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Family Resource Network Regional Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 10, 2022

3:00-4:30pm, MS Teams

Present: Robin Bohannon, Danielle Butler, Susan Caskey, Suzanne Crawford, Elizabeth Crowe, Betsey Martens, Karin Stayton, Johnny Terrell, Julie Van Domelen, and Dennis Whalen

Absent: Marc Cowell, Dr. Perla Delgado, Sam Messier, Christina Pacheco, Camille Rodriguez, and Simon Smith

Guests Present: Olga Bermudez, Nicole Cavalino, Daphne McCabe, Susan Grutzmacher, Jodi Sherman, Wanda Pelegrina, and Jane Wilkinson

Staff Present: Joni Lynch, Lane Volpe, and Whitney Wilcox

Welcome and Introductions

The regular meeting of the FRN Regional Council was called to order by Julie Van Domelen, who chaired the meeting on behalf of Christina Pacheco.

Approval of November 2021 FRN Regional Council meeting minutes

Julie called for approval of the November 2021 FRN Regional Council meeting minutes. Motion for approval and seconded, minutes were approved unanimously.

Whitney shared a few membership updates: City of Louisville representative Rebecca Alderfer's term ended in December and City of Louisville is working to fill the vacated seat, and the City of Boulder's representative Kristin Hyser has transitioned to a new role with Broomfield County Housing Authority and Elizabeth Crowe will fill her vacated seat.

Discussion, Nominations, and Elections for Chair and Vice

Kristin Hyser was going to transition from Vice Chair to Chair. With her departure from the Regional Council, both the Chair and Vice Chair positions are open. Christina has agreed to continue as Chair to maintain continuity and Julie expressed interest in serving in the Vice Chair role. Suzanne moved and Danielle seconded that Christina serve an additional year as Chair and Julie serves as the Vice Chair. The motion was approved.

Julie asked members interested in serving in a leadership role in the future to connect with Whitney.

Early Care and Education Updates and Discussion

Danielle provided an overview of early care and learning to ground the group in the early childhood system:

- Early Childhood is technically defined as birth-eight years old and includes eight subgroups. Early childhood is also talked about as below school-age (0-3) and school-age (3-8).
- The early childhood workforce includes class room teachers, family child care home providers, cooks, bus drivers, child health nurse consultants, and Friend, Family, Neighbors (FFN) care.
- Early childhood professionals study eight areas including child development, nutrition and safety, family relationships, and diversity.
- The early childhood system includes four domains: early learning, family engagement and support, health, and mental health and socio-emotional development. The local child care system is built on the availability, accessibility, affordability, and quality of child care.
- Types of care include parental care, formal child care (state licensed and includes child care centers and preschools), and informal child care (unlicensed and includes FFN).
- There are several different types of early learning programs that might be in a licensed center or home, including Head Start, Colorado Preschool Program, and Montessori.
- There are also a number of health, mental health, and family support programs, including programs like Parents as Teachers, Nurse Family Partnership, Kids Connects, and Head Start.
- Child care data is lacking. There are individual reports created including Status of Children in Boulder County, Indicators reports, child care cost surveys, and Head Start needs assessments.
- As of January 2022, there were a total of 306 licensed programs in Boulder County, including the licensed sites in BVSD and SVVSD. ECCBC has purchased a national database system and are collecting child care supply data moving forward.
- Betsey asked if Danielle would describe the early childhood system as fragmented or coordinated. Danielle said the system is fragmented. She said the k-12 public school system is coordinated: it has a public funding system and looks similar across the U.S. The early childhood system in contrast is fragmented: it is based mostly on parent fees, local community supports, local operators, local Head Start programs, and local investments.

Boulder County Public Health (BCPH) FFN pilot with Colorado Statewide Parent Coalition (Jane Wilkinson, Child Health Promotion Coordinator with BCPH)

- The BCPH Child Health Promotion Program provides inspections of licensed child care centers and programs, performs child health outreach that includes safety and nutrition, and works closely with child care nurse consultants. They are uniquely funded and situated to partner with child care organizations.
- Not everyone in our community is able to access licensed and regulated providers, but it's unclear how many families are utilizing FFN (unlicensed) care. To identify and support FFN providers, BCPH is using ARPA funding to engage community partners in reaching and supporting FFN providers. Partners include ECCBC, Colorado Statewide Parent Coalition, and Kid Connects.
- They are working to connect Boulder County unlicensed providers to BCPH resources, including bilingual breastfeeding consultants and bilingual Child Health Promotion Outreach specialists.
- They also have funding to support PASO and a conference in May designed to support self-care.

