Data & Grants Workgroup – Meeting Agenda
Monday March 7, 2022, 2-3:30 pm
Via Zoom

Attending: LaKiera Grimes, Tiffany Hall, Zena Hamilton, Kat Wies, Andrea Carey, Nicole Purdy, Stephani Kilpatrick, Suzanne Hitt, Imanie Williams, Cherisse Hughes, Tameka Gunn

Welcome and introductions

Agency updates

- .Compass Center has a new Executive Director, Christian Adams started on March 1st. There are currently openings for Housing Stability Coordinator, Emergency Housing Coordinator, Director of DV Crisis Services, Client Services Manager. Reach out to LaKiera or Diiv for more info.
- Inter-Faith Council is almost out of COVID outbreak status. The IFC Commons is opening Food Pantry Market for shopping on 4/04 although to-go meals are still being served exclusively. Masking protocols remain inside IFC Commons. The Community Navigation Manager was hired and will be starting on 3/14
- Community Empowerment Fund – Chapel Hill office will be closed week of 3/14 for Spring Break, will let us know about mail pickup.
- OCPEH is hiring for SOHRAD Peer Street Navigators, Rapid Re-Housing Housing Specialists and Coordinated Entry Housing Specialists.
- NCCEH Data Center Staff Update – Point In Time count (PIT) and Housing Inventory Count (HIC) are moving into review/aggregation phase in preparation for submission to HUD. The Longitudinal Systems Analysis (LSA) and System Performance Measures were submitted for 2020-2021. The Orange County CoC made a corrections in fall 2021 so submission went smoothly. The SyS PM will be used for HUD CoC application and LSA will be used for the Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) to Congress. NCCEH is looking to develop a dashboard for Orange County to improve visualization from the Program Performance Matrix to inform funding and priorities for CoC. NCCEH has two positions open until filled – Data Center Director and Data Center Analyst and they welcome new team member – Allison Winston at Data Center help desk.

Purpose

- Data & Grants Workgroup members review and promote excellent data quality for all projects serving people who are homeless in Orange County, work on annual CoC application, shape and implement data elements of coordinated entry process with HMIS, provide ongoing input to Project Review Committee who have developed standards for homeless program performance, and monitoring program performance improvement.

Grants updates

- ESG FY21-22 RFA First requisition due for ESG Annual funds by March 15; Requisitions to be completed via Smartsheet;

- [HUD CoC NOFO](#) Applications under review now
- The Data and Grants Committee discussed exploring other grant opportunities. There was consensus that this was of interest and that Service Providers would like to have ready access to data and visualizations to demonstrate need and convey results to prospective funders. It was determined to be helpful to have a tool that is accessible to all with close to live time updates.

Bringing It Home Conference

The 2022 [Bringing It Home conference](#) will be held remotely on May 10 – 11, 2022. Registration is now open and programs can use ESG funds for registration

Project Review Committee
- April 8th PRC meeting – 3:30 - 4:45
    - Provide Agency/Programs overview
    - Review HUD data from July 2020 – June 2021 – NCCEH open to provide support to PRC, including other reporting options
    - Opportunity to share broader program scope

Data Review
- [Data Maturity Tool](#)
    - Staff are awaiting additional HUD guidance regarding implementation of this tool.
- [Program Performance Matrix](#)
    - Service Providers discussed difficulty capturing fluctuations in income and feedback was provided that HMIS really looks to capture that reliable monthly income. Reminder was provided that cost of living adjustments to mainstream benefits will count towards increases in income for program performance.

Wrap Up & Other Business
- Meeting schedule check-in – April 4th, 2-3:30pm