

PAC Meeting Minutes 10/11/23

Attendance: Dawn S., Misa (YAB), Joseph T, Rochelle W., Anita D, Sherry S., Denise A., Stephanie M., Mark K., Travis D., Amy R., Nicole M.

Dawn calls meeting to order

## **Introductions**

**Review of Minutes-** Amy makes the motion to approve, Rochelle seconds, motion passes unanimously.

## **Updates**

Joseph- a lot of communication and increasing engagement, and planning.

PIT is the focus now and reaching out to tribes that we need permissions from. Currently have permissions from Lower Brule, Sisseton, Cheyenne River. Working on Rosebud and Pine Ridge to appear at tribal council meetings and gaining their permissions. Hoping to have an effort to gain permissions from tribal housing entities and tribal executives.

YHDP grants are slow to spend. Halfway through the initial grant cycle and looking to make changes to ensure that everything is spent by September. Working to get an extension for the planning grant and add an additional survey to the PIT for youth this year. There is an option for geographic sampling and is exploring if this is an option to use on tribal lands where we do not have permission to do surveys. Also looking into data dashboard and summary

Denise- ESG- the ESG CV grant expired and traditional ESG 21 grant expired as well. Working to complete final draws. For October, CV quarterly data reports to be completed by the end of october. Allows agencies to bill out for staff time in order to ensure that all programs under the CV grant are cleaned up and completed.

HUD grant agreement for ESG 23, all agencies received notification.

HMIS- data standards update and the updates went smoothly. Was completed on Saturday and systems were explored to ensure that everything would be a smooth adjustment. There are webinars and meetings to ensure that the changes are clear and to educate users.

Stephanie- Coordinated entry- September was very busy. Augustana just completed their evaluation and reviewed the summary results at the quarterly. The CES committee meeting is occurring next wednesday. Working on some of the points

that were sighted as needing follow up. This includes training, working to create a workflow video to help with training on coordinated entry, and working to create some summaries on what Coordinated Entry is. The data standards applied to CE. Item that is being brought to the CE committee is auto exits. This is due to having very high volume on the ques. Auto exit in coordinated entry would then need to ensure that there is a change in documenting contact by or to households.

When covid started, we added a Covid-19 addendum to the CES policy to identify households who were at high risk of contracting covid. This was to be in effect until the SD Department of Health declared there was no longer a public health emergency. Recommendation is to discontinue the use of these qualifying criteria. Is SD still in public health emergency?

Anita is going to check with school nurses, and Rochelle also will check with CHWSD.

Due to federally being declared that it is no longer a public health emergency Stephanie is going to recommend discontinuing the use of those additional screenings.

### **Local Competition Debrief and ICAP Letter**

ICAP responded to some of the points brought up after the competition.

Review of Joseph's response.

Separating out low barrier vs housing first and then also addressing what it would look like to have full points.

No unresolved findings from HUD.

Discussion of not having control of who they are getting as a referral and the verification of chronic homeless status and self-certification is not always adequate and PAC needs to help find the middle ground.

What would be the most effective way to measure performance as the current tool may not be most effective. Sherry noted that it is important to become flexible in some of these tools.

ICAP did schedule a meeting to review item for item on scoring.

PAC would like to consider moving forward with exploring the rating and ranking tool and strengthen the tool in order to help reflect what each project is doing in a more effective way.

Suggestion- to bring the rating and ranking tool to agencies before the competitions in order to help the projects better understand what is expected and what they will be scored on would help to keep the competition in the forefront of their minds and to allow them to ask questions and to ensure that everyone is clear on what is needed.

Pathways YHDP project- Pathways was awarded the money and they entered into and MOU with Family Connections and Wambli Ska to create a transitional housing project. Entering into another MOU for the remaining YHDP funds to ensure that the money is fully expended.

Hope for next year is to bring YHDP projects to ensure that money is spent and that these projects are utilizing funding effectively.

### **Governance Charter Review**

Some for corrections on grammar/spelling

Work on spinning off competition duties from PAC and do some performance reviews and then do the rating and ranking, and onsite monitoring. Would allow PAC members to not get burned out from having to do the competition every year and would allow CoC/YHDP to have a member on the PAC governing board.

Dawn- doing a smaller group would be very useful and will allow for flexibility and new eyes on it every year. Will help to ensure that there is more effective communication and improve timeliness.

Sherry-affirmed that being able to have those who may be employed by a funded agency have a chance to join PAC would be good. Amy agreed with this.

This smaller group from non-conflicted PAC members would be able to be on this smaller subcommittee for the rating and ranking. Amy discussed having a randomized assignment to this subcommittee in order to help prevent the same people from volunteering as well as to keep it from being questioned as to why certain people are on the committee.

Vote to approve charter will occur in November.

Highlighted areas are the biggest changes.

General membership would be more formalized through an application and allow for us to get the same information from the agencies. Also allow agencies to upload a logo to have a membership page displayed.

Another item for general membership is to allow one vote from agencies for a PAC member to be voted in.

**Meeting Adjourned**-motion made by Sherry, 2nd by Rochelle, unanimously in favor, motion passes.