City of Longmont FFN pilot (Olga Bermudez, Counselor with City of Longmont Children, Youth, and Families)

- Longmont City Council approved \$210k to support early childhood education, including award to PASO. PASO is a leadership program for Latinx families. The award supports leadership

development for 20 families and raises importance of early childhood education and provides concrete tools parents can use at home to promote early childhood education. Parents will complete 13 sessions. Upon completion, parents will recruit additional parents from community to share what they've learned.

- City of Longmont also provided PPE to Longmont FFN providers and funding to Front Range College to support scholarships for students wanting to pursue early childhood education. Student enrollment has been lower than projected, hope to see increased enrollment in the Spring.

EFAA's Zero-Five Thrive program (Julie Van Domelen)

- EFAA had planned to launch program prior to COVID, but coming out of COVID see program as even more relevant: Housing and child care costs have increased since the pandemic and women's ability to move into the workforce is challenged because of child care costs. This pilot program will help mitigate effects of poverty over the long term through a combination of economic support (will expand financial support from rent, utilities, and medical to include child care and investments in children's education) and additional child development services.
- Will experiment with cash transfers and direct payments to families, as well as direct financial assistance. They're looking at blended approach to meet the needs of households.
- They are currently hiring Child, Youth, and Family Program Manager and other key staff, planning to launch program in Fall 2022. Estimate that they will serve 150 households at a cost of \$600k per year. Will layer on top of existing programs like Keep Families Housed and refer to existing programs and services.

ECCBC and FRC Planning Grant (Danielle Butler)

- ECCBC, Sister Carmen, EFAA, and OUR Center, Boulder County Housing Human Services, BCPH, BVSD, and SVVSD received mini-grant to test two new tools launched by the Office of Early Childhood, including *Collaboration Guide: Family Resource Centers and Early Childhood Councils* and *A Local Early Childhood Systems Toolkit* to help structure local conversations. The organizations will contract with Morgan Jankey to support the work, which will begin in April.

Child Care Assistance Program (Susan Grutzmacher, Division Director with Boulder County Housing and Human Services)

- CCAP serves children 0-12. It supports children at early ages by providing access to high quality child care and supports families working and/or attending school. It is not an entitlement program. Current budget is about \$6.3 million. Typically spend about \$10 million, pull from multiple revenue sources to fill funding gap.
- Currently serving about 1,024 children, state allocation would probably support about 500 children. No families have been turned away because of a lack of funding.
- CCAP team working hard to get people approved and on the program. Team is working to simplify process and contact and connect with families to support application process.
- Eliminated parent fees and requested double payments for providers impacted by the Marshall Fire.
- Market rate study, which dictates provider rates across the state, will be released in the next couple of months. Rates typically change in September.

City of Boulder's Child Care Subsidy program (Wanda Pelegrina, Family Services Manager with City of Boulder Housing and Human Services)

- Child Care subsidy program mirrors CCAP, goes up to 375% FPL and serves families of lower middle-income that are ineligible to receive CCAP. No citizenship requirement but do have to live within the City of Boulder limits.
- Currently 12-15 providers receive these subsidies and have slots for families, including some BVSD, YMCA, and licensed-child care provider sites. Providers do have to be licensed to be eligible to participate in program, but City may explore expanding to include FFN providers in the future.
- Budget is about \$2,000. Half of budget is from community child tax credit donations.

