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Networking Breakout Rooms-Discussion Questions, Laura Ellsworth, Council for the Homeless

Project Homeless Connect 2022: Held at River City Church, with an opportunity for outdoor space and parking for trailers. The date is January 27th, 2022.

- A place that is culturally sensitive should be a priority where people can feel respected, honored and cared for. Since River City Church has been culturally responsive in the community doing lots of outreach, it qualifies. And the location on Fourth Plain is accessible.
- More inclusive of By and For agencies: people of diverse cultures can feel more inclusive ... NOLA Foundation represented, serious presence of volunteers just there to make people feel comfortable (lovin on people), genuine greeters – perhaps peer support trained folks (engage CVAB / Outsiders Inn)
- Increase of Outreach presence also
- Trailer for vaccines and rapid testing as an option. (Place for people
- Mobile vets, boots, shoes, coats, shoes, blankets, laundry cards
- Culturally specific business/services that provide these services.
- Vaccinations and someone that can give research based evidence and info about the vaccines.
- CFMHS has a new program (Mobile Health) invite them!
- Haircuts, dental, medical. Talking Trash is hiring. They could be invited for outreach and recruitment opportunities.
- Masks and other medical equipment related to COVID-19.
- Someone to sign up library cards now that the library is open.
- Service priorities for PHC: dental care, vaccines, hair cuts
- Perhaps in lieu of a foot care service, there could be foot care packs for people to take items like a fresh pair of warm socks, nail clippers and foot powder could be included. Folks we encounter on outreach get really excited about foot powder.
- Bus passes, laundry cards, trash bags, and first aid supplies are some of the most requested items during outreach. Also showers, but that's more difficult to assist with at the moment.

Severe Weather Shelter Update (this is in addition to WHO spots – also accessible through the housing hotline), Maddy Klemz, CFTH

SOS Shelter update (up to 15 additional beds)

- BSLC Sun, Mon Tuesday
 - ILC Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
- River City Church Saturday
- Accepting all demographics
- Up to five pets (smaller sized)
- Transportation assistance will be provided a van is being donated
- Access is provided through Council for the Homeless Hotline
- Outsiders Inn is staffing the shelter
- They would be asked to increase capacity if the weather dips below 32
- 6pm to 8am
- Extended hotline hours: daily until 8pm

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Dolly Parton Imagination Library, Debbie Ham, SELF

A new resource is available through Support for Early Learning and Families. Free book for every child enrolled. 6000 children by the end of next year. From birth to age 5. Parents can enroll at SELFWA.org.

Potential connections for Debbie introduced at the meeting:

- Gina Van Dyken / gvandyken@lifelineconnections.org
- Ren Autrey Outsiders Inn (mailing service to families experiencing literal homelessness)
- Open House Ministries
- FCRCs
- Lydia Sanders Battle Ground
- Homeless Liaisons

Community Roundtable Discussion: Agency news/updates and Agency wins

Family Promise (dcole@familypromiseofclarkcounty.org)

25 Grow with Google Scholarships available with the goal to gain employment in the IT field after a 6 month class completion. Examples:

- Project Management
- Data Analytics
- IT Support
- UX Design

Recovery Café – offering more housing and recovery coaching' groundbreaking navigator program, working closely with police as a Division program.

Janus Youth are welcome at The Perch at regular capacity. Janus anticipates partnering with CFTH to apply for the Anchor Communities Initiative, statewide movement to functionally end youth homelessness. We may be reaching out to partners for support.

CFTH – Catalyst Grant - \$10K emphasis to support BIPOC, LGBTQ, historically marginalized communities ... www.councilforthehomeless.org/catalyst-grant/

Adjourned at 10:57am

12/10/21: Advancing Racial Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion (AREDI) Teach In: *Housing, Homelessness, Gentrification:* Get tickets <u>here</u>

CFTH Resource Guide & Spanish Resource Guide CFTH COVID-19 Web Page

Next Coalition Meeting: January 12, 2022, from 10:00am-11:15am

The Coalition meets on the 2nd Wed, bi-monthly for planning to prevent and end homelessness in Clark County. **General Contact or Accessibility Needs:** Council for the Homeless (360) 993-9561 or <u>bschallberger@councilforthehomeless.org</u> For more information on the Coalition, visit <u>www.councilforthehomeless.org</u> and click on Agency Resources.