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 have 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

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**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
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<td>HMIS fees cost too much.</td>
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Youth Homeless Response System
Leah Williams, MDHA
Alexandria, Youth Action Board
Pranav, Youth Action Board
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How will we get there?

**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

18-24 years

Emergency Shelter

- CAS Enrollment
- Emergency Shelter stay until age 17
- CPS Involvement

17 years old or younger

Family Reunification

Connect to CPS or receive parental consent

Diversion/Family Reunification

TLP

RRH

PSH

Public Housing

The Homeless CollaborativeDallas & Collin Counties
### 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/](https://www.mdhadallas.org/coc-membership/)