Large Group Q&A:

- Elizabeth asked about current child care needs. Danielle said impact of the pandemic on providers has been significant and have seen significant turnover and some providers have closed. Danielle said provider needs include workforce, general operating support, and support with more flexible requirements and lower grant administrative burdens. She added that parents with young children need more options.
- Elizabeth also asked about current data sources ECCBC has to understand the supply and demand for child care. Danielle said there needs more investment in data collection and coordination. With private and board donations, ECCBC has bought a data system and working to build data up and maintain the data, create a local parent referral system, and train community partners to use data system.
- Jane added opportunity to support CCAP in a new and different way and making it more accessible.
- Danielle shared that universal preschool will impact the system locally and need to have conversations about the legislation and what it will look locally.
- Danielle gave kudos to Susan Grutzmacher and the CCAP team for their work in the community over the years.
- Daphne said that Family Connects will assess child care needs with new moms and there will be opportunity to promote child care programs.

The meeting was adjourned.



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Thursday, May 12, 2022

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Absent: Robin Bohannon, Marc Cowell, Elizabeth Crowe, Camille Rodriguez, and Simon Smith

Guests Present: Nicole Cavalino, Olivia Coyne, Jenna Griess, Gwen Mossman, and Anne Tapp

Staff Present: Katrina Harms, Joni Lynch, Katie Warning, and Whitney Wilcox

Welcome and Introductions

The regular meeting of the FRN Regional Council was called to order by Christina Pacheco.

Approval of March 2022 FRN Regional Council meeting minutes

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Family Homelessness Subcommittee – Updates and Hoteling Funding Proposal (Julie Van Domelen and Anne Tapp, Executive Director, SPAN)

Julie provided update on the Family Homelessness Subcommittee (FHS):

- The FHS is comprised of over a dozen agencies. Over the past few years, the FHS completed a strategic planning process. Members currently participate in one of a number of working groups focused on systems, training, metrics, participant voice, and hoteling.
- Subcommittee members have reported a significant increase in family homelessness over the last six months. They are not seeing an increase in evictions, but rather landlords not renewing leases and rents being raised significantly.
- Julie said the number of families served through BVSD's McKinney Vento program this past year has doubled from previous years. On average over the past few years, the BVSD McKinney Vento program served an average of 450 students. This current school year, the program had served 1,047 students, which increased to 1,452 as a result of the Marshall Fire.
- OUR Center is reporting a 500% increase in the number of families accessing services at OUR Center.

Anne provided an overview of proposal presented to Boulder County's ARPA housing working group to support shelter for families experiencing homelessness:

- The subcommittee has been working to coordinate temporary sheltering through hoteling.

- Organizations are seeking funds to support a combination of hoteling costs, basic needs, food, and navigation services. This project was not identified as one of the three priority projects that was presented to the Commissioners.
- The FHS is actively looking to identify and secure funding to support (see [slide deck](#) for proposal details).

The following summarizes the group's discussion following the updates:

- Julie said that family homelessness trends had been going down and attributes the increase in the number of families experiencing homelessness to the pandemic and Marshall Fire.
- Sam asked to what extent family homelessness is growing is a result of increased housing costs. Julie said that pre-COVID, the primary causes for families experiencing homelessness were economic (loss of a job, raised rent, some kind of cost shock) and/or a change in family structure. She said it's more unusual for families to be actively unhoused for longer lengths of time than individuals experiencing homelessness. Anne added that SPAN has seen a big change over the past three months. Because rental costs are so high, their organization has a hard time covering the costs. She said our community needs to get a handle on the costs and rapidly expand the number of units available. Julie said it has been harder to find housing for families and that exits are much harder. She said that up until this past year, EFAA had a 95% exit success rate. It is now at 70%.
- Christina asked about average length of stay of families in hotels and about building partnerships with extended stay hotels. Anne said they put larger families in extended stay hotels, and that many of the families impacted by the Marshall Fire stayed in extended stays, and that the challenge is access.
- Christina also asked about partnerships with storage companies and movers so that families could store and move belongings once stable housing is identified. Anne and Julie said this would be great idea to add to the package of services outlined in the funding proposal.
- Gwen said current system to safely shelter families while trying to connect them to stable housing is very resource intensive. She said most of the agencies have funding to hotel a family for 2-5 nights. Current stays typically exceed that amount and requires multiple organizations to blend their resources to support hoteling costs for a family.
- Katie said that Sister Carmen has seen 11 households over the past 45 days. She added that a couple of apartment complexes in East County have reached out to let them know they're not willing to wait for ERAP applications to be processed before moving forward with demands and evictions.
- Joni added that OUR Center is seeing 500% increase this year from last year. This figure is based on hotel vouchers and doesn't include families that are doubled up. She said that over the past two weeks, they've heard from 10 families whose leases will not be renewed because landlords want to sell and/or don't want to wait for ERAP applications.
- Julie said many of the organizations also work with local police departments who can issue hotel vouchers and refer to safety net organizations.

