

CHANGE THE TREND

Network Meeting 1.11.24

Agency Updates

- New agency introductions

Lindsey Gorzalski-Hacking; IHC - IHC opening Housing Choice Voucher program; preference for residents of Englewood and Sheridan; open to all though; link in chat; 8am on 1/22 - 5pm /23

Marie LeBlanc, EPSD - introduction of Molly ANerson, new MKV Family Partner

Jason O'Rourke, AdventHealth - hospital is geared up for this evening; unhoused guests who need medical care can access it at Littleton Adventist Hospital

Sienna McGrath, HAAT Force - regarding severe weather this weekend; vouchering today 10-2 at M5280; criteria is people with disabilities that cause them to be unable to access congregate shelter; people with pets; people with children under age of 18; pregnant people; people who are gender non-conforming; good number of volunteers; in need of food resources on Monday night; providing meals, transportation to motels

Christy Smith, SWSN - looking to be a 9-day in a row stretch for shelter; anticipate being open through Monday night; shelter is not full currently, last night had 21 people; have begun to see migrant populations begin to seek shelter services; in need of volunteers, but supplies even more so; call 720-398-4041 for registration hotline; no longer registration through website

Tami Slipher, GraceFull Foundation - was recently on a call re/ RTD grant that's opening; will put link in chat; flexibility in grant requirements, but generally around bus passes for organizations to provide to clients

Point in Time Count Reminder

- Sign up to volunteer

Network Input Survey

- Mike guide responses/input

What brought you to the network?

- Tarena Cannon: Family Resource Navigator - knowing all information on homelessness, client referrals, etc. Opportunity to gather more resource than I currently have
- Christy Smith, SWSN - valuable to be able to communicate updates/changes to services in real time; also to learn about other resources
- Tracey Brummett, OGT - invaluable way to connect; every social issue needs a group like this; brainstorm together, collaborate, no barriers to participation
- Marilyn, GraceFull - want to get more involved, intending to get more involved

Share thoughts around community resourcing events

- Sienna: events are valuable, turnout is sometimes low; with case management, if clients had more opportunities to build familiarity with resources would be valuable; more transportation and outreach around events
- Christy, SWSN - Homeless Connect is really good for SWSN because it helps with pre-registration
- Tami, GraceFull - great opportunity for networking within CTT; deeper relationships and understanding of each other; one of the few times we get together
- Theo, Wellspring - when everyone gets together, I leave with a sense of hope

Share thoughts around expanded networking opportunities

- Jen, SAFER - events can be space for warm handoff, troubleshooting issue that's challenging for individual agencies; moving forward, as BFZ expands, periodically host meetings to look at specific clients to focus on CC efficiency, and provide open space to identify service gaps - more focused discussion on that topic
- Maura Masters, ArapCo - this type of community has broken down silos; the more the merrier in terms of networking opportunities
- Carl Anderson, ArapCo Sheriff - powerful group; opportunity to build plan for individuals transitioning out of incarceration; potential to reduce recidivism

Thoughts on meeting format/topics?

- Clarice Fortunado, Englewood Schools - Homeless Connect is not ideal timing for schools; resource brochure is invaluable; one issue is the need for a Spanish version of the resource brochure; getting resources online; meeting format: for us it's great, knowing there's a set meeting is helpful, sending notes after is great
- Sienna - like learning something new every week; new resources, etc. Would be helpful if we regularly had a connection time, just updates on each other's work.

Ideas for innovation?

- Tracey - working with partner for technology for better way to communicate with the network in-between meetings

Upcoming Agenda Items

- Case Conferencing Update - 1.18
- ArapCo Public Health Narcan Kiosks - 1.25
- SafeSide Recovery Drop-In Center - 2.8

- Sharing the Credit - 2.22