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Homeless Solutions for Boulder County Executive Board

April 12, 2024 8:00 - 10:00am

Teams Meeting



Administrative Matters

8:00-8:20

- Public Comment
- Approval of February 2024 Minutes (No March meeting)
- Board Brief Review & Discussion (note Heidi will be absent)

Discussion Items

8:20-9:15

- HSBC Transition / Housing Department
- Joint Meeting on Homelessness Discussion
- Meeting with the Chamber Staff on Homelessness
- Reflections on COB's 2-year Policy Agenda

General Updates

9:15-10:00

- Update on Longmont Recovery House Purchase
- Expected Grant Opportunities
- Partner Updates

Microsoft Teams meeting

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**HSBC Executive Board
February 2024 Minutes**

Attendees: Susana Lopez-Baker, Jim Adams-Berger, Robin Bohannon, Rene Brodeur, Amber Carlson, Susan Caskey, Vicki Ebner, Kurt Firnhaber, Heidi Grove, Sinara Hinton, Rebecca Mayer, Eliberto Mendoza, Gwendolyn Mossman, Megan Newton, Alexandra Nolen, Alice Kim, Molly O'Donnell

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Public Comment

No public comment was made.

Approval of January Minutes

Robin Bohannon brought forth the motion to approve January minutes. Kurt Firnhaber and Susan Caskey seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Board Brief Review

Coordinated Entry and Housing Exits by Homeless Solutions for Boulder County

The number of Coordinated Entry screenings were higher overall for 2023 compared to prior year. While the housing outflow saw a decrease at 29%, overall housing exits increased across the board. Housing exits saw the second highest number since 2019. The City of Boulder decreased by 25% during the month of December 2023, with an increase of 15% overall annually. The City of Longmont increased by 13% in all exit avenues, with an 11% increase for the calendar year. Approximately 29% of individuals have exited homelessness since January 2023. An average of 30 individuals exited homelessness per calendar month of 2023.

It was questioned why navigation numbers were higher in certain months like October. The reasoning is due to housing intake and exits being higher in the summer season. Individual engagement of services is largely based on seasonal variations.

Racial equity data of Quarter 4 has been added to the Executive Board packet.

See attached Monthly Board Brief for further details.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Introduce new members and staff

The Board welcomed new member Molly O'Donnell, Division Director of the City of Longmont.

The Board welcomed Amber Carlson from Boulder Daily Camera.

SAMSHA

The report of SAMSHA is being finalized and will be brought to the Board for final review in the near future. Due to this grant not being refunded, conversation will continue on what the next steps will be. It is understood that due to cost, the numbers serviced will be decreased; however, the type of services will remain. The impact of grant 1377 will continue to be exhibited as new information comes forth.

Boulder County Regional Housing Partnership Summit

This year's summit was focused on affordable housing and homelessness. The consensus is that the summit was well received which created positive conversation in the community. There were many attendees which included Boulder County Commissioners and elected officials. Topics of discussions were family homelessness, individual homelessness, homelessness among youth students, racial equity, future funding and grants, community collaboration, and city and county collaboration.

Action item: Focus on collaboration between community members, council, and county.

City of Boulder Study Session

The Study Session encompassed providing supportive and housing services to High Utilizers, an improvement of city and council collaboration regarding policy. In addition to, providing data on cost analysis relating to ongoing programs. Further analysis of funding to High Utilizers will continue and information shared in the interim. Request of Council was to partner more with Community Services to help make informed decisions. Council members showed appreciation of all those involved in strategy development and policy implementation.

Boulder County is doing excellent work in data collection, analyzing, and reporting. The work of HSBC facilitated a push for much needed housing and other support services in communities.

Action item: Council members have requested to work closely with Homeless Solutions for Boulder County and other divisions and departments. Members have also requested presentations emphasize cost effectiveness of programs due to the concern of scarcity.

GENERAL UPDATES

1115 Waiver

The legislation piece will be announced this year. A part of the 1115 waiver is to expand the ability to bill Medicaid for homelessness housing and supportive services. With regards to the Department of Health Care Policy & Financing, collaboration will move forward to address billing of Medicaid and releasing burden on partners throughout process. Further discussion will be held at a later date.

Action item: Amend language in bill to allow equitable access to Medicaid services. Community partners will be assisted in developing an infrastructure that will enable the billing of Medicaid services.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

There has been a recommendation made to the Joint Budget Committee to extend the life of grant funding for supportive, housing, and infrastructure services. The extension can be made through 2026. Extension of the grant is critical because it also reinforces peer support and services. Further discussion will be held at a later date.

Update from City of Boulder and City of Longmont Council Meetings

The Board understood the need for improved communication efforts with elected officials, staff, and community members and partners.

City of Boulder Updates

Bluebird Boulder has leased all units before February 1st, 2024. The consensus is the project has been and continue to be a success.

North Boulder Shelter held a community meeting last week with neighbors to welcome input regarding plans for the Day Service Center. The Shelter will continue the process of working with management and the Planning department. Opening of the Day Center is still in process, with hopes of finalization in the near future. Community concerns surrounded safety which were quickly addressed. The Shelter looks forward in working with the city to deliver services to homeless individuals.