Update on Universal Preschool (Danielle Butler and Olivia Coyne, Head Start Division Manager, Boulder County Head Start)

Danielle provided an update on the State's new Department of Early Childhood (CDEC), which was established through [HB 22-1295](#). The new department will include all early childhood funding streams

previously administered through the Colorado Department of Education (CDE), Department of Human Services (CDHS), and Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE). Dr. Lisa Roy was appointed the new executive director of CDEC and is working to make additional appointments.

The legislation also establishes universal pre-school, which will include 10 hours a week of tuition free preschool for 4-year-olds (or the year before the child enters kindergarten). CDEC will identify and work with Local Coordinating Organizations (LCOs) to plan for and implement universal pre-school in communities. It is expected to be available starting Fall 2023.

Danielle provided an overview of the process to identify LCOs. Early Childhood Councils across the state were asked to convene local conversations using a toolkit developed by the CDEC transition team. ECCBC held a community wide conversation on April 27 (agenda, chat, and evaluations are posted [here](#)) and later convened a meeting with key partners. Several organizations in Boulder County have expressed an interest in applying as the LCO, including BVSD, Boulder County HHS and Community Services, and ECCBC. Danielle said there will be additional conversations to determine next steps.

Danielle added that ECCBC will be disseminating a survey to all licensed providers for their feedback on the new Early Childhood Department, universal pre-school, and the LCO. That survey will also be shared with Friends, Family, Neighbor (FFN) providers. The survey is in English and Spanish.

Olivia provided a brief description of what universal preschool is expected to look like once implemented. She said families should be able to choose to receive care from any licensed provider. It is expected that licensed providers will receive a subsidy for 10 hours a week for every enrolled 4-year-old and certain qualifying 3-year-olds. FFN/informal care providers are not currently included because they are not licensed, but legislation was passed that should help facilitate the licensing of informal care providers.

Below is a summary of Q & A:

- Susan said that the LCO decision is quick with the application due June 20th. She highlighted the risk that if the local plan is not well-supported by the community, that the State can make the decision to reject having a LCO and have the State lead the effort instead. She added that there's potential for the LCO to expand from planning and implementing universal pre-school to designing the early childhood supports/services system.
- Olivia said family resource centers are a vital part of the LCO and supporting the LCO application. She said there may be additional opportunities for what the FRN's recommendations are in this process.
- Susan suggested having a conversation about the role of the Regional Council in this work beyond the FRCs providing endorsement or support for the LCO. With FRN's focus being early childhood, want to ensure there isn't duplication of effort and explore potential of connection of FRN's work with the LCO. She suggested that support from the larger Regional Council could be beneficial to the application that goes to the State.
- Julie said there are many different initiatives in this space, including Family Connects, EFAA's work, ARPA child care proposals, and State funding to support child care centers. She advocated for understanding and outlining roles and responsibilities.

- Danielle said it is a restructuring of the entire early childhood system. She said there is fragmented funding to support 4-year-olds and this will help address universal and high quality curriculum, but the system remains underfunded. She added that universal pre-school is first, and that it expected that within a few years, the focus will expand to birth to five. Danielle encouraged partners to work through a slower and kinder pace and asked to focus on children, their families and their reactions and response to this change. She said that the parent enrollment system for pre-school will be administered at the State-level, with the State paying providers directly for slots unless the local community has a robust finance system. She said there will be a lot to develop and that every organization at the Regional Council providing early childhood services will be impacted eventually.

The meeting was adjourned.



