Community Services Department

Sundquist Building • 3482 N. Broadway • Boulder, Colorado 80304 • Tel: 303.441.3560 • Fax: 303.441.4550
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 471 • Boulder, Colorado 80306 • **www.bouldercountycommunityservices.org**

Homeless Solutions for Boulder County Executive Board
September 11, 2020 8:00 - 10:00am
Teams Meeting

Informational **8:00-8:15**

- Public Comment
- System Data Update

Discussion items **8:15-9:30**

- Membership and incorporating persons with lived experience
- Bylaws review
- Severe Weather Shelter
- Communications about new landlord laws

Member Updates **9:30-10:00**

- Extending RFPs for one more year
- Sober Living Task Force
- BTHERE Status
- Boulder, Longmont and MDHI

Join Microsoft Teams Meeting
+1 720-400-7859 United States, Denver (Toll)
Conference ID: 464 761 448#

Homeless Solutions for Boulder County Executive Board
September 11, 2020 8:00 - 10:00am
Teams Meeting

In Attendance: Jim Adams-Berger, Robin Bohannan, Sarah Buss, Vicki Ebner, Kurt Firnhaber, Heidi Grove, Karen Kreutzberg, Angela Lanci-Macris, Matt Meyer, Karen Roney, Annie Scott

Guest: Alice Kim

System Data Update
The Board received an update regarding system data, including information around racial equity. The Board also requested demographics for housed clients be included moving forward. It was noted that the Board will receive a qualitative analysis report on the Diversion program at the next meeting. In addition, there was discussion around whether the program should continue to be called "Diversion;" this will be explored further.

Membership and incorporating persons with lived experience
Due to current vacancies on the Board, City of Boulder and City of Longmont will each consider whether there is a staff member who would be able to fill an additional representation slot. At the next meeting, the Board will also discuss the possibility of adding a sheltering representative. It was discussed that efforts towards better-incorporating lived experience into the system are being pursued as well.

Bylaws review
The Board decided that the tie vote language needed to be clarified. Karen Roney moved that a tie vote means a "no" vote. Matt Meyer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Sever Weather Shelter
Boulder City Council will be discussing approval of the Severe Weather Shelter strategy at an upcoming meeting. It was noted that provision of Severe Weather Shelter will be based on weather triggers at the beginning and end of the winter season, and will be provided nightly in the middle of the winter season. In addition, there will be 20 hotel rooms available for COVID-related needs and 20 additional rooms available on critical weather nights in order to open up additional Severe Weather Shelter beds at Boulder Shelter for the Homeless. It was noted that use will be limited to 30 nights per season per client, and that Coordinated Entry Screening will be required upon use, with one grace night available. There will also be extended day services at Boulder Shelter for the Homeless from December 1st to March 15th. Kurt Firnhaber requested a vote of approval from the Board. After discussion around differing approaches to winter sheltering in the various municipalities, Kurt withdrew his request for a vote.

Communication about New Landlord Laws
New legislation was passed preventing income discrimination by landlords. The Board discussed the need for collaborative communication around this and other topics. The system will be taking steps

forward in the near future to create a proactive communication strategy between the City of Boulder, the City of Longmont and Boulder County.

Landlord Assurance Fund
It was noted that, though the use of the Landlord Assurance Fund has been minimal, it has likely assisted in opening lines of communication with landlords and providing an incentive to landlords when working with system clients.

Extending RFPs for an Additional Year
The recommendation to extend Coordinated Entry and Navigation contracts for another year has been approved; execution of these contracts is currently in process. There was discussion about strengthening language regarding in-the-field Coordinated Entry and an amendment will be executed with the provider to make this change. There will also be efforts, moving forward, to perform more comprehensive contract management.

Sober Living Task Force
It was noted that this group is exploring sober living models, with the goal of identifying best practices in order to make recommendations to the Executive Board about how the system might be able to incorporate this aspect of service delivery. The City of Boulder is also exploring to how to integrate this concept into a new housing development.

BThere Program
A contract amendment to begin this programming has been executed; the staff team will be starting their work shortly.

Partner Updates
The Metro Denver Homeless Initiative shared updates about funding status, especially noting the importance of funds for COVID-19 response and continued efforts towards equity in service provision. The City of Boulder provided an update around upcoming completion of construction at the new Coordinated Entry site in Boulder, and noted that over-the-phone services will continue until the building is ready. The City of Longmont shared that legislation around a ban on RV living on public streets in Longmont is moving forward; alternative solutions are being explored and there is a continued desire to connect impacted residents with Coordinated Entry services and permanent housing options. Boulder Housing Partners is receiving 21 additional mainstream vouchers, and the City of Boulder is providing the agency with additional resources for Permanent Supportive Housing.