



STATE HOMELESS COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Draft Minutes

August 14, 2019 at 2 pm State
House Committee Room 30

- I. Welcome and Introductions Lt. Governor Cox
 - Katie Miller with USICH special thanks

- II. Approval of Minutes – May 8, 2019
 - Bill Hulterstrom motions; Joseph Miner seconded; approved unanimously

- III. State Fiscal Year 2019 Homelessness Funding Tricia Davis
Contract Measurements and Outcomes Report Michelle Walton
 - 3 summary sheets passed out for reference in packets regarding each CoC.
 - Reminder that funding decisions on contracts for 2020 have already been made.
 - Previous year's data isn't available until after contracts are executed. Looking forward, actual data may be used, but these numbers are based on targets that have been set for projects.
 - Each measure has been color-coded for projects and is available through a link sent to the committee.
 - Physical data passed out is for FY19 to match targets, not quarterly. Domestic violence service providers do not have any FY18 data-they are legally unable to be entered into HMIS.
 - Narrative reports are available for each organization which contain explanations for data, what occurred during the year, positive or negative. These are loosely guided so organizations didn't feel restricted in the information they gave.
 - The goal of this data is not to denigrate programs capability, but to show where improvement may be needed or could be applied. Comparisons between targets and actuals can vary widely, especially when taken into consideration against previous years.

- IV. Utah Homeless Information System Data Quality Plan Lynn Sharpe
 - The Data Quality Plan was passed through committee on August 13th, 2019 and placed into a 30 day review process. It includes requirements for inputting organizations and

monitoring for each. This plan was put into place as a response to audit. Two program issues were identified and addressed.

- Improving training on data quality was a goal from last committee meeting and several improvements have been made. These include in-person trainings, online trainings, and training videos available through YouTube.
- The draft UHMIS Data Quality Plan can be accessed on the public notice website in the meeting materials.

V. 2019 Annual Report on Homelessness Joseph Jensen

- Information for this report is predominately submitted through HUD. It includes varied information, broad and specific, each outlined clearly in the table of contents. This year context and trends were highlighted and page 3 includes an executive summary to clarify data in a more digestible format.
- Data remained fairly stable in Utah, as opposed to nationwide increases. It shows an improvement over the national level, but not a large improvement year over year throughout the state.
- There are several measures that have improved, and several that have not, leading to a bit of a mixed bag in reporting. UHMIS worked with providers to report on chronic homelessness that may not have been factored into HMIS systems, but care providers knew existed (i.e. domestic violence, those who have not used homeless services, etc). This led to an increased number in chronically homeless reported to HUD, but is a more accurate picture. When the same methodology was used on previous years, it does show a decrease in overall numbers.
- Future reporting on homelessness will coincide with strategic plan.
- Committee questions if quantifiable outcomes can be highlighted somewhere in this report, showing the positive steps made as a direct result of this data, as it may make a difference in funding resources from legislators if a concrete picture is available.
- Report used to be a data dump, but each year it is heading towards an actionable resource.

VI. Statewide Strategic Plan to Reduce Homelessness Draft Presentation Jesus Valero, Katie Miller
Katie Miller presents

- Federal plan is being rolled out concurrently with State of Utah plan. When work at the local, state, and federal line up, plans lead to more success.
- United States Interagency Council on Homelessness meets quarterly and 19 agencies are aligned under their strategic plan, Home Together. This is the 3rd year this plan has been implemented. Much of the state plan comes from the federal plan.
- Each agency/entity needs a clear path forward to success. Regular meetings and performance management with all agencies help guide this path. Home Together (federal plan) went through clearance in all 19 agencies a year ago and is being implemented.

Stakeholder feedback and meetings with community helped build this new plan and is more strategic and practical.

Jesus Valero presents

- Strategic Plan intended to be a statewide plan for ALL of Utah, identifying challenges and ways to move forward. Multiple entities were asked for their input. What should our state's vision be? Inclusion was a common request.
- Mission: Working together to make homelessness in all parts of Utah rare, brief, and non-recurrent.
- What are some of the current service gaps across Utah? Service providers work hard daily, but challenges include affordable housing, case management, data systems, transportation systems, substance use services, mental health services, diversion and prevention, outreach. Outline of service gaps by each committee is listed on table 1 of the plan.
- Key strategies for Utah include:
 - Working together to make homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurrent.
 - Work together collaboratively by connecting effectively.
 - Working together by including all parts of Utah. (See plan)
- Measurement is an important step to see the degrees to which we are improving. Looking closely at Utah, we need to improve 4 HUD system performance measures, (SPMs 1, 2, 5, and 7) These are the priority. Goal is to improve Utah's score by 10% or by Western Goal in 5 years. Sister states were researched and those categorized as similar sizes and populations were used to calculate an average SPM for the Western states.
- LHCC's should use statewide plan to implement their own plan so that performance and assistance are matched. Action steps are paired with measures.
- This plan is in draft form and today is it's unveiling. Collaboration on implementing this plan is encouraged. There are several key recommendations to help this happen, including adopt the mission statement,, encouraging reps and stakeholders to engage, supporting development of a Utah homeless network, & implementing an education campaign.
- Over the next few weeks, committee members should review with their organizations and an electronic meeting will be scheduled to adopt this by the October 1st deadline. (Call has been scheduled for September 26th with the committee to do so)
- The draft Utah Strategic Plan on Homelessness is included in the meeting materials on the public notice website.

- This began in January, and there were 6 months of spending, followed by collection of data from those that received funding (South Salt Lake and Midvale) on projected targets and requests for next fiscal year.
- Measures have been added to make sure we can answer the question ‘How can we tell that we are improving?’
- FY20 funding is currently in contract right now. Recommendations were given to committee.
- The second component is the grant process. Grant eligibility cities have increased due to legislative changes during the last session. HCD will work with applicants to ensure intent for use of funds falls in line with what funding was intended to be used for.
- Johnathan Hanks motions to approve conditional on Salt Lake and Midvale being funded at same amount as previous year, Jon Pike Seconds, motion ; approved unanimously.
- LT. Gov. Spencer Cox mentions 2 year anniversary of Operation Rio Grande and opening of women’s shelter as momentous occasions and thanks committees and service providers for their efforts.

Adjourn

CALENDAR

2019 SHCC Meetings take place at 2:00 pm in the House Committee Room 30 unless otherwise announced

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| ▪ February 20, 2019 | ▪ August 14, 2019 |
| ▪ May 8, 2019 | ▪ November 13, 2019 |

October 10, 2019 – Utah’s 16th Annual Homelessness Summit at the Sheraton Hotel in Salt Lake City