King County

Health Through Housing (HTH) Advisory Committee (AC) Meeting Notes
August 23, 2023, 4:30 – 6:00 PM, Meeting held via Zoom

Members: *Avon Curtis, Barbara Walker, Elizabeth Archambault, Febben Fekadu, Isadora Eads, Sara Lidstrom, Sarah Stewart, Sean Healy, Tulika Dugar, Marissa Fitzgerald*

Other Attendees: *Mario Williams-Sweet, Nicholas Abel, Ellen Waters, Victoria Ewing-Kwan*

Notes: *Kim Dean*

Items	Discussion	Action Items
Welcome	Major Initiatives Manager Mario Williams-Sweet began the meeting by greeting everyone and providing an agenda overview. HTH Capacity Lead Kim Dean conducted a Roll Call of members. Ten members were present, and three were absent. Mario Williams-Sweet engaged members with an icebreaker by writing a Haiku about "Home."	
HTH Advisory Committee Updates	Kim Dean gave a presentation on creating the HTH AC Email Accounts. The email account is used to conduct official AC business. Email content will be subject to the King County Public Records Act, so if there is a Public Records request for the HTH AC, all member's email content will be disclosed to the public. Rick Ybarra, King County (KC) Boards, and Commissions Liaison, will create the email accounts and provide members with instructions on accessing their accounts. Kim Dean asked the members about a time to schedule the Q4 HTH AC meeting. Due to the holidays approaching, members are encouraged to provide the best possible time frames to plan the next meeting. Kim Dean announced the call for nominations for the HTH Advisory Committee Chair and vice-chair positions. Kim presented the requirements, qualifications, terms, and application process. Members are encouraged to nominate a peer or self-nominate by submitting names to Kim Dean **by September 15**. Candidates will complete a nomination form to be declared a candidate **by September 29**. All members will receive candidate information and have at least 30 days to review the information before elections, which will occur at the Q4 HTH Advisory Committee meeting.	**Members provided options in chat. Kim Dean will collect information and determine date and time.** **Members submit names of candidates by Sept. 15.** **Nominees declare candidacy by Sept. 29**

	Elections will occur virtually via roll call by calling each member's name, and members will provide the terms of who they will vote for or abstain.	
	A quorum will need to be present to hold elections. If there is no quorum, elections will be delayed.	
	The HTH AC Chair and vice-chair positions will begin in 2024	
HTH Status	Mario Williams-Sweet gave a presentation on the status of the HTH sites. Currently, 1016 units have been purchased or are pending closed (11 buildings in 6 cities), with 140 remaining units to be purchased. Mario explained the descriptions of Emergency and Permanent Supportive Housing rooms.	
	Mario discussed next steps for HTH:	
	Occupancy: Sites currently in the rehab stage cannot house clients. The primary focus is on prioritizing to have these sites open immediately.	
	Connecting Additional Services: Onsite partnerships include Metro (Mobility Support – Wheelchair Accessible Vans), WeCare (Medication Assistant Treatment), Employment Services (Employment Navigators visit HTH sites weekly), Mobile Behavioral Health Response Team, and Emergency Feeding Program.	
	Capacity Building Collaborative: HTH Housing follows the "Each one teaches one" model. In June, HTH conducted workshops for operators to understand building-related operations, supportive housing education, and how to engage with clients effectively.	
	Operator Procurement: HTH is currently working with cities within the King County region in constructing agreements to have Operators onsite.	
	Several members asked about the presentation: How do Operators gain access to properties, and who reviews the list of agencies? Mario briefly explained the operator selection process, which consists of a Request for Bid (RFB) process to get a pre-vetted list of operators based on sub-region and the services they can provide (onsite support services, property management, and outreach). The list is then grouped by region and referred for the bidding process.	
	AC member Avon Curtis wanted to ensure HTH does not create more harm to communities based on bid selections. Mario advised the committee that HTH has contracted with the Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH), which will provide Capacity Building consultations training to support operators with infrastructure goals to be successful.	

	AC member Sara Lidstrom asked if there is assistance for HTH residents to receive SSI or SSDI. Mario advised that operators assist the clients to ensure they are connected to service benefits.

AC member Febe commented on the continuing support regarding the operators bidding on properties. She asked about the qualifications to bid. Mario referred back to the initial bidding process.

AC member Sarah Stewart commented about the different operators and requested a quick summary of standards accountability for consistency of care wraparound services provided by Operators. What plans are Operators built into place to provide surface across the HTH sites? Mario advised that Program and service staff work with Operators weekly to identify gaps and review exit data incidents. The HTH Property Coordinator has implemented safety measures to ensure building safety. Mario is hiring an HTH Service, System, and Quality Manager whose work will revolve around systems integration and work with the PME team to measure output/outcomes/success. | |
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HTH Dashboard Feedback** | Victoria Ewing Kwan and Ellen Waters presented information regarding the HTH Dashboard. Ellen presented on the HTH Data Insights Accomplishments for 2022 Racial & Ethnic disproportionality in King County– HTH is partnered with Chief Seattle Club who is operating Salmonberry Lofts. Ellen discussed the demographics of HTH residents which has served more people of color than the general King County population. The HTH initiative ensures residents who are disproportionately impacted are referred to building & housed in an environment that honors their culture & identity. Vast majority of residents are male which aligns with demographics of housing population. HTH will serve gender diverse population at our Capitol Hill site. Data has also shown that residents face health challenges (Mental Health conditions, Substance Use Disorders, Physical Abilities, and Chronic Conditions), access to insurance and gap in insurance coverage. HTH also captures the percentage of residents receiving physical and behavioral health supports at HTH sites.

Victoria and Ellen request feedback from the Advisory Committee to identify additional performance measures within the results-based accountability framework:

What questions do you have about HTH that haven't been answered by the dashboard? What are we missing?
How much did we do?
How well did we do it?
Is anyone better off?

What data products would make HTH more effective?

What data would add value back to the community?

AC Member Tulika Duggar request to have an in-person meeting and request a list of resources. Mario advised that there are several steps | **PME is requesting feedback from AC regarding additional data that should be tracked through HTH portfolio.**

Mario will share a memo of the local |

	regarding planning and permitting before opening a site, but will ensure the Advisory Committee receives communication and involved. AC Member Febben Fekadu inquired about ensuring all PSH sites have Harm reduction supplies on site and building connections with Methadone and Suboxone clinics. Mario advised that HTH sites currently connected to the Mobile Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT). AC Member Sean Healy mentioned that PHS sites have funding sources that become cumbersome which impedes residents especially folks who may have experienced violence (sexual assault, assault and domestic violence) from moving around. AC Member Izzy Cascadia asked about identifying culturally relevant providers (Black MH Therapist). Mario mentioned HTH operators Urban League & Chief Seattle Club who provide services that are culturally specific. AC Member Sarah Lidstrom requested to ensure data is tracking people who are not seeing success (issues they run into at the facilities.	**and regional process in a few weeks.**
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