice to all relevant CoC Workgroups
- Incorporate youth voice in evaluation and quality improvement at system level
- Ensure YAB is represented in strategic planning of youth resources for the system



National Lessons Learned

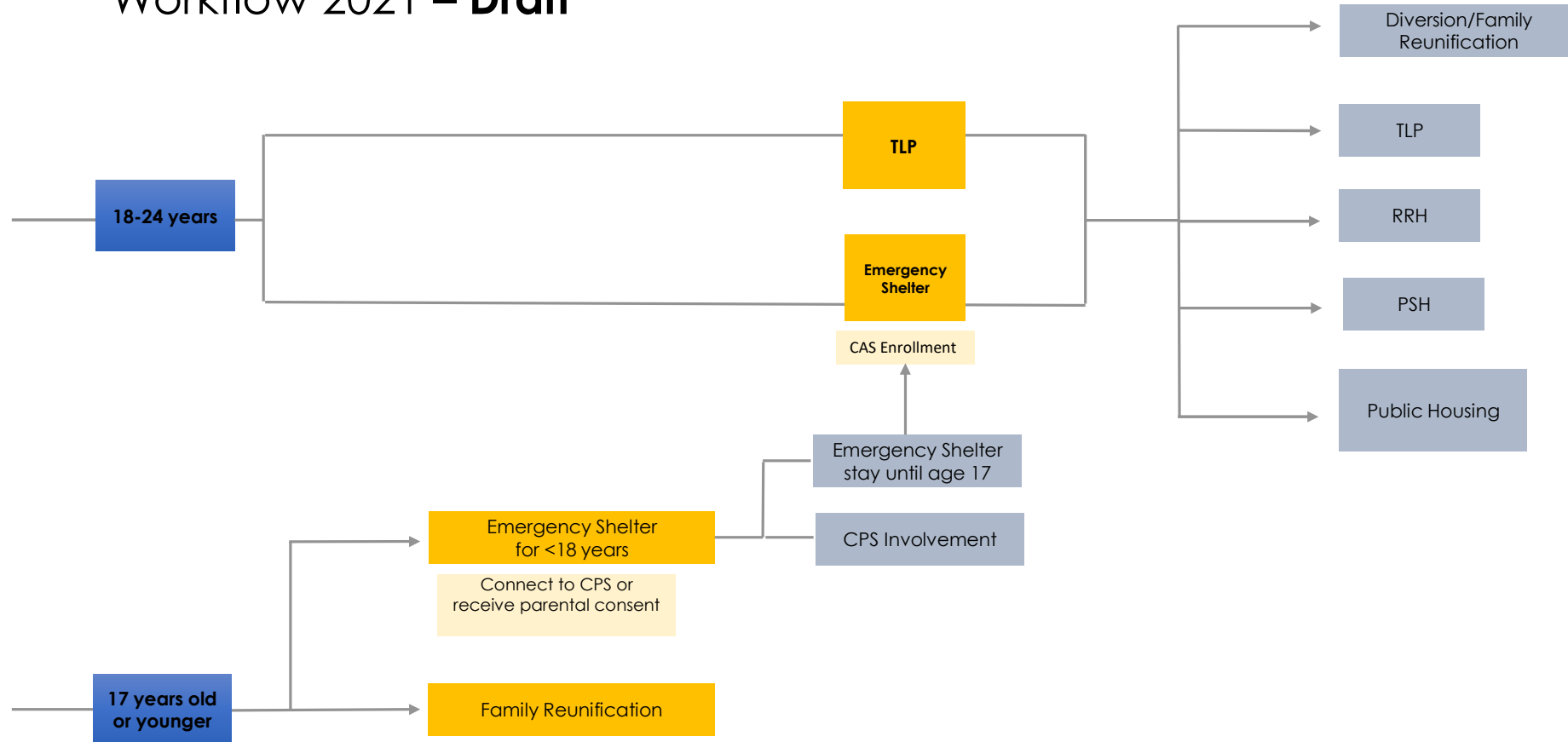
- Supported Relationships
 - Navigate relationships with family or friends and/or connect them to peers and reliable adults
- Housing Services
 - Best services are voluntary, harm reductions framework, and informed by youth
- Connection to mainstream services
 - Helping the youth understand the services that are available to them and how to navigate those services
- Quality staff
 - Ensuring that the staff is well trained (especially in LGBTQ+ topics) and well supported

[See: Ending Homelessness for Unaccompanied Youth Age 18-24 - National Alliance to End Homelessness](#)
- Racial equity
 - Identifying and tracking indicators of an equitable system



Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Workflow 2021 – **Draft**

- Street Outreach
- Drop-In Center/Day Shelter
- Emergency Shelter
- Safe Place
- School System
- Juvenile Justice System
- Child Welfare
- Crisis Hotline
- Internet/WOM





Youth System Refinements Identified

Identify

- Incorporate youth into coordinated street outreach response to ensure comprehensive coverage for youth
- Develop a process to conduct in-reach to non-HMIS participating ES and TH projects to identify homeless youth
- Develop a process for youth agencies to identify homeless youth and ensure they are included and enrolled into CAS
- Quantify the need for youth dedicated crisis services and interventions based on volume

Triage

- Create a standardized screening tool for access points to navigate youth to an appropriate crisis intervention
- Establish CAS as front door for young adults experiencing homelessness.
- Develop a process for unaccompanied minors who do not meet the age requirement to acquire traditional CoC housing resources

Connect

- Identify available youth housing inventory to match youth system inflow
- Develop a process for referral to permanent housing interventions for youth presenting to Shelter or Transitional Housing projects that do not have a housing intervention identified

Stabilize

- Re-engage Youth Provider Workgroup to support implementation of strategy, development, and alignment of process and resources, standardized/enhance service delivery
- Develop a strategy to increase housing options for youth and reduce barriers to access

Learning Opportunities

Megan Starnes, MDHA

Upcoming Learning Opportunities

See training details and register at www.mdhadallas.org/training

- **Hybrid (online/in-person) HMIS New User Training**
 - Registration in LearnHC as a part of New User Training
- **Making the Most of CAS - LearnHC Course**
 - Due by July 11, 2022 for all Access Point and Housing Provider programs participating in CAS
- **Motivational Interviewing 201**
 - Wed. July 13, 2022 @ 1pm with National Harm Reduction Coalition
 - Practice-based, highly interactive online session
- **HMIS Data Quality Officer Training**
 - Wed. July 20, 2022 @ 12pm-3pm onsite at MDHA Offices
- **DRTRR Rapid Re-Housing Program Delivery**
 - Coming Soon!



Announcements

David Gruber, MDHA

Announcements

- **Hard Conversation – In the Midst of Plenty: Homelessness and What to Do About It** – August 2022 (Date TBD), with the authors. Optional: [Buy the book](#) and read along with Joli and the MDHA Staff.
- **Newsletter News:** Beginning this month, MDHA is putting out two rather than three newsletters, the MDHA newsletter and the CoC newsletter. Share news relevant to your fellow CoC professionals with us, so we can include it.
- **HUD's Unsheltered Homelessness CoC NOFO:** More Information Coming Soon!
- **Join or Renew Your Membership in the CoC** – Go to <https://www.mdhadallas.org/coc-membership/>