



## Jefferson County Child and Youth Leadership Commission

### Heading Home Subcommittee Meeting Jefferson County Public Health

#### **Minutes**

**Thursday, January 17, 2019**

**A. Call to order**

Meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m.

**B. Approve Minutes**

Minutes from November 15, 2018 were approved.

**C. Point in Time**

1. There are still opportunities to volunteer across the metro area.
2. There are several sites in Jefferson County participating.
3. There will be outreach and all law enforcement is participating in the county.
4. Everyone Counts Events are being held on January 28 and January 29 where showers and meals will be available to those experiencing homelessness. The count will be conducted with those who come to the event.

**D. Heading Home Coordinator Update**

1. City Managers are meeting on Monday, January 28, from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. at Wheat Ridge Recreation to determine where the position should be housed and sustainability.

**E. Severe Weather/Family Shelter Update**

1. Amy Sciangula updated the group regarding new funding streams and wrap around services with families.
2. Community First Foundation has granted \$10,000 to support reimbursement for families housed on severe weather nights that do not meet criteria under the CYLC funds.

**F. Heading Home Website**

1. Tricia Lee from Jefferson County Public Library is no longer able to maintain the website due to a change in positions.
2. The group reviewed the website and discussed who should take over maintenance.
3. Amy Sciangula will temporarily maintain website while members think about their ability to take on maintenance.

## **G. Goal Group Report Outs**

1. Housing:
  - No new information to share.
2. Outreach:
  - Pilot program to have outreach worker partnering with law enforcement has been discussed. A hotline would be called if an officer encountered a homeless individual/family to ask for outreach to assess for needs. The pilot program began with Wheat Ridge Police to keep the population small. There have not been any calls to date, due to the phone line not working. The group will meet this month to troubleshoot.
3. Shelters:
  - The group did not meet. Linda Barringer will talk with Rick Roberts about possibly housing families longer in motels following a severe weather night if they are working towards housing.
4. Governance group:
  - Kate Skarbek provided update regarding City Managers planning to meet to discuss Coordinator position. Municipalities and Arvada Housing Authority have met to talk about an “at-risk count” in May. A meeting invite was sent for February 12 from 1:30 until 2:30. Contact Kate Skarbek if it was not received. Focus will be on counting not just those in PIT but, for example, those in hotels without means to maintain for more than 14 days. This will provide a broader picture of what homelessness looks like in Jefferson County.
4. Economic Opportunities:
  - No new information to share.
5. Systems:
  - No new information to share.
6. Public Relations/Awareness:
  - No new information to share.
7. Severe Weather Collaboration:
  - See above.

## **H. Open Discussion**

1. James Fry continues to work on locating a site for the family shelter.
2. Jefferson County Housing Authority encourages families to check the website often to see when lotteries are open.

Adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

The next Heading Home Subcommittee will be Thursday, March 21, 2019 from 10:30 until noon in the Remington Building large training room.