

Familiar Faces Steering Committee

Meeting Summary

October 5, 2017, 9:00 - 10:30 am, Chinook Room 121 401 5th Avenue, Seattle

Members Present: Heather Aman, Tashau Asefaw, Jesse Benet, Jason Bragg, Stephanie Brennan, Siobhan Brown, Brook Buettner, Jeanne Camelio, Chris Cates, Todd Clark, Michelle Conley, Lisa Daugaard, Leandra Ebreo, Travis Erickson, Chloe Gale, Turina James, Andrew Kashyap, Anita Khandelwal, Mikel Kowalczyk, Tricia Madden, Betty McNeely, Patty Noble-Desy, Erika Pablo, Michele Plorde, Genevieve Rowe, Hon. Donna Tucker, Natalie Walton-Anderson, Sidney Wilson

Grounding In **9:00 a.m.**

- Jesse Benet led a brief grounding exercise based on a Dr. Hackman training.

Welcome and Introductions **9:05 a.m.**

- Brook Buettner welcomed guests. Committee members and guests introduced themselves.

Legal Barriers **9:10 - 9:15 a.m.**

- Brook Buettner drew attention to the legal barriers faced by King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office (KCPAO)
 - A document created by the Legal resource team and KCPAO was handed out for review
 - Further discussion on legal barriers tabled for future discourse
- Jesse Benet gave a broad strokes update on a small workgroup intended to cultivate better communication between LEAD and others in prosecutorial roles
- Hon. Donna Tucker underscored the need to reach out to outlying communities and townships outside of Seattle so as to build better bridges outside of the Seattle center

Waiver Update **9:15 - 9:25 a.m.**

- Travis Erickson outlined how there will be a funding change in the diversion and transitional programs currently in the pipeline
 - The State of WA will provide less funding than originally anticipated
 - \$11 Million less for year 1 incentive payment (this number should not be taken as a de facto budgetary shortfall for years 2 through 5)

Revisiting Familiar Faces **9:25 - 10:20 a.m.**

- Brook Buettner highlighted the Familiar Faces implementation strategies underway
- The Familiar Faces future state vision map was discussion
 - The future state vision map was used as a catalyst to stoke discussion on how Familiar Faces can continue to achieve its stated goals and improve in areas

Familiar Faces Improvement Thoughts/Strategies

- Familiar Faces may still be too crisis driven
 - How can steering committee members better invest resources upstream in order to prevent vulnerable community members from reaching jails, hospitals, courts... etc
- There is no consistent backing of capital
 - There needs to be a champion for programs like Familiar Faces (and others) in closed doors meetings that make budgetary decisions
- Has there been enough focus on the court/jail system
 - There are a lot of courts/jail in King County and to a layperson the current future state vision map may be too barebones
- There is a clear-cut disconnect between system reform champions and individuals who focus on the budget, this lack of communication and cooperation is an issue
- There are so many human service initiatives that are only focusing on their area of work → there is a lot of overlap, just not enough communication
- There needs to be a consensus effort to influence policymakers → show them how programs like Familiar Faces will save money and better ameliorate situations within their districts
- It may be a scale issue
 - Is there enough community resources already in place to divert individuals away from the courts/jail
 - Need more funding to scale the Familiar Faces program to the masses
- There are myriad community advocates and non-profits in the community with similar mission statements and goals → make sure that those networks are connected to the correct resources (and King County staff) in order to create a more sustainable and robust outreach nexus
- There is a need to create a network of places for individuals to be sent for help
 - “Divert to what?”
 - There is a need to scale our current diversion system in order to accommodate more individual

Meeting Themes

- The Familiar Faces program is ready to take a jump in its growth stage → the pieces are in place to continue to move upstream
- “Divert to what?”
 - How can resources continued to be scaled in order to meet an increasing demand for diversion
- How can we begin to explore the next steps for the Familiar Faces program and how can those steps be met

Community Announcements

10:20 a.m.

- King County District Court hired a manager to further stoke community leaders and health care professionals to further talks regarding diversion
- Legal intervention and network of care program offered by community house is ready to start taking referrals
 - Seattle, Kent and Renton are areas that the team has honed in on
- EMS system along with partners finished a 9 month sobering center project
 - The data is currently being analyzed and reviewed

Wrap Up and Adjourn

10:25 a.m.

Upcoming Jail Release Workgroup Meeting (October 24, 10:00 – 11:30am, Chinook 429)

Next Familiar Faces Steering Committee Meeting (November 2, 9:00 – 10:30am, Chinook 121)