

HSBC Executive Board Meeting
Minutes January 11, 2019, 8- 9:30am
2525 13th St., Boulder
Large Conference Room

In attendance: Robin Bohannon, Kurt Firnhaber, Karen Kreutzberg, Eliberto Mendoza (as delegate for Karen Roney and Joni Marsh), Sarah Buss (as delegate for Frank Alexander), Susan Motika (as delegate for Jeff Zayach), Wendy Schwartz, Jennifer Biess

Guests: Nicole Wobus, Christy Wiseman, Tajshen Campbell, Mike Stratton

Absent: Frank Alexander, Jeff Zach, Karen Roney, Joni Marsh, Jim Adams-Berger

Boulder County Comprehensive Plan: Input to housing and economic goals

Christy Wiseman and Nicole Wobus from Boulder County Land Use attended the meeting to provide an information on the current Boulder County Comprehensive Plan and seek input on how the housing and economic goals in the plan should be updated to serve current and future needs related to homelessness. They also requested HSBC input in reviewing draft language in the spring when initial revisions are expected to be completed.

The discussion and recommendations focused primarily on the housing goal. Board members emphasized that the goals for affordable housing for HSBC are really nested within and aligned under the goals from the Boulder County Regional Affordable Housing Plan. The Board emphasized the importance of preserving existing affordable options for low-income households. A member suggested that the conclusions from a recent Peak to Peak meeting would be a helpful reference, since the mountain communities have historically been more affordable.

There also was discussion of the role of mobile home parks. Boulder County Public Health is taking the lead on providing Land Use with guidance relating to mobile home parks that will be included in the housing goal. The City of Boulder recommended that the county allow fixed foundations in mobile home parks, since this will allow for more energy efficient options.

There was consensus that the plan should be flexible enough that it can allow for innovations that may come in the future (e.g., expanded use of accessory dwelling units, allowance for tiny home projects). However, there was also a recognition that relevant partners will need to oversee how those new strategies are used to ensure that resulting housing provides a reasonable, safe living situation for occupants.

There was also discussion of the philosophy or principles that should guide Boulder County's work. The Board recommended that in principle the plan should recognize homelessness as part of the housing issue and provision of affordable housing opportunities in Boulder County is critical to addressing homelessness. The Board also suggested that the Land Use Department take a creative, problem solving approach when issues arise to help keep people in their homes. The Board recommended that the plan include a principle that County agencies will work in conscious coordination with each other and other stakeholders to support affordable housing and residents' efforts to stay in their homes.

The Board also encouraged Land Use to examine the cost and time involved with building or modifying homes in unincorporated Boulder County and identify ways this can be reduced. The City of Longmont

suggested a facilitator role to help nonprofits or small developers navigate the process, something that the City of Longmont is looking to start in their planning department.

Updates related to city-level conversations related to sheltering

City of Boulder

City Council is considering changes to the severe weather shelter policy. Two city council members have suggested that the severe weather shelter should be opened every night during the winter months. City of Boulder Housing and Human Services staff are presenting to Council on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 to inform their decision. One option is to postpone decisions until the year 1 review is completed, so potential changes can be considered within a broader context. The HSBC Executive Board, via Boulder County Community Services staff, will submit a letter to City Council with the system's perspective on this issue before Tuesday's meeting.

City of Longmont

Jennifer Biess summarized updates from a November community meeting on sheltering. The Board agreed to monitor how the conversation develops and identify as appropriate opportunities to align efforts with HSBC goals.

Housing Exits Strategic Plan Talking Points

Jennifer reviewed the content of draft talking points related to the Housing Exits Strategic plan, which the Board approved at its October 2018 meeting, to identify any missing content or suggested modifications. The Board approved of the document in general and suggested some improvements. The Board suggested that questions and answers be added relating to the following: (1) the overall goal or vision for our community; (2) the relationship between housing, shelter, and unsheltered homelessness; (3) opportunities for leveraging federal and state funds; (4) how housing investment relates to our duty to be good stewards of public funds. Board members can also submit feedback to Jennifer electronically.

Member Updates

MDHI is still in the search process for a new Executive Director. Jennifer Biess, in her role as MDHI Board Member, will invite the new Executive Director to join the HSBC Executive Board when appropriate.

The City of Boulder is currently in the hiring process for a new Program Manager for Homeless Initiatives. The position will report to Wendy in her new role to build additional capacity for homelessness within the City of Boulder Housing and Human Services Department.

Boulder Housing Partners adopted a preference for HSBC clients for three of its properties with one-bedroom units.

The 2019 Point in Time Count is January 28, 2019. Board members are invited to volunteer.

Boulder County's Emergency Solutions Grant Rapid Rehousing Program leased up 4 HSBC clients shortly before Christmas 2018 despite a very difficult housing market. The Board briefly discussed the importance of capturing this information on the County website.



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Welcome and Introductions	8:00
Input to Boulder County Comprehensive Plan Housing and Economics Goals: Christy Wiseman, Long Range Planner, Boulder County Land Use Department	8:00-8:30
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Gathering input on policy ideas related to housing efforts in unincorporated areas of the county	
Updates on city-level conversations related to sheltering	8:30-9:00
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Longmont shelter discussionsSevere weather shelter services in Boulder	
Housing Exits Strategic Plan Talking Points	9:00-9:20
Member Updates	9:20-9:30
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HOMELESS SOLUTIONS FOR BOULDER COUNTY: JANUARY 2019 EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

SYSTEM UPDATES

COORDINATED ENTRY

- 2,900 people were screened through December 31, 2018. Trends related to service path and screening location remain relatively unchanged. Overall, 38 percent of clients have been referred to Housing-focused Shelter, and 62 percent of clients have been referred to Navigation Services. In addition, 75 percent of screening were completed in Boulder and 25 percent of screenings were completed in Longmont.