City of Longmont Updates

The City Council retreat was held today. Zinnia construction is ongoing with expectation leasing will begin by mid-Summer of 2024.

Boulder County Updates

Boulder County's dashboard is in its final stages. The expectation is for the dashboard to be public facing in the near future. The dashboard will offer real time, detailed information on homelessness in Boulder County. The information will be easily accessible.

Tribe Recovery Homes has found accomplishments in serving their clients with a 100% retention rate. With the help of grant funding, Tribe hopes to purchase another property that will continue to serve those in need. Negotiations are set to begin in the next few weeks.

The Willoughby Corner neighborhood will began opening in the late Spring of 2024. There is optimism the entire building will be leased up by end of 2nd quarter of 2025.

Hilltop Senior Living is ongoing construction with the expectation that leasing will begin in the Summer of 2024. Rally Flats is hoped to be completed by January 2025.

Public Health: The State of Colorado is supporting the Denver Department of Public Health and Environment. Denver was deemed outbreak adjacent for the Meningococcal disease. In response to the outbreak, health agencies are offering free vaccinations. Vaccinations commenced last night.

Metro Denver Homeless Initiative

The Board of Directors is currently searching for an Executive Director. Leaders are planning on welcoming a new Executive Director by April or May 2024.

There is a Stakeholder meeting scheduled for February 23rd, 2024, from 9am – 11am. Join the Stakeholder meeting to celebrate the great work our partners are doing to solve homelessness in Metro Denver. Please help us recognize colleagues who are doing amazing things. Please submit your nominations no later than Friday, February 16th, 2024.

MDHI praised Boulder County's level of sophistication in collaboration and how data is being utilized.

Adjourned: 9:18 am

Homeless Solutions for Boulder County Executive Board

Data Brief April 2024

The number of Coordinated Entry screenings were higher overall for 2024 compared to the same time frame in the prior year (2023).

- Boulder County had 69 Coordinated Entry exits in January 2024, compared to 25 in December 2023.
 - An increase of 176% from December to January.
- February 2024 saw 19 individuals exit homelessness, 80% decrease from previous month.
- City of Boulder had 55 exited out of homelessness in January 2024.
 - 15 exited in February 2024.
- City of Longmont had 14 exited out of homelessness in January 2024.
 - 4 exited in February 2024.

Note: Due to brand new PSH coming online, we anticipate the numbers higher than usual for the month of January 2024. Numbers should return to normalcy after January 2024.

Homelessness in Boulder County Update

- 1,399 individuals have exited homelessness since 2020
- 446 (29% exit outflow) individuals exited homelessness since January 1, 2023.
 - City of Boulder saw over a 300% increase since January 2024
 - February 2024
 - Housed – significant decrease compared to January 2024
 - Reunification – 25% increase compared to previous year
 - Other – significant increase compared to PY
 - City of Longmont saw a 27% increase in exits in since January 2024
 - February 2024
 - Housed – 60% increase since January 2024
 - Reunification – 33% increase since January 2024
 - Other – nothing to report
 - Housing exits through HMIS data system (as reflected in Boulder County exits) saw a significant decrease overall for the calendar year
- On average, 35 individuals exit homelessness per month for calendar year 2024:
 - 88 to housing
 - 7.5 through reunification
 - 4.5 through other programming such as treatment or rental assistance for Diversion services (rental assistance/homeless prevention).

Dashboard

- The dashboard is in process of going live
- Not in real-time, about a 30-day delay

Screenshot of Boulder County Dashboard

Homelessness in Boulder County

Single Adults Screened Through Coordinated Entry, Shelter Utilization & Housing Outcomes

Press Esc to exit full screen

Individuals Exiting Homelessness

1399

Length of Time Individual Has Resided in Boulder County

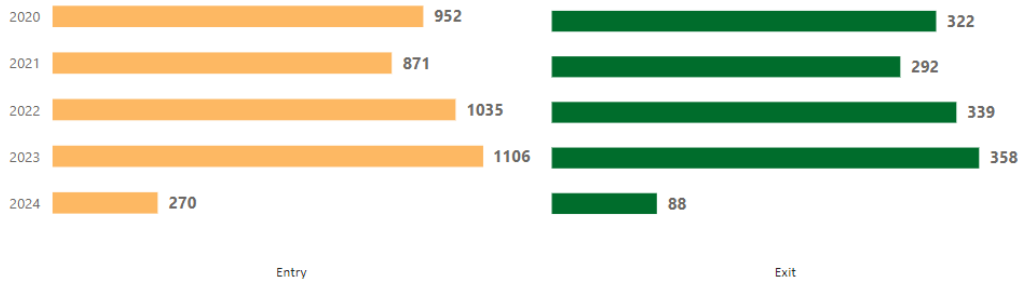
Year	2+ years	At least 1 year, less than 2 years	At least 6 months, less than 1 year	At least 1 month, less than 6 months	Less than 1 month
2020	256	53	86	121	438
2021	222	64	74	130	381
2022	247	51	53	158	525
2023	294	56	45	135	577
2024	71	19	11	29	137

Coordinated Entry & System Exits

People entering & exiting homeless service system

116

Individuals Rescreened



Referrals

At time of entry screening, what program was person referred to

2020 2021 2022 2023 2024

849 779 857 937 21