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Absent: Danielle Butler, Sam Messier, Christina Pacheco, Lexi Nolen, and Simon Smith

Guests Present: Felicia Cain, Nicole Cavalino, Olivia Coyne, Patrick Kelly, Heather Matthews, Daphne McCabe, Gwen Mossman, and Anne Tapp

Staff Present: Joni Lynch, Kristi Venditti, Lane Volpe, Whitney Wilcox, and Jim Williams

Welcome and Introductions

The regular meeting of the FRN Regional Council was called to order by Julie Van Domelen.

Approval of May 2022 FRN Regional Council meeting minutes

Julie called for approval of the May 2022 FRN Regional Council meeting minutes. Motion for approval and seconded, minutes were approved unanimously.

Universal Preschool Local Coordinating Organization (LCO) Update (Boulder County Head Start Division Manager Olivia Coyne)

- Early Childhood Council of Boulder County (ECCBC) applied to be the LCO to administer universal pre-school. Expect to hear back from the State next week on status.
- There were 32 out of 34 jurisdictions that applied to be an LCO. LCO groupings were determined using current early childhood catchment areas. School districts may be in multiple catchment areas, which is the case for both the Boulder Valley and St. Vrain Valley School Districts. School districts cannot be bifurcated and may have a choice as to which catchment area they want to join. SVVSD wrote a letter of support for ECCBC's application. BVSD did not submit a letter of support.
- ECCBC is believed to be the only applicant in Boulder County. Boulder County government will be a key partner and may support ECCBC in managing the administration needs of the LCO, but the County is not co-leading this work. If ECCBC is awarded the LCO, they anticipate receiving funding to support 1.0 FTE to help implement the work.

Discussion:

- Betsey asked for more information about why BVSD declined to sign on to the letter signaling their support for the application. Olivia said legislation required support from key stakeholders, including family resource centers and school districts. A separate letter of support was developed to represent licensed child care providers. Olivia said she thought they received

about 75 signatures of support in total. BVSD wasn't present at the meeting to share why the Superintendent declined to support the application. Danielle and ECCBC's Chair did meet with both Dr. Anderson and Dr. Hadid. Betsey asked if someone could reach out to BVSD about why they declined to support ECCBC's application.

- Julie asked for clarification about the County's role in the LCO. Olivia said that ECCBC submitted the application as the single entity that would serve as the LCO. In addition, they're exploring how the County can support ECCBC with administrative and community engagement processes. No decisions or formal arrangements have been made to date.
- Olivia said they expect award letters and an announcement from the State to go out to applicants next week. Once they hear status of award, ECCBC will begin determining next steps for implementation as well as waiting for guidance from State for more direction.
- Universal preschool goes live in Fall 2023. At this point, the State will directly fund licensed providers for Boulder County. That will be reassessed in the future.

ARPA Work Plan Recommendations/Implementation Update and Q&A (Boulder County Housing and Human Services ARPA Project Manager Patrick Kelly & Robin Bohannon)

- Patrick shared projects that will be administered by HHS and have been or will be approved for ARPA funding at upcoming business meeting by the Boulder County Commissioners: direct cash assistance, nonprofit & small business grant program, mobile home park affordability program, affordable housing pipeline projects, Regional Housing Partnership, Family Connects, Longmont Child Care Initial Funding, Habitat for Humanity, YMCA Scholarship, and Capital Improvement projects. Patrick said that team is targeting early 2023 for direct cash assistance and grant program fund distribution.
- Robin provided update on behavioral health ARPA-funded projects that will be administered by Community Services, including expanding work on the behavioral health hub, creating a new community mobile co-responder program that de-links the response from law enforcement, grants to community organizations to support behavioral health programming, contracts with school districts for behavioral-health services, mental health vouchers to pay for services, and expanding Mental Health First Aid community trainings. Robin's slide can be found [here](#).
 - Robin said they are committed to working in the mountain community to work on a planning process.
 - Commissioners are considering placing a behavioral health tax on the ballot in 2025 that would help create sustainable funding for behavioral health services.
 - Anticipate nonprofit grant program to be available first, followed by financial assistance program.
 - Will be hiring some resource navigators to help navigate the behavioral health system.
 - State is activating new 988 crisis line and exploring how to expand a statewide community mobilization response that is de-linked from law enforcement. Will work to link local work to state-level work.

