Collective Impact on Homelessness Steering Committee Meeting Minutes  
4.12.2017

Steering Committee Facilitators in attendance: Shaleane Gee

Steering Committee members or alternates in attendance: Janice Kimball, Mayor Ben McAdams, Mayor Jackie Biskupski, James Morgese, Jennifer Godfrey, Jennifer Steele, Jonathan Hardy, Kim Correa, Anne Burkholder, Laura Michalski, Janice Kimball, Palmer DePaulis, Matt Minkevitch, Josh Romney, Tara Rollins, Erin Trenbeath-Murray, Matt Melville (for Dennis Kelsch), Tiffanie Provost, Don Przybyla, Glenn Bailey, and Kathy Bray.

I. Welcome & Introductions
Mayor McAdams welcomed everyone and introductions were made around the room. Shaleane wanted to thank the members of the committee for their time. Shaleane showed a PowerPoint presentation which will be on the website. Shaleane mentioned many topics that will not be covered in this meeting.

- Shelter siting process
- Resource center population decisions. This decision will be made via the Shelter the Homeless proposal being developed for the State Homelessness Coordinating Committee's next meeting in May and will be discussed at that time
- Details regarding the closure plan and assumptions
- Jim Winder’s plan

Rio Grande Needs Assessment Data updates. There is a PDF version of the aggregate version as well. University of Utah will be working on an analysis. Shaleane stated that they will be checking with the legal department to see what they can use in the raw data.

Shaleane stated that when Collective Impact started they were looking at the significance of what would occur to the services system if the Rio Grande were to close without giving any thought to the rest of the systematic issues it would be a disaster. Collective Impact committee members and business partners are looking at system weaknesses and addressing the whole entire system. Mayor McAdams stated that the reason why the Collective Impact committee was created was because just by moving the shelter wouldn’t fix the problem. Mayor McAdams stated that now Salt Lake County has a better understanding of where the problems are and how to address the challenges. Shaleane stated that funding streams help shape the system that is in place. There are a lot of different funding streams; federal, state, private, and local. They all have different definitions of homelessness, different solutions, different agendas, providers, requirements, and reporting structures. Funders were working alongside of the providers and didn’t understand what they were trying to do. Shaleane stated the committee has put in a lot of work so that everyone understands what others are doing.
Proposed addition to priority subpopulations: aging/elderly. Priorities sub-populations to start considering them. Shaleane asked if there was any objection from the board. There was no objection. Shaleane stated that this will be added to the priority list.

II. Rio Grande Community shelter closure plan Summary presentation and discussion of the plan funded and mandated by HB 441, including recent activities and next steps. Patrick stated that during the state legislative plan they came up with four ways to make it work.

1. A redesigned shelter model
2. Alternatives to shelter
3. System improvements
4. Public safety and treatment initiative

Patrick stated that the funding for HB441 will be funded by both public and private donations. Patrick stated that the state of Utah has made an amazing commitment and Salt Lake County is very lucky to have such a great partner. Patrick stated that HB441 is mainly a funding bill, but it also sets requirements for what will be funded.

Tricia Davis stated that the next step is they will develop a proposal for BH441 to meet the needs of the regions homeless populations. Tricia went over what the next steps would be in the handout that was given, which will be on the website.

Janell stated that homeless coordinating committee and the state put together the plan and now Shelter the Homeless committee will play a part in executing the plan to make sure it moves forward. Janell stated that the partners are working with the city, state and county to help develop a proposal over the next month to look at how the funding will be used in the development of the new shelter and other components of the plan.

Funding for Homelessness PowerPoint presentation was given by Shaleane that will be on the website.

Mayor McAdams stated that there was a lot of thought that went into the process of reducing the number of beds in a homeless shelter. Salt Lake County is trying to get funding for housing to help elevate the homeless shelters. Mayor Biskupski stated that Salt Lake City is also looking into getting housing set up for those who are homeless. Mayor McAdams stated that Salt Lake County is also working on the housing as well.

- Tiffanie Provost asked if Salt Lake County was going to help the homeless with getting jobs. Shaleane stated that this is going to be part of the plan.
- Mayor Biskupski asked Shaleane if she had a list of motel/hotels that are currently in the system that can be used. Shaleane said at this time she did not. Janell stated that hotel vouchers are a big piece of this.
- Chief Brown stated that the existing housing market is under a lot of stress right now and asked if someone could elaborate more. Mayor McAdams stated that there is a lot of stress on the housing market and this doesn’t fix the issue, but housing
vouchers will be given to those who are in a crisis to help them so that they don’t have to go to a homeless shelter and it will help with the high cost of rent.

III. Shelter the Homeless Update Updates including the proposal for Shelter the Homeless to evolve its membership and operations such that it becomes the umbrella organization for the collective impact initiative.

- Janell stated that Shelter the Homeless original purpose was to hold and annual meeting to find out what was going on with the Road Home and provide a report. In March 2017 Shelter the Homeless was amended to have an advisory board with service providers and funders so that everyone knows what is going on. Shaleane stated that starting summer 2017 Collective Impact and Shelter the Homeless will start having meetings together. Starting in the winter 2017 the support role for Salt Lake County Continuum of Care will be phased in.
- There was a concern from a citizen regarding board members who have a vested interest in homelessness and how Collective Impact is evolving. Shaleane stated that it is an important part of the plan and that housing, child stability, homelessness, and education will become their own separate and aligned initiatives.

IV. Coordinated Entry System Planning Update.

- Update on the progress of funders and provider workgroups working on the development of the SLCO coordinated entry system.
- Committee members have been working on Coordinated Entry System.
- Providers group has met with funders.
- Mayor Seghini stated that there are some homeless people that just don’t want to be helped and wanted to know how Salt Lake County is going to reach out to that community and help them. Mayor Seghini stated that there should be a place where they can go if they ever need or want help. Shaleane stated that the committee has already identified this and they are working that out. Some of the new facilities and programs will address this issue. The committee is aware that these individuals will need a significant supporting housing intervention. The unsheltered individuals are a priority for the Collective Impact committee members.
- Shaleane thanked all of the committee member for all of the work that they have done.
- Daniel stated he was unaware that the unsheltered was considered in part of the process. Shaleane stated that it is part of the 14 collective outcomes and the committee will be working on this issue.
- Glenn Bailey stated the housing is the critical response to homelessness and it needs to be made a priority. The housing issue has been pushed back, houses need to be built in 2 years and there isn’t enough time to get them built. Glenn believes that this Collective Impact committee is a reactive committee not a collective committee.
V. Next Steps and Closing Remarks Mayor Ben McAdams, Shaleane Gee

- Mayor McAdams stated that there are a lot of challenges the committee is facing. Housing and Behavioral Health continue to be a priority. The Collective Impact meetings are used to bring a consensus together and address some of the challenges.

Meeting adjourned at 9.59