SERVICE UPDATES

- None

WORK GROUPS

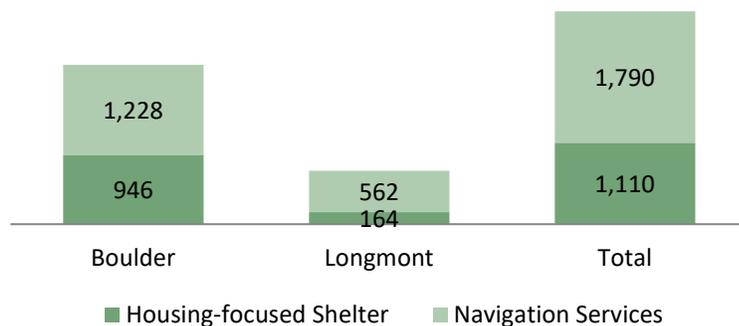
- Data & Evaluation: This group continues to work on a revised public facing dashboard housed on the County website.
- Communications: The report on the first year has been drafted and is currently in the layout process. Staff anticipate having a draft for review by January 25, 2019
- Housing exits: The housing exits working group developed talking points related to the strategic plan approved by the Executive Board and is beginning conversations with PHAs and MHP about preferenced vouchers and a risk mitigation fund.

OTHER UPDATES

- Year 1 Review Process: The results of the year one review process were originally planned to be presented to the Executive Board at the February 2019 meeting. This is delayed until March 2019 due to delays related to system data.

CLIENT PROFILE

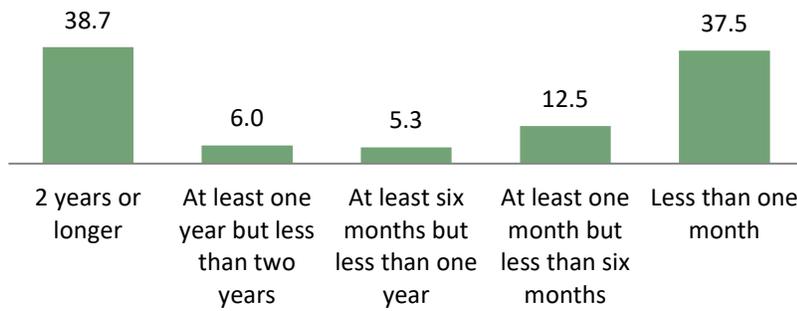
Number of CE Clients by Referral Result and Screening Location



Overall, we have screened 2,900 individuals for services between October 1, 2017 and December 31, 2018. Seventy-five percent of clients were screened in Boulder, and 25 percent were screened in Longmont.

About 38 percent of clients are referred to Boulder Shelter for the Homeless to receive more intensive, housing-focused shelter services, and 62 percent are referred to less intensive navigation services.

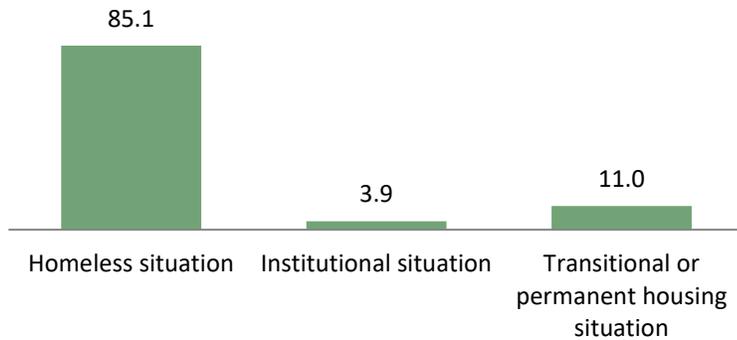
Percentage of Clients by Reported Length of Time in Boulder County



The share of clients who have been in Boulder County less than one month continues to increase and is now nearly comparable with the population reporting being in Boulder County two years or longer (38 and 39 percent, respectively).

Additionally, 24 percent report having family here.

Percentage of Clients by Living Situation Prior to Screening



The share of clients screened through December 31, 2018 reporting being literally homeless the night before they were screened has decreased slightly to 85 percent, and the share coming from transitional or permanent housing situations and institutional situations remained about the same at 11 and 4 percent, respectively.

53 percent reported being homeless for 12 or more months of the last three years, and 70 percent reported having a disability that made it difficult to live independently.

SUCCESSFUL OUTCOMES – THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2018 (YEAR 1 OUTCOMES)

Overall, **383 clients have achieved positive outcomes** from navigation services and housing focused shelter during the first year of services from October 2017 to September 2018; this represents 15 percent of all clients screened in the first year. This includes 188 clients who have been housed in their own housing, 145 clients who have reunified with support systems; and 50 clients who have entered other programs (e.g., Inn Between, Ready to Work, substance use treatment).

HOUSING OUTCOMES BY TYPE, OCT. 2017 - SEPT. 2018