Family Homelessness Subcommittee – Follow-up on Hoteling Funding Proposal (Julie Van Domelen and SPAN Executive Director Anne Tapp)

- Group revisited the hoteling proposal, which seeks \$724,000 to coordinate sheltering for unhoused families over the next three years.
- Close to \$250k annually is being invested in this work, much of which is not funded or well navigated. There isn't a well-coordinated exit strategy for families, looking for creative ways to

support this as a community. With the loss of 1100 homes in the Marshall Fire, the problem has gotten worse.

- Suzanne shared funding opportunity through the State for community-based organizations that work with the school district's McKinney Vento staff. Suggested this as potential source of funding for hoteling specifically focusing on McKinney Vento families.
- Julie asked if the County would be willing to be a fiscal agent for this project should we apply for funding, shared concern about capacity of one nonprofit to manage the funds on behalf of all the other organizations involved in the proposal.
- Susan said County could be a fiscal agent. She added that HHS would be putting out an RFP in the next few weeks for some of its general operating and HSSN dollars. She said that applications would have to come from one of the FRN agencies and if awarded, would talk to County attorneys to see if County could be fiscal agent.
- Gwen said she thought County could administer funds similarly to how HSSN funds are administered through the Housing Panel. She said that the State award Suzanne identified states its intention to award 2-3 community-based organizations that have a statewide presence with the funds.
- Anne shared concern from nonprofits about applying for County general operating and HSSN funding nonprofits were already applying for to support their existing services. She added that she doesn't know which entities would go after State funds, but that it's possible that that's the source we would approach once awarded.
- Suzanne asked about reaching out to the State and sharing proposal with them to see if our approach would be something they'd be willing to consider. Gwen to reach out to State for more information.
- Susan said there will be extra funds through HHS's RFP for pilot projects and 1x expenses that will not take away from other funding proposals. She encouraged the group to review the RFP when released to see if it makes sense to apply. Julie, Ann, and Whitney to track the HSSN application.

Family Connects Update and Q&A (Boulder County Public Health Family Health Division Manager Daphne McCabe, Boulder County Public Health Family Health Nurse Services Coordinator Felicia Cane, and Heather Matthews)

Daphne and Felicia provided an overview and update on the implementation of Family Connects, an evidence-based model supporting all families welcoming a new baby. The program is expected to be piloted in Boulder with Boulder Community Health in Fall 2022 and expanded to Longmont in 2023. Slide deck, which includes more information about the model and local implementation, can be accessed [here](#).

Julie asked about local evaluation to assess range of impact. Colorado Lab and Colorado Health Institute will be evaluating the effort across the five counties implementing, along with local evaluation. Illuminate Colorado is the State intermediary supporting the work, Department of Early Childhood secured federal funding, and Colorado Lab will facilitate the evaluation. Three communities in addition to Boulder County will be implementing the program, including Denver, Jefferson, and Eagle Counties.

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FRN Updates (Christina Pacheco and Whitney Wilcox)

- **Governance transition & Vice Chair Recruitment:** Christina will transition out of Chair in January 2023 and Julie Van Domelen will transition into the Chair position. A Vice Chair is being recruited. Julie represents a nonprofit and Boulder, so ideally the Vice Chair will be a government or school partner that is serving regions other than Boulder. The commitment is 2 years, with 1 year as Vice Chair and 1 year as Chair. The Vice Chair supports agenda planning for meetings and facilitates Regional Council meetings in the Chair's absence. People can reach out with questions to Christina, Julie, or Whitney and will plan to elect in January 2023.
- **Family Homelessness Hoteling Funding Updates:** Whitney shared that in response to increased numbers of families experiencing homelessness, the Family Homelessness Subcommittee has been pursuing funding to meet the need through temporary hoteling. City of Boulder is funding SPAN and EFAA, the two providers in Boulder that provide housing to families experiencing homelessness. The Subcommittee continues to pursue funds to meet the needs in the rest of the county.
- **Member updates: Superintendent vacancy & new Peak to Peak Housing and Human Services Alliance representative:** Dennis Whalen has resigned from his position as Chair of the Peak to Peak Housing and Human Services Alliance. Members acknowledged and thanked Dennis for his leadership and advocacy in the mountain communities. Additionally, BVSD's representative on the FRN, Sam Messier, has left BVSD. Her replacement is expected to be announced after Thanksgiving.

