



# Community Services Department

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**HSBC Executive Board Meeting**  
**May 3, 2019 8:00a.m.-10:00a.m.**  
**Large Conference Room**  
**2525 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Boulder**

Introductions and Welcome to Matt Meyer	8:00-8:05
Housing Exits Strategic Plan – FY2020 Budget Request	8:05-9:15
Staff Update – System Adjustments Work Plan	9:15-9:45
Member Updates	9:45-10:00
Adjourn	10:00

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**In Attendance:** Frank Alexander, Jillian Baldwin, Jennifer Biess, Robin Bohannon, Sarah Buss, Vicki Ebner, Kurt Firnhaber, Karen Kreutzberg, Matt Meyer, Karen Roney, Wendy Schwartz, Annie Scott, Mike Stratton

**Guests:** Angela Lancri-Macris, Susan Motika

**Introductions and Welcome to Matt Meyer**

New Board member, Matt Meyer, is the Executive Director of the Metro Denver Homeless Initiative.

**Housing Exits Strategic Plan – FY2020 Budget Request**

Strategies that Require New Resources

- Creation of new Permanent Supportive Housing opportunities for long term community members experiencing homelessness
  - Progress includes securing 20 new opportunities through the Division of Housing as well as a grant award of a \$485,000 from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. Local Housing Authorities are working to dedicate 55 turnover vouchers to HSBC clients and 70 new City of Boulder units.
- Expanding landlord engagement capacity through new staffing
  - A new position will be created within Boulder County Department of Housing and Human Services to support the County-wide Homeless Solutions for Boulder County system through landlord engagement.
- Creation of landlord assurance fund for voucher holders
  - To date, Boulder Housing Partners has set aside \$25,000, and a \$15,000 request to the City of Boulder as well as a \$30,000 request to the County have been made. A proposed one-time request from City of Longmont will be \$16,000.

**Budget Request Summary**

There has been positive leveraging of available funds as well as the securing of new resources, allowing for a proposal to fund the full 200-unit goal, rather than the initially proposed 115-unit goal that was in the Housing Exits Strategic Plan. Program costs are estimated at 4 million dollars including the value of vouchers and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration grant; this leaves 1.4 million dollars of annual operating funds to be filled by local funding streams. Staff proposed that Boulder County cover 33% of the cost, the City of Boulder cover 50% of the cost and the City of Longmont cover 17% of the cost.

- Boulder County funds would go towards the Landlord Engagement position, one-time funds for Permanent Supportive Housing and the Inn Between, as well as to the cities of Boulder and Longmont for their local voucher programs.
- City of Boulder funds would go towards supportive service costs and rental assistance.
- City of Longmont funds would go towards rental assistance.

The Board discussed the need to talk with elected officials about creating a local voucher program; successful jurisdictions are investing a significant amount of local dollars to make an impact. Local dollars also have greater flexibility than federal or state funds.

The City of Longmont will have a preliminary budget discussion with their City Council on May 14<sup>th</sup>. There will also be a 30-minute presentation to the Board of County Commissioners on the 16<sup>th</sup> at 11am on the first year of HSBC and the positive impacts made by 1175 Lee Hill. The Board noted the need to quantify cost savings over time when looking at housing costs versus the costs of the same clients remaining homeless (e.g., jail, medical, shelter etc.), so the cost savings of local expenditures in PSH can be measured. The Board directed the Housing Exits group to identify who could take on cost-savings data collection.

- Call for Vote on Submitting Requests for New Funding to the City of Longmont, City of Boulder, and Boulder County Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Processes
  - Karen Kreuzberg motioned to approve the Budget Request and Kurt Firnhaber seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Staff Update- System Adjustments Work Plan**

It was noted that additional funding may need to be secured due to system adjustment impacts on staffing; a more specific request will be brought to the June Executive Board meeting. Steps in the workplan are as follows:

- Develop and execute a stakeholder engagement plan; identify stakeholders and finalize an outreach strategy to engage key stakeholders
- Develop policies and procedures for clients who have already been assessed for services; consult with key providers to develop this policy and notify the Executive Board
- Update the Coordinated Entry assessment in Boulder County Connect; develop justification for the developer, receive feedback on the priority and timeline, and test the platform
- Prepare for implementation and launch; work with providers to prepare for the change

### **Member Updates**

- It was noted that Jennifer Biess will be transitioning out of her role as the Homeless Solutions for Boulder County Program Manager.
- The group discussed that a bill was passed regarding policies surrounding mobile home parks, especially in relation to protecting residents and lengthening eviction time.
- Metro Denver Housing Initiative is expecting the Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Availability in the next couple of weeks and will start the process of ranking projects for renewal in the next month. There will be no changes to the scoring matrix this year, but three to five changes will be piloted for next year; Board members can send scoring ideas to Matt Meyer and he will keep the Board informed regarding changes that take place.
- The Board of County Commissioners is targeting the 2020 election for the affordable housing ballot initiative. The Regional Housing Partnership will not be hiring a coordinator at this time and will instead be transitioning to a structure with a liaison and support teams; there are plans to engage with a consultant.

**Adjourn at 9:03am**