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Governor's Task Force on Housing and Supports for Vulnerable Populations
Data Work Group
State Capitol Room 208
1:00 – 3:00 pm
September 3, 2019

Participants in attendance

Tyler Kleykamp, Office of Policy and Management (OPM), Chair
Lisa Tepper Bates, Office of the Governor
David Rich, Supportive Housing Works (SHW)
Pauline Zaldonis, OPM
Mary Lansing, Department of Correction
Treena Mazzotta, Department of Children and Families
Sylvia Kelly, Community Health Network of CT (CHNCT)
Bert Plant, Beacon Health Options
Sean Fogarty, Office of Health Strategy
Michael Girlamo, Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services
Cory Ludington, CHNCT
Ray Connelly, CHNCT
Julia Wilcox, CT Community Nonprofit Alliance
Joshua Scalora, Department of Developmental Services
Bryan Sperry, Court Support Services Division
Rachel Leventhal-Weiner, Office of Early Childhood
Manisha Srivastava, OPM
Linda Casey, CT Coalition to End Homelessness (CCEH)
Richard Cho, CCEH
Beau Anderson, Department of Housing
Lauren Zimmermann, SHW
Kiley Gosselin, Partnership for Strong Communities
Kristin Dowty, Department of Social Services

I. Call to Order

Tyler Kleykamp (OPM) called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

II. Introduction

Tyler welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a brief introduction. Meeting attendees introduced themselves.

III. Workgroup Charge – Lisa Tepper Bates, Senior Coordinator for Housing and TOD, Office of the Governor

Lisa Tepper Bates, Co-Chair of the Governor's Task Force on Housing and Supports for Vulnerable Populations, gave an overview of the Task Force goals and the role of the Data Work Group. The Task Force plans to match state administrative data from multiple agencies with the Connecticut Homelessness Management Information System (CT HMIS) to identify a cohort of the 500 most intensive multi-system frequent users. Data Work Group will facilitate a one-time match across systems as a pilot. Task Force will use this as an opportunity to learn from the process and to determine next steps. After the data match is complete and the cohort identified, the goal is to pilot service coordination and care. David Rich, Co-Chair of the Task Force, noted that Connecticut has a robust statewide homelessness database, which is an asset for this type of project.

IV. Survey to collect baseline data on existing data sharing agreements and data matches

Tyler gave an overview of the plan for the data match, emphasizing the importance of creating a replicable process. A first step is to understand the data sharing agreements that are already in place. Manisha Srivastava (OPM) sent out a survey to agencies to collect this information. Manisha gave an overview of the contents of the survey.

V. Options to perform data match

Bert Plant (Beacon Health Options) described data matching experience at Beacon as an Administrative Services Organization (ASO). Beacon is already matching Medicaid data with some data from state agencies (DCF and DMHAS) but does not currently have access to raw data from HMIS. Sylvia Kelly (Community Health Network, CHN) described data matching at CHN, discussing some of the gaps in the data from the CHN perspective. Linda Casey (Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness - CCEH) gave an overview of the HMIS, where the data comes from, and what data are available. Lisa raised the question of how to define homelessness for this project and cited the HUD definition, asking if it is possible to measure housing instability in addition to the stricter definition of homelessness. Richard Cho (CCEH) described the universe of data in the HMIS, which includes people in shelters but has less information about people who are sleeping on the streets; it includes anybody who is referred to homeless shelters via 2-1-1. Linda reported that the process for data sharing can vary. Richard added that CCEH has a data governance steering committee that reviews data requests. The group discussed inclusion of data from DOC and CSSD in the match. Tyler identified two options for approaching the data match: hub and spoke versus a linear match. Discussion of who could perform the data match and whether it would fit into any preexisting workflows. The ASOs were discussed as potential candidates to perform the match. Regarding the

specifics of the data match, Tyler noted that the Data Work Group needed guidance from the wider Task Force on which programs to prioritize and whether to match at the individual or household level.

VI. Open discussion

The group discussed what will happen after the data is matched and the cohort identified. Richard noted the importance of identifying where there are gaps in service delivery as a part of this project. Lauren Zimmermann (Supportive Housing Works) suggested the group should consider which individuals are not accessing services (e.g. child care services, WIC, etc.). Ivan Kuzyk (OPM) suggested starting with a list of 1,000-1,500 individuals from HMIS and giving list to agencies to match against and indicate which individuals are high utilizers based on unique agency criteria. Lisa stated that the goal of this Work Group is to have an initial match completed by the end of the year. Next steps include submitting a request to the HMIS Steering Committee; HMIS to provide data dictionary.

VII. Adjourn

Tyler Kleycamp adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.