Family Resource Network Strategic Work Pan Discussion: Housing Security (Christina Pacheco and Whitney Wilcox)

Whitney provided an overview of the process and priorities identified at the October strategic planning meeting. The group then provided input into the FRN's role in addressing housing security, including short-term strategies the FRN can engage in over the next 3-6 months as demand for housing assistance remains high and critical pandemic-related funding comes to an end.

- Karin Stayon said people need to know that (federal) rental assistance is ending. Also need to look at economic barriers – employment, child care, access to basic needs, SNAP, and other benefits programs – and identify and address barriers to accessing services and benefits to help offset costs. Karin said that information about where households can access rental assistance and shared messaging used by provider network would be helpful.
- Susana Lopez-Baker shared that HHS staff is finalizing sunset plan for ERAP and are working on a communications plan. Anticipate having details to share out by the end of November.
- Christina said the FRN could start working with the individual organizations where we have leadership to identify within each of our organizations how to push this information out.
- Julie said people are already being told they aren't eligible for ERAP if they're already received rental assistance. She suggested 1) aggregating what we already know about existing rental assistance funds and eligibility 2) consider rolling out the LAC housing maps more formally over the next three months, and 3) identify if there is any bridge money anywhere if we see evictions going up.
- Robin Bohannon asked about status of coordinated entry for families experiencing homelessness. Julie said the Family Homelessness Subcommittee is working on this and wondered about doing more systems work on the rental assistance and prevention side.
- Susan said opportunity to make sure that all partners understand the resources available. She liked the idea of mapping out the financial resources and identifying potential bridge funding. She also suggested mapping out the direct cash assistance programs and making sure we have shared household data. She encouraged people to bring funding opportunities and ideas about how to leverage funding to the group.
- Jenna Greiss asked about opportunities to advocate for rent control at state level and/or incentives for landlords to not increase rents.
- Danielle Butler said that ECCBC is working on site with centers and child care homes that have children and clients that may be homeless. She said they'd benefit from participating in trainings so that child care providers have similar language and messaging.
- Jim Williams suggested opportunities for coordination with the Boulder County Regional Housing Partnership, particularly around policy. The Partnership is working on a countywide agreement that will help boost inclusionary housing, down payment assistance, and homeownership programs. May be a good way to share information and identify potential collaboration opportunities.
- Julie said most of the organizations in the FRN engage in the rental assistance and prevention side of the system and suggested including information and/or presentations as part of future FRN agendas to learn more about more permanent affordable housing, vouchers, and housing authorities.
- Danielle said there was theme that the LACs are doing great on-the-ground work and that the Regional Council could strengthen its ability to do advocacy work.

- Whitney provided an update on and shared drafts of the housing maps and services matrices developed by the LACs. She will be convening a small work group over the next couple of weeks to inform an outreach and implementation plan.
- Karin asked if people had creative ideas about how to help with economic stability like employment and child care.
 - Susan said Boulder County HHS will put out an RFA for Survive and Thrive grants in early 2023 that will support the nonprofit workforce. Also using ARPA funds to support mobile home parks and will be doing a direct cash assistance program that will be distributed through the FRCs and will be targeted at families with young children.
 - Julie said EFAA is working on an Economic Empowerment program. EFAA is diving into discussion about raising the minimum wage to the \$15 hour range and is seeking allies that can speak on behalf of low wage workers in an expensive community.
 - Danielle said the funding and financing for a birth-5 system is fragmented and is currently creating a roadmap to a ballot initiative being led by the Longmont Early Childhood Coalition. Christina added that the City of Longmont in partnership with three community agencies – TLC, Wild Plum, and Colorado Statewide Parent Coalition – received a grant to build an early childhood community hub that will house some preschool space, community training space, and space for Friend, Family, Neighbor (FFN) providers to provide care from the Hub.

The meeting was adjourned.